

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ 231 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

A study of the structure, functions, and operations of the criminal justice system in the United States. This course provides an overview of the organization and decision-making processes of agencies that deal with the management and control of crime and criminal offenders-law enforcement, courts, and corrections.

CJ 232 INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT3 Credits

A study of the origins of policing, the nature of police work, and the issues, trends, and challenges facing modern policing.

Prerequisites: CJ 231

CJ 233 LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION3 Credits

A study of the structure and functions of law enforcement organizations (city, county, state, and federal). Theories of leadership and organizational goals, efficiency, expectations, and employer/employee relationships will be explored.

Prerequisites: CJ 231

CJ 235 FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION3 Credits

A study of the theoretical and philosophical underpinnings necessary to understand the investigatory process. Particular emphasis is placed on the role of the first responder, chain of custody, crime scene evidence, and interaction with victims, witnesses, and potential predators.

Prerequisites: CJ 231

CJ 236 INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS3 Credits

A study of the correctional system and its role in the criminal justice process. This course provides an overview of the historical development of crime and corrections, philosophical concepts and major developments, which have shaped corrections. Sentencing options, as well as community and institutional correctional programs, will be covered.

Prerequisites: CJ 231

CJ 239 CRIMINOLOGY3 Credits

A study of the nature and causes of criminal behavior. This course will analyze the crime causation ranging through biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural theories. This course will also evaluate the historical influences and thoughts which have led to criminology's development as a contemporary science.

Cross-Listed: CJ239/SOC239

CJ 249 VICTIMOLOGY3 Credits

A study of the situations, events, and processes that are related to victimology. This course will examine theoretical aspects of victimization, the prevalence of victimization, the complexities of victim/offender relationships, the associated costs, and socio-legal efforts to assist victims who suffer from emotional, financial, physical, and sexual harms because of criminal activities. Finally, this course will examine policies aimed at assisting victims and preventing victimization.

CJ 321 POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS3 Credits

A study of the interdependence of the police and community in maintaining order and controlling crime. This course focuses on the historical and contemporary roles of policing in society, community attitudes toward police, and strategies for developing positive police-community relations.

Prerequisites: CJ 231 and CJ 232

CJ 322 JUVENILE CRIME AND GANGS3 Credits

A study of crime trends and patterns of delinquent behavior, as related to subcultures. Furthermore, this course will explore gang history and variations of gang practices by race, class, and gender. Policies and intervention strategies relevant to this type of crime are considered.

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

CJ 323 FORENSIC STUDIES I3 Credits

A study of scientific theories and applications related to the collection, analysis, and interpretation of crime scene evidence. This course will include: dusting and lifting of fingerprints, chemical processing of fingerprints, 3D evidence, blood pattern recognition and blood spatter interpretation.

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

CJ 331 CRIMINAL LAW3 Credits

A study of the general principles of criminal law and the specific elements of particular crimes. This course examines the sources of criminal law, the constitutional limitations on criminal law, the basic proof requirements for specific crimes, and the various defenses to criminal liability.

Cross-Listed: LS 331/CJ 331

Prerequisites: LS 231 or CJ 231 and Sophomore or above status

CJ 332 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY3 Credits

A study of the history and concept of delinquency, the development of the juvenile justice system, nature and extent of delinquency, theoretical explanations of delinquency, and environmental influences of delinquency. Special topics covered include child abuse and neglect, school-based crime, gang control efforts, and the relationship between delinquency and drug abuse.

Cross-Listed: CJ332/SOC332

Prerequisites: CJ 231 and Sophomore or above status

CJ 333 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW3 Credits

A study of the development of the American governmental system through judicial interpretation of the Constitution. This class is rooted in the conviction that constitutional interpretation is an intricate blend of politics, economics, history, and competing values. This class will emphasize the institutional development of the Court, the evolving role of the judiciary, legislative and executive branches, the dominant theories of constitutional interpretation, the politics of judicial selection, and the ongoing relevance of constitutional interpretation.

