Criminal Justice

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Criminal Justice is society’s primary formal means of social control. Generally, it is the practice of public and private agencies and groups that deter crime and delinquency, and that prosecute, defend, adjudicate, punish, and correct suspects and convicted offenders. The core of the criminal justice system is comprised of law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, defense attorneys, courts, and correctional agencies. This system enforces federal and state laws and is part of a larger administration of justice complex, involving court administration, juvenile justice, and private security.

The study of criminal justice begins with analysis of the entire justice system as a force for social order. Advanced study inquires into the political, organizational, social and behavioral aspects of its components. Students develop analytical and research skills that enable them to identify and assess the often conflicting objectives of criminal justice and investigate basic issues and practical problems in criminology and criminal justice. Legal courses foster an awareness of the values of due process and the limits of governmental power in a democratic society.

The Department advances a multidisciplinary understanding of the sources of criminal behaviors, including perspectives from criminology, psychology, and sociology. The curriculum exposes students to knowledge of the major types of crime, including crimes of violence, property crimes, public order crimes, sexual crimes, organized crimes, delinquent offenses, and other types of crimes. Innovative and theoretically based programs in the criminal justice system to reduce the incidence of crime are also examined.

Career opportunities in criminal justice professions include roles as police officers, supervisors, and executives; criminal justice investigators, working for public defenders, prosecutors, fire departments, and insurance companies, correctional officers, probation officers, parole officers, and community corrections specialists, for whom a college degree is often mandatory. Other specialized roles in criminal justice include juvenile intake officers, juvenile probation officers, volunteer administrators, criminologists, forensic psychologists, medical examiners, and policy analysts.

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CRJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Social Inquiry
Scientific method and multidisciplinary approach to administration, procedures, and policies of agencies of government charged with enforcing the law, adjudicating crime, and correcting criminal and deviant conduct. Response of justice system to social norms and trends; reciprocal relationship to social behaviors and values. No credit after former CRJ 2000. Offered Every Term.

CRJ 2204 Outsiders and Deviants Cr. 3
Provides an overview of the sociological student social deviance, emphasizing crime and other deviant behaviors and conditions Offered Every Term.
Equivalent: SOC 2204

CRJ 2550 Race, Crime and Justice Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Diversity Equity Incl Inquiry
Introduces students to sociological and legal analysis of the American justice system as a form of race based social control. The class will discuss data, theoretical approaches, and current research about the ways in which race and ethnicity are connected with criminal involvement and criminal justice processing. In doing so, we will learn about the complex ways in which the race-crime-criminal justice connection is both a product of societal forces and affects broader social relations. Offered Yearly.

CRJ 2650 Gender and Crime Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Diversity Equity Incl Inquiry
Critical examination of gender-related issues in criminal justice; impact on defendants, inmates, victims, and criminal justice personnel; relation to policy issues. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: GSW 2650

CRJ 2750 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Diversity Equity Incl Inquiry
Critical examination of gender, race, class, and ethnicity issues in criminal justice; impact on defendants, inmates, victims, and criminal justice personnel; relation to policy issues. No credit after CRJ/GSW 3750. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: GSW 2750
CRJ 3050 Mental Health and Crime Cr. 3
Provides a comprehensive overview of the issues and challenges located at the intersection of mental health/illness and the criminal justice system. Attention will be focused on a range of topics, including, but not limited to, the definition of mental illness, deinstitutionalization and criminalization of the mentally ill, the impact of mental illness on criminal proceedings, treatment/intervention effectiveness, and the reentry/integration of mentally ill individuals. Offered Fall.
Equivalent: PH 3050

CRJ 3110 Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice Cr. 4
Emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in domestic relationships. Topics include: theories of violence, law, and the response of the justice system. No credit after former CRJ 4750. Offered Fall.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 3120 Politics of the Criminal Justice Process Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Civic Literacy
Political aspects of criminal justice; politics of crime legislation, police function, prosecution, adjudication, and corrections; Federal role in criminal justice. Offered Intermittently.
Equivalent: PS 3120

CRJ 3200 Police and Society Cr. 4
Overview of policing. Topics include: social and historical origins of policing, police culture, organizational structure of policing, future of policing. No credit after former CRJ 4600. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 3260 Investigation Cr. 3
Overview of the history of criminal investigation, the functions of police investigators, crime scene search and evidence processing, an introduction to criminalistics, locating and interviewing witnesses, examining the elements of proof required in specific criminal offenses and interrogation techniques (pre- and post-Miranda). Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 3350 Corrections Cr. 4
Description and analysis of legal, social and political issues affecting contemporary correctional theory and practice. Topics include: history of corrections, function and social structure of correctional institutions, institutional alternatives including diversion, probation and parole. Field trips to institutions and community correctional settings normally required. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Equivalent: SOC 3840

