COURSES FOR CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Courses

CJ100 Intro Criminal Justice
S8
Hours 3
An overview of the criminal justice system with emphasis on the roles and problems of law enforcement, courts, and correctional components. CJ 100 is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level criminal justice courses.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

CJ220 Law Enforcement
Hours 3
Development of law enforcement; organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and functions of police officers.

CJ221 Private Security
Hours 3
Organization and management of the security function in industry, business, and government. Exploration of methods to protect personnel, facilities, and other major assets.

CJ223 Homeland Security
Hours 3
Overview of the United States Department of Homeland Security from its initiation to present day; exploration of the wide range of issues that the department influences, both policy and operational.

CJ225 Community Based Corrections
Hours 3
Introduction and overview of the complex world of Community Based Corrections; offering a history of the evolution of punishment and implementation of alternative sanctions.

CJ230 Social Inequality in the Criminal Justice System
W
Hours 3
Examination of issues related to the oppression of people on the basis of their class, race, sex, gender, gender expression, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability within the criminal justice system. Writing proficiency is required for a passing grade in this course. A student who does not write with the skill normally required of an upper-division student will not earn a passing grade, no matter how well the student performs in other areas of the course.

Writing

CJ240 Juvenile Delinquency
Hours 3
Examines the extent and patterns of delinquency, theories of delinquency, research on the causes of delinquency, the juvenile justice system, and the prevention and control of delinquent behavior.

CJ250 Judicial Process
Hours 3
Overview of the judicial component of the criminal justice system in the United States; examines the organization of courts, roles and responsibilities of courtroom players, and systemic challenges.

CJ270 Corrections
Hours 3

CJ280 Research Methods
Hours 3
Theoretical and specific instruction in both the conduct and application of research methods in criminal justice settings. Includes problem of research and policy dimensions of both direct and applied approaches.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ290 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
Hours 3
Examination of selected problems and issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A maximum of six hours may be use toward the major.

CJ300 Survey Criminal Theories
Hours 3
Study of traditional and modern explanations of crime and criminality.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ303 Race, Ethnicity, and Crime
W
Hours 3
Effect of race and/or ethnicity on experiences in the criminal justice system, focusing mostly on research/theories of offending, victimization, and experiences as CJ system workers. Writing proficiency is required for a passing grade in this course. A student who does not write with the skill normally required of an upper-division student will not earn a passing grade, no matter how well the student performs in other areas of the course.

Prerequisite(s): CJ 100
Writing

CJ304 Gender and Crime
W
Hours 3
Effect of gender on experiences in the criminal justice system, focusing mostly on research/theories of offending, victimization, and experiences as CJ system workers. Writing proficiency is required for a passing grade in this course. A student who does not write with the skill normally required of an upper-division student will not earn a passing grade, no matter how well the student performs in other areas of the course.

Prerequisite(s): CJ 100
Writing

CJ306 History of Crime and Justice
Hours 3
Examination in historical sequence of the perspectives on and methods of crime control, from the traditional to the modern.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100
CJ330 Organization and Management Concepts in Criminal Justice
Hours 3
Formal organization theory and personnel administration, with emphasis on law enforcement agencies.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ381 Statistics
Hours 3
Statistical methods in criminal justice, including central tendency and dispersion, tests of significance, and measures of association.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100, and MATH 110 or MATH 112 or MATH 115 or MATH 125

CJ395 Internship
Hours 1-12
An opportunity for students to conduct career exploration and build a record of experience in the field.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100 ***A maximum of 6 hours can be used toward the major.