Cross-Listed: CJ333/LS333/PS333

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

CJ 334 CRIMINAL PROCEDURES3 Credits

A study of the rule of law in action. Students will examine procedural limitations in processing an individual through the criminal justice system with special emphasis on arrest, search and seizure, interrogation, identification and exclusion of evidence.

Cross-Listed: CJ334/LS334

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

CJ 336 MULTICULTURAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

A study of theories and current research related to racial, ethnic, and gender disparity within the American criminal justice system. This course examines the most recent research on patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, police practices, court processing and sentencing, the death penalty and correctional programs in a diverse society.

Prerequisites: CJ 231 and Sophomore or above status

CJ 337 INTRODUCTION TO LAW3 Credits

A study of the American legal system, legalism in society and the relationship between law and justice. This course examines the structures of our legal system, and considers the economic, social, and political implications as they influence the development of a rule of law. Historical and contemporary legal controversies will be examined.

Cross-Listed: CJ337/LS337/PS337

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

CJ 338 COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS3 Credits

A study of the procedures, practices, and personnel involved in community-based corrections. This course examines the role of the community in the reintegration of offenders, with a focus on correctional programs designed to be administered in a community setting, such as probation, parole and intermediate sanctions.

Prerequisites: CJ 231, CJ 236 and Sophomore or above status

CJ 390 INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE1-12 Credits

A student will gain practical experience in a criminal justice agency such as law enforcement, courts or corrections.

Add Consent: Department Consent

Notes: Open to upper division students majoring in the area of criminal justice; interested students should contact the Internship and Career Services office to secure application materials; application should be made prior to the semester the internship will be started; the amount of credit will be based on the availability of a suitable work position, the qualifications of the applicant, and the work hours.

CJ 400 INDEPENDENT STUDY OR RESEARCH1-3 Credits

Faculty-guided research in an area of mutual interest to the student and instructor. Students are responsible for selecting the area of inquiry prior to contacting the instructor.

Prerequisites: 15 hours of Criminal Justice courses

Add Consent: Instructor Consent

Requirements: Permission of Instructor, Dean and Academic Vice President.

CJ 430 TOPICS IN CORRECTIONS3 Credits

Topics selected to meet the needs of students in a special area of interest in corrections.

Prerequisites: CJ 236 and Junior or above status

CJ 431 INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS3 Credits

A study of the history and operation of jails and prisons in the United States. This course examines the history of incarceration, institutional programs and procedures, institutional subcultures, and the classification and supervision of incarcerated offenders.

Prerequisites: CJ 231, CJ 236, and Junior or above status

CJ 432 JUVENILE LAW3 Credits

A study of the rights and duties of children, parents, and the state in both private and criminal arenas. This course examines the development of the legal status of children, constitutional rights of minors, the role of the state in relation to the family, state power to intervene in the lives of parents and children, and juvenile offenders in the justice system. Emphasis is placed on the juvenile justice process as it has developed in the United States.

Cross-Listed: CJ432/LS432

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 433 RULES OF EVIDENCE3 Credits

A study of evidence and the rules governing its use. This course examines what, how, and why certain objects or testimony should be admitted into, or excluded from, evidence in court. Topics include the problems of relevance, authentication, burdens of proof, presumptions, hearsay, opinion, and expert testimony.

Cross-Listed: CJ433/LS433

Prerequisites: CJ 231 or LS 231 and Junior or above status

CJ 434 SENIOR SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

This capstone criminal justice course provides students with the opportunity to integrate and synthesize previous coursework in criminal justice. Drawing on the foundational and core courses, students will apply theory and knowledge to current problems in the justice system.

Prerequisites: Criminal Justice Senior

CJ 435 DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CRIME3 Credits

A study of the relationship of drugs and alcohol on the nature and incidence of crime with a focus on issues for police, courts, and corrections.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 436 COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

A study and comparison of the world's major justice systems. This course compares the various elements of human culture as reflected in the major criminal justice systems of the world and procedures for social control of crime. Special attention is given to what constitutes a crime, the judicial processes for determining guilt, and theories and practices of punishment.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 437 TOPICS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT3 Credits

Topics selected to meet the needs of students in a special area of interest in law enforcement.

