

Criminal Justice (CJ)

CJ 201. Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

Examination of the criminal justice system and process. Includes crime, lawmaking, criminality, prosecution, police, courts, and corrections.

CJ 210. Introduction to Policing. 3 Credits.

This course provides an overview of the purpose and function of the police in the United States.

CJ 230. Criminology. 3 Credits.

Study of criminal behavior and the measurement of crime and victimization. Major theories of crime causation and specific types of crime will be examined.

CJ 270. Introduction to Corrections. 3 Credits.

This course provides an overview of the correctional system, including prisons and community sanctions, in the United States.

CJ 310. Women and Policing. 3 Credits.

This course provides an overview of women working as police officers in the United States. The course will provide the history, changing role, integration, and future of female police officers into this male dominated profession.

CJ 315. Federal Law Enforcement and Crime Policy. 3 Credits.

Examination of the history, development, current make-up, and jurisdiction of federal law enforcement in the United States, as well as the role of the federal government in setting national crime policy and the strategies employed. Cross-listed with POLS.

CJ 325. Applied Research Methods. 4 Credits.

This course provides an overview of the scientific model, the philosophy and goals of science, and a detailed study of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Lecture, laboratory. Co-req or Prereq: STAT 330. Cross-listed with COMM 325 and POLS 325.

CJ 330. Criminal Law and Procedure. 3 Credits.

Examination of criminal law and procedure including search and seizure laws, rights of defendants and victims, and due process in criminal law. Prereq: admission to the professional program in Criminal Justice.

CJ 354. Media, Crime and Justice in America. 2 Credits.

An overview of how mass media presents crime, criminals, and the American criminal justice system. Examines current research using a social constructionist theoretical perspective to better understand the implications of the media's presentation of crime in America.

CJ 406. Crime and Delinquency. 3 Credits.

Study of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency. Analysis of causes of juvenile offending and an exploration of policies to combat delinquency. Prereq: Admission to the Criminal Justice professional program. Prereq or Co-req: CJ/POLS 325. {Also offered for graduate credit - see CJ 606.}

CJ 407. Deviant Behavior. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the precursors, the processes, and the consequences of deviance in Western society. Prereq: SOC 110 or PSYC 111. Cross-listed with SOC 407. {Also offered for graduate credit - see CJ 607.}

CJ 410. Police & Society. 3 Credits.

This course offers a theoretically-grounded and advanced examination of the role of police in society, with a focus on police effectiveness and accountability. Prereq: CJ 210 and admission to the CJ major or minor. Co-req: CJ 325 or POLS 325.

CJ 460. Criminal Court System. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the United States, including the prosecutor, defense counsel, judge, and jury. Issues confronting the system are considered from historical, philosophical, and sociological perspectives. Prereq: CJ 325 or POLS 325 and admission to the Criminal Justice professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - see CJ 660.}

CJ 461. Corrections. 3 Credits.

Analysis of institutional and community-centered corrections. Emphasis on historical, contemporary, and developing trends regarding structures, program content, and problems. Prereq: CJ 325 or POLS 325 and admission to the Criminal Justice professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - see CJ 661.}

CJ 465. Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

Analysis of roles and contributions of women and minorities in criminal justice system as offenders, victims and practitioners. Examines effect of court decisions, rule-making and contemporary criminal justice practices on women and ethnic minorities. Prereq: CJ 325 or POLS 325 and admission to the Criminal Justice professional program. {Also offered for graduate credit - See CJ 665.}

CJ 489. Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice. 1 Credit.

Synthesis of criminal justice research, methods, and criminological theory. Prereq: Senior standing.

CJ 606. Crime and Delinquency. 3 Credits.

Study of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency. Analysis of causes of juvenile offending and an exploration of policies to combat delinquency. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see CJ 406.}

CJ 607. Deviant Behavior. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the precursors, the processes, and the consequences of deviance in Western society. Cross-listed with SOC 607. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see CJ 407.}.

CJ 660. Criminal Court System. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the United States, including the prosecutor, defense counsel, judge, and jury. Issues confronting the system are considered from historical, philosophical, and sociological perspectives. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see CJ 460.}.

CJ 661. Corrections. 3 Credits.

Analysis of institutional and community-centered corrections. Emphasis on historical, contemporary, and developing trends regarding structures, program content, and problems. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see CJ 461.}.

CJ 665. Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

Analysis of roles and contributions of women and minorities in criminal justice system as offenders, victims, and practitioners. Examines effect of court decisions, rule-making and contemporary criminal justice practices on women and ethnic minorities. Restricted to accelerated master's students only {Also offered for undergraduate credit - See CJ 465.}.

CJ 702. Program Evaluation. 3 Credits.

