

GREG TARR

Professional Summary

With over 30 years of experience as a law enforcement executive and subject matter expert, I bring a wealth of knowledge to my role as a criminal justice instructor. Throughout my 20-year career in higher education, I have had the privilege of teaching a diverse range of students, including those from different backgrounds, cultures, ages, and expertise levels. My teaching approach is rooted in the principles, theories, and techniques specific to the criminal justice field. Above all, my passion lies in fostering student success and delivering an exceptional learning experience.

Work History

Middle Tennessee State University - Full Time Remote Criminal Justice Instructor

Murfreesboro, TN

01/2024 - Current

- Develop various criminal justice courses including course syllabus and all related activities.
- Facilitate student learning by delivering assigned classes in accordance with university policy and course objectives.
- Engage with students proactively and regularly in meaningful and productive ways that impact student learning and lead to a positive experience for students.
- Develop and implement teaching strategies focused on engaging online students with their learning.

Grand Canyon University - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Phoenix, AZ

12/2023 - Current

- Foster a positive classroom environment by promoting open communication, teamwork, and respect among students from diverse backgrounds.
- Evaluate student progress through regular assessments, adjusting teaching strategies to address individual needs and improve overall performance.
- Support GCU intentional and pervasive integration of Christian worldview.

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Certifications

- Canvas LMS Course Design and Facilitator certification
- Blackboard Ultra Certified Practitioner
- Brightspace D2L Certification
- Certificate In Effective College Instruction ACUE
- Certificate in Leading for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education/University of Michigan
- Excellence in Online Teaching/John Hopkins University
- Certificate in Grading and Providing Substantive Feedback
- Certificate in Grading for Impact
- QM Matters-Applying the QM Rubric

Education

02/2014

American Military University

Charles Town, WV

Master of Arts: Criminal Justice Administration

05/2005

Youngstown State University

Youngstown, OH

Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice

Franklin University - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Columbus, OH

01/2021 - Current

- Conduct online classes for criminal justice degree program utilizing Canvas Learning Management System.
- Facilitate virtual meetings with students to augment their learning experience.
- Employ a range of personalized, comprehensive feedback methods, such as Turnitin, audio, and video commentary.
- Act as liaison between Criminal Justice department and local law enforcement agencies to foster collaboration on shared initiatives or training opportunities.

Southern New Hampshire University - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Manchester, NH

01/2020 - Current

- Conduct online instruction for criminal justice degree programs utilizing Brightspace D2L platform.
- Ensure accuracy and timeliness of student records, documenting individual performance and progression in courses.
- Stimulate classroom dialogues, foster critical thinking and exploration of novel concepts pertaining to contemporary law enforcement landscape.

Youngstown State University - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Youngstown, OH

01/2017 - Current

- Conduct undergraduate remote courses for the criminal justice department utilizing Blackboard Ultra Learning Management System.
- Implement diverse teaching methodologies to effectively convey course material, demonstrating both academic and practical applications of the covered concepts.
- Develop comprehensive lesson plans, ensure clear learning objectives and alignment with state standards for criminal justice education.

Sheridan College - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Sheridan, WY

12/2022 - 08/2024

- Taught online criminal justice courses as planned, taking primary accountability for and exercising supervision over the curriculum in alignment with the department's policies, ensuring the rigor of programs and maintaining exceptional instructional quality.
- Created comprehensive course content for criminal justice courses. Gained the unique experience teaching dual enrolled high school students from the Northern Wyoming Community School District.

Eastern Gateway Community College - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Youngstown, OH

01/2014 - 03/2024

- Delivered instruction for both in-person and virtual criminal justice degree programs, demonstrating proficiency in online teaching methodologies, principles, and techniques.
- Appointed by Dean to serve as Lead Faculty in developing master course syllabus for Canvas-based online courses.
- Participated in professional development workshops and conferences to stay up-to-date on best practices in criminal justice education, implementing innovative teaching techniques into coursework.

Hubbard Township Police Department - Chief of Police (Ret)

Hubbard, OH

12/1993 - 04/2022

- Planned, organized, and directed operation and staff of Police Department.
- Formulated and directed implementation of departmental policies, procedures, goals and objectives.
- Following appointment, implemented reorganization of police department to transition it from fiscal watch to sustainable level.
- Increased staff retention by providing opportunities for professional development, mentorship, and career advancement within the department.
- Oversaw major investigations including homicides, drug trafficking operations, and financial crimes leading to significant arrests and convictions.
- Leveraged social media platforms for effective communication with public about important safety alerts, events, and department news updates.

Penn State University - Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Sharon, PA

01/2019 - 01/2020

- Taught in-person courses for the Administration of Justice bachelor's degree program, focusing on criminal justice.
- Improved student understanding of criminal justice concepts by incorporating real-world examples and case studies into lessons.
- Fostered a positive classroom environment by promoting open communication, teamwork, and respect among students from diverse backgrounds.

Carrington College - Remote Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Sacramento, CA

01/2018 - 01/2020

- Conducted numerous courses in criminal justice for associate degree and certificate programs using Canvas Learning Management System.
- Implemented a balanced approach to teaching both theoretical foundations and practical applications of criminal justice principles, preparing students for success in further education or careers in the field.

ITT Technical Institute - Adjunct Criminal Justice Instructor

Youngstown, OH

01/2006 - 01/2015

- Instructed for 10 years teaching on-site criminal justice courses at both associate and bachelor's degree levels.
- Effectively designed realistic crime scene simulations and laboratory exercises, enabling students to gain a deeper comprehension of the investigative procedures.

Courses Instructed

Controversial Issues in Policing, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology, Policing, Report Writing, Juvenile Delinquency, Police-Community Relations, Police Administration, Internship Coordinator, Criminal Investigations, Security Administration, Police Ethics, Homeland Security, Criminal Law, Violence in America, Victimology, Introduction to Corrections, Probation and Parole, Introduction to Security Services, Judicial Functions, CJ Research, Procedural Law, Psychopaths/ Sociopaths, Communications, The Adjudication Function, Professional Responsibility in Justice, Intelligence Analysis, CJ Capstone, and Every Officer Is a Leader.

Accomplishments/ Awards

- 2024 Outstanding Educator Award/ SNHU
 - Consistently receive exemplary ratings on student evaluations
 - Mahoning Valley Chiefs of Police Association - 2012 Award Recipient for Community Policing
 - 15 Letters of Commendation - Hubbard Township Police Department
 - 1999/2012 Hubbard Township Police Officer of the Year
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Affiliations

- Lakewood University (Ohio) Academic Advisory Board
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- The American Society of Criminology
- American Probation and Parole Association
- International Association for Healthcare Security
- American Correctional Association
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- American Society for Industrial Security
- National Fraternal Order of Police



