

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

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. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

201. Criminal Law. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. A general approach to laws relating to crimes and offenses and the punishment of their violation. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

202. The American Judicial Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. An overview and analysis of the legal transactions involved in the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of criminal offenders. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

204. Contemporary Law Enforcement. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. An examination and discussion of selected topics dealing with contemporary problems affecting law enforcement. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

205. The Corrections Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

206. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. A study and comparison of the world's major justice systems. (As Needed)

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. (As Needed)

302. Criminal Investigation. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, 204 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (Spring)

303. Criminal Justice Administration. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. This course focuses on the analysis of problems, procedures, organization, and functions of all the criminal justice components. (Fall)

304. Victimology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (As Needed)

310. Community Corrections. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (As Needed)

312. Private and Public Sector Security. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. This course provides an overview of the vulnerability of business, industrial and government sectors to criminal infiltration and compromise from both internal and external sources, with special emphasis on threats to cyber-security, and protection of physical assets and employees/agents. (As Needed)

333. Crime in America. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. 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 workplace crime. (As Needed)

336. Deviance and Social Control. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. Also offered as SOC 336. This course introduces student to non-normative behavior and its social construction. Theories of deviance and institutional responses to deviant behavior are also addressed. May not be used for credit with SOC 336. (Fall)

343. Law and Society. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 and 201 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (Spring)

353. Criminal Justice Ethics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the Department Head. 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. (As Needed)

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of Department Head. 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 six hours. New topics are investigated in each repeat. (As Needed)

405/505. Criminal Justice and the U.S. Constitution. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. 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. (Fall)

411. International Crime and Terrorism. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 and junior/senior standing, or consent of Department Head. This course provides an overview of threats to internal security including organized criminal enterprises, and state and non-state terror activities. (Fall)

412/512. Criminology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. 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. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

414. Juvenile Justice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 and junior/senior standing, or consent of Department Head. This course explores the legal mechanisms that have evolved to control delinquent behavior. Specific attention is devoted to the juvenile court system, law enforcement, custodial and treatment institutions, and community treatment. (Spring)

440/540 [440UG]. Juvenile Delinquency. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. 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. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

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. (As Needed)

495/595. Special Topics Seminar. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Completion of CJ 101, 201, 202, 204, and 205 or consent of Department Head. 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. (As Needed)

698. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. Selected topics in areas not available in existing courses. May be new or unique issues or contemporary criminological topics relevant to various social issues. May be repeated for credit when different topics are studied. (As Needed)