Examination of the development and implementation of criminal justice program/policy evaluation, including the techniques of applied research and practical considerations. Topics also include ethical issues, evaluation planning, process, impact and cost-benefits analyses, grant writing, and dissemination of findings. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 703. Advanced Criminology. 3 Credits.

Advanced study of the distribution of crime and the major theories of crime causation from an interdisciplinary perspective, including special attention to issues relating to the measurement, nature, and extent of crime in the US. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 707. Juvenile Corrections. 3 Credits.

Examination of the history of ideas about and responses to juvenile delinquency, the scope and nature historically and today, and the responses by various parts of the juvenile justice system, as well as responses by other social institutions such as the family, community and schools. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 709. Criminal Justice Policy. 3 Credits.

Examination of concepts related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of public policy as it relates to the criminal justice system, including the history, development and operation of policing, courts/sentencing, corrections, crime prevention, offender rehabilitation, and issues related to drugs and crime and race and crime. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 721. Individual Theories of Crime. 3 Credits.

Review of historical and contemporary individual theories of crime. Discussion of the assumptions, causes, and policy implications of criminological theories. Prereq: CJ 703. Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 722. Structural Theories of Crime. 3 Credits.

Review of historical and contemporary structural theories of crime, including criteria of good theory, the assumptions of various criminological theories, and the similarities and differences in theories. Prereq: CJ 703. Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 732. Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods. 3 Credits.

This class is intended to provide an advanced interpretation of criminal justice methodologies. This course examines how criminal justice research employs various methodologies to study how/when/why people commit or recommit crime. Using research in the fields of criminal justice and criminology, the class will focus on interpreting the methodologies that examine continuous, dichotomous, categorical, and count endogenous variables under normal and skewed distribution assumptions. Prereq: STAT 725.

CJ 733. Issues in Institutional Corrections. 3 Credits.

Course examining the various issues in adult prisons and jails in the United States. Topics include male and female inmates' life in prison, violence, prisoners' rights, management and staff issues, and differences between prisons and jails.

CJ 734. Advanced Criminal Justice Methods. 3 Credits.

Provides an examination of the research process. Explores how criminologists conduct research, pitfalls of research and importance of discovery and application. Prereq: Undergraduate methods course in the social or behavioral sciences and a statistics course.

CJ 750. Violence. 3 Credits.

Examination of various aspects of criminal violence, including various social settings (e.g., community, domestic, and school) with attention to the causes, consequences, moderating factors and proposed solutions associated with violent criminal behavior. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 752. Crime and the Life Course. 3 Credits.

The life course will be examined as a theoretical orientation, a research methodology, and as an empirical field of study with special reference to crime and deviance. Key conceptual and research issues will be analyzed and discussed.

CJ 754. Police and Society. 3 Credits.

This course provides graduate students with an overview of US law enforcement. Topics covered include officer use of discretion, officer behavior, organizational function, and delivery of police services and will be examined from an advanced research orientation.

CJ 755. Administrative Policing. 3 Credits.

Organizational theory, leadership, communication, labor relations, and crisis management in police administration. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 759. Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.

This course provides an overview of research design used in criminal justice and criminological research. Students will learn how to critique research designs that are most commonly used in criminal justice research. Prereq: CJ 734.

CJ 760. Police and Race Issues. 3 Credits.

Provides an in-depth, historical, and contemporary view of the police and race issues in the United States. Discussions on diversity, use of force, racial profiling, and citizen complaints.

CJ 761. Police Effectiveness. 3 Credits.

Examines effectiveness of police delivery services in the U.S. Examines theories and scrutinizes factors that are associated with police effectiveness.

CJ 762. Community Corrections. 3 Credits.

Evaluation of practices, issues, and trends in community corrections. Focus on probation, parole, halfway houses, and other community alternatives to incarceration. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 763. Correctional Rehabilitation. 3 Credits.

Examines issues related to the implementation and effectiveness of various correctional treatment approaches and programs. In-depth examination of the history, purpose and common targets of correctional treatment interventions. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.

CJ 764. Punishment and Society. 3 Credits.

Examines the use of punishment in American society. This course is designed as a seminar to discuss past and current literature on the evolution of punishment, the purposes of punishment, and specific types of punishment.

CJ 765. Classics in Policing. 3 Credits.

This course will provide students with an overview of classic writings in policing which provide the foundation for contemporary policing research. Students will learn how policing research has advanced methodologically and theoretically since the first studies were conducted.

CJ 768. Gender and Justice. 3 Credits.

Examination of the role of gender in crime and the criminal justice system, including the changing roles of men and women in society, differential involvement in criminal behavior, and differential criminal justice response. Prereq: Graduate standing in Criminal Justice or instructor approval.