CJ408 Gendered Justice and the Death Penalty
Hours 3
Gender and justice issues related to women sentenced to death; exploring the historical, social, political, and legal issues of serving time in female prisons.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ409 Women, Law, and Incarceration
Hours 3
Examination of the various issues that confront women who are incarcerated; legal issues surrounding women's pathways to crime and their incarceration experiences will be explored.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ420 Seminar in Law Enforcement
Hours 3
Examines the philosophical basis of law enforcement and traces the development of the law enforcement function.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ421 Forensic Science
Hours 3
This course provides student with instruction in the fundamentals of criminal investigation from a forensic science perspective.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ422 Terrorism
Hours 3
An analysis of selected areas of terrorism and counter-terrorism, with an emphasis on parallels between terrorism and crime.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ424 Hate Crimes
Hours 3
Critically evaluates various root causes and consequences of hate crimes; analyzed through an integration of social science theory, empirical research, and legal scholarship.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ425 Domestic Violence
Hours 3
Examination of violence in the context of domestic situations; an exploration of historical and contemporary contexts, various intervention strategies and preventative measures.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ426 White Collar Crime
Hours 3
This course provides a discussion of white-collar crime for the standpoint of criminological theory as well as criminal justice system policies, laws, and procedures.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ427 Homicide
Hours 3
Analysis of different types of homicide, such as felony-murders, crimes of passion, serial killings, celebrity-perpetrated killings, and/or mass murders.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ428 Human Trafficking
Hours 3
Exploration of the various types of human trafficking, their underlying causes and contributing factors, and preventative measures and counter-trafficking initiatives.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ430 Drugs, Crime, and Policy
Hours 3
Examines drug-related topics, such as the history of drug use, drug trafficking organizations, and domestic and international drug-related policies.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ435 Global Perspectives on Crime and Justice
Hours 3
Exploration of crime and criminal justice systems around the world; various transnational and international crimes, state criminal justice systems, and regional and supranational criminal justice mechanisms are examined.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ440 Seminar in Juvenile Delinquency
Hours 3
Examines the historical, philosophical, and legal underpinnings of the juvenile justice system, the institutions related to the control and prevention of delinquent behavior, and the various challenges and dilemmas faced by the professionals working in those institutions.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100
CJ460 Criminal Law I
Hours 3
Introduction to the general principles of substantive criminal law; exploration of the nature of criminal acts, mental state, defenses, and burdens of proof.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ461 Criminal Law II
Hours 3
Examination and analysis of Constitutional provisions and case law governing selected areas of criminal procedure.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ470 Mass Incarceration
Hours 3
History, analysis, and evaluation of American correctional institutions, including the sociology of confinement and reform movements within the system.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ483 Law And Society
Hours 3
Exploration of the nature, function, and limits of law in society.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ490 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
Hours 3
Examination of selected problems and issues in criminal justice. A maximum of twelve hours may be used toward the major.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

CJ499 Independent Study In CJ
Hours 1-6
Research under faculty supervision; requires faculty approval. A maximum of 3 hours may be used toward the major or minor.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100

Cyber Criminology Courses
CC201 Introduction to Cyber Criminology
Hours 3
Introduction to the traditional and contemporary forms of cybercrime, including hacking, insider threat, illicit drug markets, cyber bullying, and cyber terrorism.

CC290 Special Topics in Cyber Crime
Hours 3
Examination of selected issues in cyber security in the United States and throughout the world.

CC301 Cyber Law and Policy
Hours 3
Examination of cyber criminology from a law and policy perspective, including its impact on the Fourth and Fifth Amendment, jurisprudence, and the changing conceptions of privacy and identity.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

CC395 Internship
Hours 1-9
Opportunity for students to conduct career exploration and build a record of experience in the fields of cyber criminology, network analysis, and digital forensics. To take this course students must obtain permission from the instructor for a specific number of hours and pass a background check. A maximum of 3 credit hours can be used towards the minor.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201 A maximum of 3 hours can be used toward the minor. Instructor must approve the number of hours and the student cannot deviate from those hours without permission of instructor.

CC401 Law Enforcement in the Digital Age
Hours 3
Examination of the role that technology plays in modern-day policing; provides students with a detailed overview of how the cyber, digital, and technological worlds have historically impacted policing.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

CC402 Digital Forensic Investigation
Hours 3
Technical examination of how investigators collect, extract, analyze, and preserve data seized from devices in criminal cases; students gain hands-on experience with different forensic tools and software and learn of the various legal challenges in digital forensic investigations.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

CC403 Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, and Criminal Investigations
Hours 3
Examination of blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies as they pertain to criminal investigations; students will learn how to track and trace Bitcoin transactions using open source and proprietary tools. Students will have the opportunity to become trained and certified from Chainalysis.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

