

Criminal Justice (CJS)

CJS 201. Intro to Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

The course is designed to introduce students to the criminal justice system in America and our institutionalized response to the social problem of crime. The criminal justice system comprises several unique and related components. The course will consist of an examination of the various local, state and federal agencies that make up the system with particular attention to the police, courts and corrections. The course will also examine critical questions about the roles, responsibilities and challenges of the criminal justice system.

CJS 220. Correctional Systems. 3 Credits.

The course is designed to support student understanding of the American system of corrections and the roles of federal, state, and local governments. Students will study the laws pertaining to corrections and how they are applied to offenders and correctional personnel. Students will also study the importance of community corrections and the reasons why prison populations have continued to increase.

CJS 230. Policing Systems. 3 Credits.

The course is designed to develop an understanding of policing service in the United States. It provides a historical overview of how policing evolved and how it has changed. The student will understand the main types of policing agencies and comprehend their function as part of the criminal justice system. Student will develop an understanding of the organization of police agencies and analyze styles of policing and the policy it supports. Finally, the course will support student understanding the fine balance between actions, decision-making and discretion while working closely with community agencies.

CJS 291. Special Topic. 1-12 Credits.**CJS 325. Criminal Law. 3 Credits.**

This course is the study of principles, doctrines and selected rules of criminal law; the sources of substantive criminal law and historical development of common law principles of criminal responsibility; constitutional constraints on the decision to define behavior as criminal.

CJS 330. Admin of Juvenile Justice. 3 Credits.

This course offers an extensive systematic interdisciplinary examination of juvenile justice and juvenile justice administration in the United States.

CJS 335. Victimology. 3 Credits.

Criminal justice professionals, regardless of their specific role, will always come in contact with victims of crime. This course provides an introductory examination of criminal victimization in the United States via an overview of current theory, research, and trends within the context of specific victimization types. Students will examine specific crime types, the impact of crime on victims and society, the role of victims within the criminal justice system, specific remedies, and victim rights and services. Where possible, topics will be studied within a context of current events and local models of crime victim services.

CJS 391. Special Topic. 1-12 Credits.**CJS 392. Independent Study. 1-12 Credits.****CJS 427. Deviance and Social Control. 3 Credits.**

This course will begin to examine the belief that deviance and social control is a diverse and controversial concept, which is of great importance to society and individuals. The course will explore definitions of deviance, theoretical perspectives, which attempt to explain deviance, and how deviance is organized and managed in our society. It will also examine how our society views the processes that create and control deviant behavior. Contemporary forms of deviance will be analyzed and discussed.

CJS 491. Special Topic. 1-12 Credits.**CJS 492. Independent Study. 1-12 Credits.****CJS 498. Cooperative Education. 1-12 Credits.**

This course is designed to provide practical on-the-job experiences which augment in-class experiences. The student is placed with one of the following agencies: law enforcement agencies, prisons, probation and parole offices, social service organizations, governmental agencies, department store security firms, research institutions or foundations, judicial, legal, or political offices, and homeland security or emergency management organizations. Pre-Requisite: Criminal Justice major or minor, junior or senior status.