CRJ 3400 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice Cr. 4
Overview of the theoretical background, structure, and processes of contemporary juvenile justice, as well as the correlates and characteristics of delinquency. No credit after former CRJ 4410. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 3550 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Cr. 4
Overview of research design and methodology; criminal justice data sources; designs for research; and introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics in criminal justice. No credit after former CRJ 4860. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 3700 The Judicial Process Cr. 4
Structure, powers, doctrines and judicial processes including origin, nature and functions of judicial review in the criminal justice system. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 3710 Legal Writing for Criminal Justice Cr. 4
Basic elements of legal research; the law library and finding the law; case analysis; statutory analysis; constitutional analysis; writing legal memorandums; writing legal briefs, persuasive writing. Offered Every Term.

CRJ 3800 Criminological Theories Cr. 4
Delineation, review, and critical analysis of major explanations of criminality including biological, psychological, deterrence, rational choice, learning and integrated theories. Offered Fall, Winter.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 3900 Comparative Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Global Learning Inquiry
Topics include: the foundation of criminal justice system, crime on the world scene, legal traditions, law enforcement, courts and criminal procedure, corrections, and juvenile justice around the world. Offered Yearly.

CRJ 4050 Crime and Public Health Cr. 3
Introduces students to the interface between public health and criminal justice in the United States, focusing on different aspects of the relationship. It will first describe the newly emerged epidemiological criminology, and then analyze a variety of topics on crime and public health, including, but not limited to, the health of incarcerated populations, the health of criminal justice professionals, health consequences of crime and risk behaviors, public health and law, gangs and gang violence, mental health and substance abuse, environmental justice, and public health interventions with criminal justice populations. Offered Winter.
Equivalent: PH 4050

CRJ 4220 Criminalistics Cr. 4
Application of the physical and biological sciences to criminal investigation; ballistics, fingerprints, DNA, trace evidence, drugs, arson and explosives, questioned documents, introduction to forensic anthropology, courtroom testimony, ethics. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 4310 Correctional Counseling Methods Cr. 3
Prerequisite: CRJ 3400 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 4410 Constitutional Criminal Procedure Cr. 4
Topics include: constitutional safeguards, role of the Supreme Court, due process, search and seizure of persons and property, self-incrimination and confessions, right to counsel, and pre-trial and trial processes. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 4970 Internship in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
A program of participation and study designed to give students the opportunity to interact with criminal justice professionals in the workplace. Internship opportunities are available in the courts, corrections, law enforcement, and other agencies. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior or Senior; enrollment is limited to students with a major in Criminal Justice.
Equivalent: US 6000
CRJ 4990 Directed Study Cr. 1-3
Independent reading or research in a particular facet of criminal justice, culminating in an extended paper or research report prepared under direct supervision of faculty. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Repeatable for 3 Credits

CRJ 4998 Honors Thesis in Criminal Justice Cr. 3-6
Research problem to be completed under the direction of a faculty member. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major in Criminal Justice or Criminal Justice Honors.

CRJ 5500 Child Abuse and Neglect Cr. 3
Dynamics and psychopathology of child abuse: its incidence and impact on delinquent/criminal behavior, family, community, and the criminal justice system. Offered Fall.
Prerequisites: CRJ 4410 with a minimum grade of D-

CRJ 5810 Law in Human Society Cr. 3
Law and the legal structure in its social context. The development, enforcement and interpretation of law; emphasis on the American system of government. Reciprocal effects of law and the society in which it develops; comparative analysis. Designed for pre-law, criminal justice, and political science majors. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: SOC 5810

CRJ 5993 Writing Intensive Course in Criminal Justice Cr. 0
Satisfies General Education Requirement: Writing Intensive Competency
Disciplinary writing assignments under the direction of the instructor for CRJ 3800. Satisfies the University General Education Writing Intensive Course in the Major requirement. Students must submit and endorse the Writing Intensive (CRJ 5993) Contract stating the departmentally-approved requirements of the research writing project. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: May be taken concurrently: CRJ 3800 with a minimum grade of D- or AFS 2390 with a minimum grade of C or ENG 2390 with a minimum grade of C or ENG 3010 with a minimum grade of C or ENG 3020 with a minimum grade of C or ENG 3050 with a minimum grade of C
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 5994 Dispute Resolution Cr. 3
Overview of the processes and actors in the field of dispute resolution including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and conciliation. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: PCS 5000, PS 5890, PSY 5710

CRJ 5995 Special Topics in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Selected topics in criminal justice issues. Offered Every Term.
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 5996 Special Topics in Criminology Cr. 3
Special criminology topics. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 5997 Special Topics in Law and the Legal System Cr. 3
Analysis of selected topics in the law and the legal system. Offered Intermittently.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Repeatable for 9 Credits