CC490 Special Topics in Cyber Criminology
Hours 3
Examination of selected issues in cyber security in the United States and throughout the world. A maximum of six hours may be used toward the minor.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

CC499 Independent Study in Cyber Criminology
Hours 1-3
Opportunity for students to further build a record of experience in the cyber criminology field by focusing on a topic agreed upon by the instructor and student. A maximum of 3 hours may be used toward the minor.
Prerequisite(s): CC 201

Sociology Courses
SOC101 Intro To Sociology
SB
Hours 3
Introduction to the scientific study of human social behavior.
Social and Behavioral Sciences
SOC202 Social Problems
SB
Hours 3
Study of contemporary social problems, including definition, description, and analysis. Emphasis is on sociological explanations, social change perspectives, and cultural complexity of social problems.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

SOC205 Social Psychology
Hours 3
Interrelationships between the individual and the group. Includes perception, cognition, attribution, attitudes, helping behavior, aggression, personal relationships, prejudice, and gender in social life.

SOC215 Animals and Society
Hours 3
Explores the social relationship between humans and animals; examines the social meanings which shape the roles and status of animals in society and our interactions with them.

SOC216 Sports and Society
Hours 3
Structural and cultural relationship of sport to society and the importance of sport to the development of self and community identity.

SOC301 Social Statistics
Hours 3
Elementary statistical techniques applied to sociological data; tables and graphs, central tendency and dispersion, probability and sampling, tests of significance, and measures of association.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101 and MATH 110 or MATH 112 or MATH 125

SOC302 Sociological Theory
Hours 3
Examines the role of theory in sociology; focuses on the major contributions to sociological theory in both the classical and contemporary periods with an emphasis on historical context and philosophical backgrounds.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC305 Food, Culture, and Society
Hours 3
Examination of food as a social construction; emphasis on food rituals, cultural distinctions and perspectives, federal regulations and subsidies, food-related diseases, and sustainable agriculture.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC310 Social Movements and Collective Behavior
Hours 3
This course analyzes social movements: more or less organized attempts by relatively powerless groups to change politics or society. Begins with the building blocks of collective behavior, with a general focus on attempts to push social change in the US and globally.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC315 Race And Ethnic Relations
Hours 3
Analysis of American social structure, race and ethnic relations, and demographic and institutional trends; studies of racial and ethnic issues.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC352 Social Inequality
Hours 3
Analysis of inequities of wealth, power, and prestige; major theories of social stratification and poverty; social mobility.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC360 Sociology of HIV/AIDS
Hours 3
Social dimensions of HIV/AIDS; explores the social construction of HIV/AIDS in terms of gender, sexualities, race/ethnicity and social class.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC370 Sexuality and Society
Hours 3
In-depth examination of human sexuality from a sociological perspective, analyzing how sexual behaviors and attitudes are shaped and influenced by larger society.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC390 Selected Topics In Soc
Hours 3
Examination of selected problems and issues in sociology. May be taken a total of four times, with different topics.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC405 Gender & Society
Hours 3
Sociological approach to the study of women and men; exploration of the social construction of genders in institutions and in everyday life, feminist theories of masculinity, gender inequality, and social change.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC406 Organizational Failures and Disasters
Hours 3
Examination of a variety of organizational failures and disasters; exploration of the major social and psychological factors that contribute to technical, practical, and ethical failures in organizations.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC460 Body and Society
Hours 3
Social construction of the body; exploration of how the human body is socially, culturally, and politically constructed according to gender, race/ethnicity, occupation and social class.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101
SOC471 Medical Sociology
Hours 3
Social issues relating to health, medicine, and society; how society shapes individual understandings of what it means to be healthy, produces differential patterns of health and illness, and how medicine is practiced in the United States.
Prerequisite(s): Sociology 101

SOC480 Death and Dying
Hours 3
Examination of death and dying from a sociological perspective; death as a social process that varies by culture, context and historical moment.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC490 Seminar in Sociology
Hours 1-3
Examination of selected problems and issues in sociology. A maximum of 12 hours may be used toward the minor.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101

SOC499 Ind Study in Sociology
Hours 1-6
1-6 hour independent study course allowing students to conduct sociological research under faculty supervision.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101