

Criminal Justice (CJ)

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101. Introduction to Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. The criminal justice system. Study of the historical development of criminal justice. Overview of the functions and responsibilities of law enforcement, the judiciary and corrections.

201. Criminal Law. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. A general approach to laws relating to crimes and offenses and the punishment of their violation.

202. The American Judicial Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An overview and analysis of the legal transactions involved in the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of criminal offenders.

204 [102]. Contemporary Law Enforcement. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An examination and discussion of selected topics dealing with contemporary problems affecting law enforcement.

205 [103]. The Corrections Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. The systematic study of all the official ways in which society reacts to persons who have been convicted of committing criminal acts, including persons handled by the juvenile courts.

206. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the instructor. A study and comparison of the world's major justice systems.

207. Psychology of Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 and Psychology 101, or consent of the Department Head. Also offered as Psychology 205. Applications of psychology to the criminal justice system. Topics will include: theories of violence, eyewitness testimony, jury selection and procedures, expert testimony, victims, and prisons. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 207 and Psychology 205.

302. Criminal Investigation. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, 204 or permission of instructor. Fundamentals of investigation; duties and responsibilities of the detective; interrogation techniques; search; techniques of protecting the crime scene; collection and preservation of evidence; modus operandi system; scientific aids and other sources of information; court preparation and case follow-up.

303. Criminal Justice Administration. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101. This

course focuses on the analysis of problems, procedures, organization, and functions of all the criminal justice components.

304. Victimology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of instructor. This course examines the criminal process from the perspective of the victim. The probability and effects of victimization will be discussed; the effectiveness of victim support programs will be analyzed.

310. Community Corrections. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101. A survey of the history, development, current status of probation, parole, and related forms of community-based corrections with emphasis on supervision and treatment of criminal offenders.

323. Business and Industrial Security. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the instructor. An overview and explanation of the functions of the security executive in providing protection for the personnel and assets of private companies and non-governmental agencies.

333. Crime in America. Credit 3 hours. A study of the types of crime and criminal offenders peculiar to the American culture. This course emphasizes the nature of conventional crime as well as the growth and development of contemporary work-place crime.

334. Violence and Aggression. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, Junior standing or permission of Department Head. This course will examine the problem of violence and violent offenders in America. The role of the criminal justice system in controlling these acts will be discussed, and current policy approaches to this problem will be evaluated for effectiveness.

343. Law and Society. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Sociology 101 or Criminal Justice 101. The course examines the social, economic, and political conditions under which laws are created, interpreted, and enforced; the social organization of law; and the legal profession. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 343 and Sociology 343.

353. Criminal Justice Ethics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An overview of philosophical, theoretical, and practical considerations bearing on the moral conduct of participants in the criminal justice process, including police, court, and correctional personnel.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and the Department Head and Junior standing. Student works with an instructor on a one-to-one basis and prepares a research report on an appropriate topic. May be repeated in one to three hour credits for a total of 6 hours. New materials are investigated in each repeat.

404/504. Seminar in Organized Crime, Drugs and Vice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior

standing and completion of all Criminal Justice core (required) courses. A study of organized crime and drug and vice offenses within the strictures of a constitutional democracy.

405/505. Criminal Justice and the U.S. Constitution. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of the instructor. An investigation and analysis of basic constitutional problems involving criminal justice procedures with an emphasis on landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 405/505 and Political Science 405/505.

406/506. The Administration of the American Court System. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of Department Head and instructor. An examination of the theory, practice, people, major issues and problems of the American civil and criminal court systems. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 406/506 and Political Science 406/506.

407. Criminal Behavior Typology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of instructor. This course will examine the various types of violent and personal crimes. Particular attention will be given to serial crimes and the people who commit these crimes. The motives and methods of serial criminals will be discussed, as well as policy implications for the control of serial crime.

412/512. Criminology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Sociology 412/512. A study of the incidence, nature, factors influencing, and social treatment of crime. May not be used for credit with Sociology 412/512.

425/525. International Criminality, National Security, and Terrorism. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Junior standing and completion of all criminal justice core courses. A study of the various forms of international crime with an emphasis on terrorism. Study focuses on the policies and methods used by governments to protect their national interests.

440/540 [440UG]. Juvenile Delinquency. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Sociology 440/540. A scientific study of the nature, extent and causes of delinquency. Methods of prevention, treatment, and correction will be analyzed. Designed especially for teachers, social workers, police and correctional workers. May not be used for credit with Sociology 440/540.

444. Internship in Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor and Department Head; an adjusted GPA of 3.0 or higher; and completion of 90 or more credit hours toward the degree including all core courses. Provides upper level students the opportunity to perform as participant observers in established criminal justice agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.

495/595. Special Topics Seminar. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 and Junior standing or Criminal Justice 101 and consent of the instructor. Studies in defined topical areas

such as youth crime, family violence, business crime, criminal rehabilitation, and agency law. May be repeated for a total of six hours credit.

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