CRJU 3220- E01 Community Based Corrections  
*Online*  
This course focuses on innovative community-based strategies for dealing with criminal offenders. Correctional alternatives to imprisonment discussed in this course include probation and parole and various community programs such as day reporting centers, electronic monitoring, half-way houses and boot camp programs.

*Instructor:* Joseph Vasquez is a Sex Crimes Detective with the Denver Police Department and has been with the department since 1999. Prior to that he worked as a Correctional Officer for the Colorado Department of Corrections and worked in community corrections here in Colorado and in California. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy who has served as a Corpsman in Iraq and Somalia. He received his undergraduate degree from Metropolitan State College in Criminal Justice and his Master’s Degree from CU Denver in Criminal Justice.

CRJU 3510- E01 Drugs, Alcohol and Crime  
*Online*  
This course looks at the socially constructed nature of drugs and drug policy. The course explores the connection between drugs and crime within the socio-historical context of contemporary U.S. drug policy. Special emphasis is placed on the relationships between drugs and alcohol abuse and criminal offending, including the historical and contemporary criminal justice system responses to illegal substances.

*Instructor:* Sheila Huss is a senior instructor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver. Sheila received her Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Colorado Denver. She has taught numerous courses, including Environmental Crime and Justice; Criminological Theory; Research Methods; Introduction to Criminal Justice; and Race, Social Structure, and Crime. Her research primarily focuses on environmental justice and theory. In 2010, Sheila received the International Technical Rescue Symposium Best Conference Paper Award, and in 2014, her dissertation received honorable mention for best dissertation in the School of Public Affairs at UC Denver.

CRJU 3520- 001 Juvenile Justice Administration  
*Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:15pm*  
This course examines the development, change and operation of the American juvenile justice system and the social factors that shape the identification and treatment of juvenile offenders.
Special emphasis is placed on the nature of juvenile law and methods of dealing with youthful offenders.

Instructor: Jennifer Fratello is the Policy Director for the Independent Monitor (“OIM”) in Denver, the agency that provides civilian oversight to the city and county’s Police and Sheriff’s Departments. In this role, she oversees and conducts research on policy issues related to law enforcement and corrections in the city and county of Denver. Prior to working at the OIM, she worked at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City, where she was the Research Director for the Center on Youth Justice. At Vera, she worked with jurisdictions across the county to help them use data and research to plan, implement, and evaluate reforms to their juvenile justice systems. Her research focuses on relationships between law enforcement and communities (specifically youth), risk assessments, juvenile corrections, and program evaluation. She received her MA in Criminal Justice from Temple University in 2003.

**CRJU 4600- E01 Trauma Among Correctional Populations**

*Online*

Course description: The rate of trauma among correctional populations is higher than the general population, with 75-93% of individuals in a corrections environment having experienced trauma. Identifying and addressing trauma and its impact on individuals and systems are critical to effective correctional treatment practices. Despite the need for specialized knowledge, many individuals in the criminal justice system lack the awareness and training to work effectively with traumatized individuals, and how to impact the environment.

This course will provide a comprehensive overview of trauma, from defining trauma to understanding its impact on development, and lifelong consequences of chronic exposure to adverse events. The relationship of trauma to criminal offending will be comprehensively explored. This includes how to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in staff, clients, and others involved with the system, and how to respond by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings. Focus will be on understanding the importance and components of a trauma-responsive environment in corrections, and how to incorporate trauma recovery principles into practice, and an understanding of workforce development.

**Instructor:** Ashley M. Tunstall, MPA, MA, LPC has served as the Director of Behavioral Health & Medical Services for the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections since 2009 where she oversees assessment and treatment for mental health, substance use, sex offense specific, and medical services. The Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) provides a continuum of residential and non-residential services that encompass juvenile detention, commitment and parole, serving youth between the ages of 10 and 21. Ashley has 22 years of experience working in the criminal justice system. She has served in multiple roles working with both offenders and victims. She began her career providing emergency counseling and court accompaniment to rape victims while also
conducting research on a domestic violence offender treatment program. Ashley has also worked in an emergency shelter for adolescent adjudicated males, as a county department of human services caseworker on the adolescent ongoing unit, and as the Program Director of a large metropolitan area Juvenile Assessment Center serving hundreds of youth per month. Ashley has expertise in the areas of family systems, risk assessment, mental health, and trauma. She has recently conducted research related to the revision of the treatment standards of the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB), and is leading the development of trauma-informed environments in the Division of Youth Corrections.

**CRJU 4600- 001 Special Topics in Criminal Justice, Political of Gun Control**  
*Monday and Wednesdays 3:30- 4:45pm*

The phrase “gun politics” refers to the views of different people and interest groups as to what degree of regulation (increased gun rights vs. greater gun control) should be enforced upon the private ownership and use of firearms, how best to achieve a balance of power between the individual and the state, and to what extent firearms ownership influences crime. On the one hand, most gun owners are law-abiding citizens who believe they have a constitutional right to bear arms. On the other, a great many people believe gun control to be a critical component in reducing violent crime. This seminar will provide an in-depth analysis of the contemporary issues involved in developing criminal justice policy regarding firearm regulation. The course will assess the significance of gun rights and gun control in the administration of criminal justice, focusing specifically upon law enforcement, prosecutorial, judicial, correctional and legislative approaches. This course will examine controversies of the gun rights/control debate through historical, legal, criminological, and public health lenses. Upon completion of the course students will have a better understanding of how multi-faceted and complex the issue is and, thus, why consensus is so difficult to achieve.

**Instructor:** Eric Poole has his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Washington State University. Prior to joining SPA, he taught at Auburn University. Dr. Poole served as SPA's interim dean for the 1995-96 academic years. Currently, he teaches in the Criminal Justice Program and is a nationally-respected scholar in the fields of corrections, criminology, evaluation research, and juvenile justice.