

# CRJC 640 - Qualitative Methods in Criminal Justice

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Lecture Hours:** 3

**Lab Hours:** 0

This enhanced course provides an introduction to qualitative research methods and how they are often applied in the study of crime and justice. Qualitative methods includes a wide variety of challenging techniques such as participant observation, ethnography, interviewing, field interviews, historical analysis, case studies, and textual analysis. The course will explore these various techniques as well as the uses, strengths and limitations of qualitative research. In addition, the course content will include designing, conducting, and writing up qualitative research.

**Prerequisite:** [CRJC 501](#) and [CRJC 521](#) and [CRJC 540](#) and [CRJC 550](#) or permission of instructor