

JUSTICE STUDIES (JS)

JS 237 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: JS237//PS237

Prerequisites: Sophomore or above status

JS 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: JS239/SOC239

JS 434 SENIOR SEMINAR3 Credits

This course will provide a cumulative experience for justice studies seniors. Students will have an opportunity to integrate and synthesize previous coursework while exploring current problems in the justice system. Students will further practice basic professional competencies needed to meet the demands of criminal justice and legal professions.

Prerequisites: Senior status

JS 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