Prerequisites: CJ 232 and Junior or above status

CJ 438 TOPICS IN LAW3 Credits

Topics selected to meet the needs of students in a special area of interest in law.

Cross-Listed: CJ438/LS438

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 440 TOPICS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE3 Credits

Topics selected to meet the needs of students in a special area of interest in juvenile justice.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 441 ETHICAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

A study of the ethical philosophies and issues pertaining to the various professions in the criminal justice system. Through the use of case studies, students will evaluate ethical dilemmas encountered in both the administration of justice and the ethical dilemmas faced by its professional practitioners.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 442 HONORS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE3 Credits

Selected courses and topics designed for upper division students with a grade point average of 3.25 in all course work.

Cross-Listed: CJ442/LS442

Add Consent: Instructor Consent

Notes: May be repeated up to a maximum of twelve (12) semester hours.

CJ 443 CORRECTIONAL LAW3 Credits

A study of major legal issues surrounding sentencing, incarceration, probation, parole, pardon, and related topics. This course provides a general overview of the law relating to persons in prison, jail or within the corrections system. Also investigates how civil and criminal law affects facilities, community-based corrections, and personnel working in the correctional system.

Cross-Listed: CJ443/LS443

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 444 FORENSIC STUDIES II3 Credits

A study of two aspects of forensic investigation. This course will be applying various features and functions of the camera that are used to control and provide the proper exposure and other qualities expected by today's court system. Many practical experiences will be incorporated to demonstrate and inculcate the complexity of forensic photography. This course will also focus on the application of Linguistic Statement Analysis Technique (LSAT). This forensic technique is an advanced investigative technology that has been empirically tested for its effectiveness in detecting deception in spoken and written statements from victims, suspects and witnesses in all crimes.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 446 CROSS CULTURAL STUDIES/JUSTICE STUDIES1-3 Credits

A study of the cross cultural differences in crime and applications of criminal justice systems and practices. This course examines the impact of cultural factors (historical, religious, social, and political) on the formal institutions, laws and procedures for social control of crime. This course requires participation in a study abroad program.

Essential Studies: SLO #10

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

Add Consent: Instructor Consent

Drop Consent: Instructor Consent

CJ 447 APPLIED ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE1-6 Credits

Projects, workshops, field experiences and seminars that focus on a specialized area in Criminal Justice.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

Add Consent: Instructor Consent

CJ 448 PROFESSIONAL SEMESTER1-12 Credits

The student will attend a certified law enforcement training academy to obtain certification as a professional law enforcement officer. Admission to the professional semester requires completion of all requirements in the Criminal Justice major.

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

Add Consent: Instructor Consent

Requirements: Permission of instructor and admission by a law enforcement training center.

CJ 449 CRIMINAL PROFILING3 Credits

This course will present the techniques necessary to develop a complete socio-psychological profile regarding various types of violent behavior. The rationale for psychological profiling, the analysis of violent crime scenes, the motivations for committing crimes, and the role of aggression and criminological theories in the formation of psychological profiles will be examined. Using case studies and illustrations, the complexity of the violent personality will be presented while maintaining a scientific focus and approach.

Essential Studies: SLO #12

Prerequisites: Junior or above status

CJ 450 TOPICS IN FORENSIC STUDIES3 Credits

Topics selected to meet the needs of students in a special area of forensic sciences.

Prerequisites: CJ 323 or CJ 444 and Junior or above status

CJ 469 SEX CRIMES AND PARAPHILIA3 Credits

A study of sex crimes, sex offenders, the effect on their victims and attempted treatment. The methods, motivations and victim selection of offenders will be examined through the use of case studies. Paraphilias and how this information can help determine fantasy which can illuminate specific typologies of sex offending and the etiology of the offender will be examined.

Essential Studies: SLO #10

Prerequisites: Junior or above status