

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJU)

CRJU 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice 3 Credits

This course is an overview of the criminal justice system in the United States. The three principal components of the criminal justice system (courts, corrections and law enforcement) will be examined, along with the social and political considerations of the criminal justice system.

CRJU 2111 The American Police System 3 Credits

A comprehensive survey of organizational problems in American law enforcement agencies. Special emphasis is placed on police administration.

CRJU 2200 Soc Sci & Amer. Crime Problem 3 Credits

This course provides students with a broad theoretical and empirical overview of the American crime problem. The course is designed to explore the problem of crime in the United States from a social science perspective to develop a survey understanding of how the patterned influence of social institutions (family, government, schools), subcultures and the social psychology of everyday life come together to shape how society defines, organizes and responds to crime.

CRJU 2311 Introduction to Corrections 3 Credits

An introduction to corrections, including its philosophy, procedures and institutions.

CRJU 2411 Introduction to Criminology 3 Credits

A survey of criminology theory and practice, the nature and causation of crime and the etiology and nature of criminal offenses and offenders.

CRJU 2701 Courts & Criminal Procedures 3 Credits

This course will introduce the courts systems' legal bases, structure, jurisdiction, operation and its interaction with other government agencies. It will also create a basic understanding of each stage of criminal procedures as viewed from the legal perspective, including special emphasis on fundamental constitutional limitations.

CRJU 3100 Criminal Law 3 Credits

Offers an overview of both substantive and procedural law related to the definitions, investigations, processing, and punishment of crimes. The course will introduce students to the legal idea of criminal responsibility, the concept and elements of criminal responsibility, required state of mind (*mens rea*), and prohibited conduct (*actus reus*). The course discusses the substantive content, structure, and sources of major crimes against persons and property and provides a comprehensive evaluation of various legal defenses to criminal liability under both common law (case law) and statutory law (legislative law) approaches.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3110 Criminal Procedure 3 Credits

A study of the nature and function of the law regulating the criminal processes, policies, and procedures in the administration of criminal justice. Special attention will be given to United States Supreme decisions.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3200 Criminology 3 Credits

A study of the nature and scope of crime in society with an emphasis on criminological theories.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3250 Crime & the Media 3 Credits

Analyzes the role the mass media has on human behavior, subsequently affecting human judgement, attitudes, perceptions of crime, and societal reactions to crime in general. This course analyzes how the general public processes the "criminal event" and other pertinent information regarding crime and how this process is fundamentally derived from the media and is an instrumental element in the creation of fear of crime.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3300 Corrections 3 Credits

A study of the history, structure, and functions of corrections as well as the legal and philosophical basis for the punishment of criminal offenders.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3350 Drugs in America 3 Credits

Explores and analyzes the complex experience of illicit drug use in America from multiple angles with specific attention to the ways that our culture understands drugs, drug use, and drug policy as a social/criminal justice problem. Topics include punishment, interdiction, prevention, and or rehabilitation.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3400 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice 3 Credits

Reviews the juvenile justice system, including the impact of Supreme Court decisions, and examines the theories of juvenile delinquency and the implication of those theories for preventing and controlling juvenile deviance.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3500 Criminal Investigation 3 Credits

An overview of principles, techniques, law and procedure involved in the criminal investigative process from its inception to culmination.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3501 Criminal Investigation II 3 Credits

Continues information introduced in CRJU 3500, with special focus on the investigation of the crimes of burglary, robbery, forgery, homicide, assault, and bombings. Providing testimony in court, assessing *modus operandi*, and developing personality profiles will also be examined, as well as obtaining fingerprints and other types of latent evidence.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 3500 or instructor approval.

CRJU 3600 Criminal Justice Administratio 3 Credits

Introduction to criminal justice management theory, practice, and policy. This course includes a review of traditional schools or organizational theory, including bureaucracy, scientific management, human relations, and the behavioral approach, with particular emphasis on how each applies to criminal justice agencies.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3700 Criminal Justice Research Meth 3 Credits

An introduction to criminal justice research methodologies, with a focus on research design, ethical concerns, conceptualization, sampling, data analysis, interpretation of research results, report writing, and application of research findings.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 & CRJU 3200.

CRJU 3710 Special Topics in Criminal Jus 3 Credits

An intensive study of a specific topic relevant to criminal justice, including sex crimes, terrorism, drug law, or capital punishment. This course may be taken three times for a total of nine credit hours when topics vary.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3800 Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Jus 3 Credits

Addresses the racial impact of criminal laws enacted by the people's elected representatives, the actions and policies of law enforcement agencies, the courts, correctional institutions, the juvenile justice system, and the death penalty. Raises awareness and promotes critical thinking about the problems that exist in our system, how those problems originated and evolved, and possible solutions for these problems.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3810 Victimology 3 Credits

Addresses the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime victimization; the relationship between victims and offenders; how the criminal justice systems interacts with crime victims; and the policies designed by the government to offer assistance to individuals who are victimized by crime. Raises awareness and promotes critical thinking and problem solving about the most effective strategies for interaction with crime victims, the measurement of crime victimization, and victim trends.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4000 Internship in Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Supervised, practical experience in an appropriate criminal justice agency. This course allows students the opportunity to discover the integration between theory and practice. This course may be taken three times for a total of nine hours of credit.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 or Permission of Instructor & 12 credit hours of upper-level CRJU courses.

CRJU 4110 The Law of Criminal Evidence 3 Credits

An examination of the rules of evidence used in criminal prosecutions, including burden of proof, presumptions, inferences and stipulations, relevancy of evidence and competency of witnesses, expert testimony, hearsay, and constitutional limitations.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4200 Profiling the Serial Offender 3 Credits

An examination of the type and patterns of crimes committed by serial offenders and the process by which profiles are developed to solve these crimes.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4210 Terrorism & Criminal Just Syst 3 Credits

An examination of the motives and actions of terrorists, the governmental response to terrorism, especially in the wake of 9/11, and the legal and constitutional restraints on the government. Included will be issues such as surveillance of American citizens, detention of suspected terrorists, enemy combatants, limits on the methods of interrogation, and use of military tribunals.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4300 Community Corrections 3 Credits

An examination of alternatives to incarceration. Special emphasis will be given to the issues of probation and parole, as well as diversion, community service, electronic monitoring, and various treatment programs.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 & CRJU 3300.

CRJU 4350 Family Violence 3 Credits

Explores a range of crimes that occur in the family setting, including violence between intimate partners, child abuse, and neglect. Theoretical factors, as well as how the criminal justice system responds to both victims and perpetrators of family violence, will be examined.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 & CRJU 3300.

CRJU 4500 Management of Forensics 3 Credits

The scientific investigation of crime with emphasis on the collection, analysis, comparison, and identification of physical evidence.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100 & CRJU 3500.

CRJU 4600 Police Practices & Issues 3 Credits

An advanced examination of policing, exploring topics including the police subculture, the police use of discretion, the broken-windows approach, community policing, and problem-solving approaches.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4700 Ethical Issues in Criminal Jus 3 Credits

An examination of the philosophical theories underlying ethics and how they relate to issues involving the police, courts, corrections, law, and principles of justice.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4800 Senior Capstone 3 Credits

Serves as the comprehensive experience in criminal justice utilizing the students knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its subfields. The course will be taught at the senior level and will focus on criminal justice issues at the national and international levels. In addition to the course requirements, students will complete a major research paper that results in an end-of-semester presentation to the class. This course serves as a capstone course for criminal justice majors.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU 3700.