COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRJS 100. (formerly CRJS 200) Critical Criminology
Credit 3 (3-0)
This course is designed to provide freshmen and sophomore students with knowledge of terminology, classification systems, trends, and theories of criminal justice. It will emphasize a critical analysis of course content. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 101. Writing for the Social Sciences
Credit 3 (3-0)
This course is designed to introduce Criminal Justice majors to oral and written communication and critical thinking in the social sciences. The course focuses on building error-free sentences, concept formulation and proper citation, e.g., APA and MLA. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 210. (formerly CRJS 310) Policing: Administration and Process
Credit 3 (3-0)
This course examines two interrelated aspects of policing, police administration and the law enforcement process. A study of the organizational theory and operations of police agencies will lay the foundation for the examination police strategy and tactics. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 220. (formerly CRJS 320) Courts and the Judicial Process
Credit 3 (3-0)
This course examines the criminal process within American courts from arrest/arrest warrant application to final appeal. Topics include magistrates, trial and appellate courts, plea bargains, evidence, burdens of proof, jury selection and instructions, jurisdiction, habeas corpus and accountability. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 230. (formerly CRJS 330) Corrections
Credit 3 (3-0)
This course provides an overview of correctional philosophies, practices, and procedures. It examines institutional frameworks and innovations, accountability measures and legislative initiative. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 240. (formerly CRJS 406) Criminology
Credit 3 (3-0)
The genesis and origin of the crime and an analysis of theories of criminal behavior will be studied. (DEMAND)

CRJS 251/POLI 251. (formerly CRJS 290/POLI 290)
Introduction to Statistics
Credit 3(3-0)
This course is an introduction to elementary statistical reasoning, descriptive statistics, frequency distribution, graphics, measures of central tendency and dispersion. Correlation and regression techniques are also taught. Focus is on political science and criminal justice research. Taken concurrently with CRJS 252/POLI 252. Prerequisite: CRJS 100 or POLI 100. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 252/POLI 252. (formerly CRJS 291/POLI 291)
Introduction to Statistics Lab
The laboratory provides first-hand experience in practical use of statistical methods. Computer software (e.g., SPSS) will be used to analyze, interpret and graph data. Taken concurrently with CRJS 251/POLI 251. Prerequisite: CRJS 100/POLI 100. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 260. Courtroom Testimony
Credit 3(3-0)
This course examines the legal requirement of cross examination for crime scene investigators. It will examine the critical role of technical language in oral testimony. The objective of this course is to improve oral communication in courtroom settings. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (F)

CRJS 270. Interviews and Interrogations
Credit 3(3-0)
This course covers the basic and specific techniques employed in criminal justice interviews and interrogations. Emphasis is placed on the interview and interrogation process, including
interpretation of verbal and physical behavior and legal perspectives. Upon completion students should be able to understand and conduct interviews and interrogations in a legal, efficient and professional manner. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (S)

JOMC 300. Investigative Photography (formerly CRJS 280) Credit 3(3-0)
This course covers the operation of various photographic equipment and its application to criminal justice. Topics include cameras, analog and digital videography, proper light exposure, developing film and prints and preparing photographic evidence. Upon completion students should be able to demonstrate and explain the role of photography and proper film exposure and development techniques in crime scene investigation. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (F,S)

CRJS 311. (formerly CRJS 434) Abnormal Psychology Credit 3 (3-0)
Behavior deviations and psychological disorders occurring during the several developmental stages; basic concepts employed in psychopathology, mental hygiene, and psychiatry. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 312. (formerly CRJS 450) Criminal Law Credit 3 (3-0)
This course covers the history/evolution/principles and contemporary applications of criminal law. Topics include substantive law, classification of crimes, parties to crime, elements of crimes, matters of criminal responsibility and critical theory of crime. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 313. (formerly CRJS 470) Criminal Procedure Credit 3 (3-0)
This course examines the constitutional provisions on which the due process rights are based; the rules and procedures that govern the criminal justice process from arrest through trial and sentencing, and the methods of imposing liability on criminal justice personnel for violations of constitutional and other legal rights granted to citizens. Prerequisite: CRJS 100 (F, S)

CRJS 314. (formerly CRJS 503) Juvenile Delinquency Credit 3 (3-0)
This course is the study of sociological and psychological explanations relative to the causes and rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents, probation and treatment of juveniles within the criminal justice system. (F)

CRJS 315. (formerly CRJS 510) Victimology Credit 3 (3-0)
This course exposes students to the role of victims in crimes, their treatment by the criminal justice system, victim assistance, and victim compensation. Sexual battery and domestic violence are also covered in the course. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (S)

CRJS 316. (formerly CRJS 515) Alternatives to Incarnation Credit 3 (3-0)
This course explores alternatives to imprisonment and intermediate sanctions, including probation, parole, diversion and other community based corrections. Students will also be introduced to theories of rehabilitation, treatment, and corrections. (S)

CRJS 317. (formerly CRJS 520) Race, Class, and Gender in Criminal Justice System Credit 3 (3-0)
This course provides a survey of minority relations and criminal justice adjudication in America. The course focuses on minority/majority relations and how these sentiments impact on the criminal justice process. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 318. (formerly CRJS 525) Drugs and Crime Credit 3 (3-0)
This course provides an in-depth review of the politics and political economy of drug control and regulation in historical and contemporary terms. The course also covers the construction of drug-crime, law enforcement logics and practices in the coupling of drugs and crime. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 319. (formerly CRJS 537) White Collar Crime Credit 3 (3-0)
This course examines criminal activities in management and executive operations of government and private sector agencies and corporations. Topics include substantive law, investigation techniques, and social and economic impacts. (F, S, SS)
CRJS 321. (formerly CRJS 545) Terrorism and War Crimes  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course will examine the historical development of the substantive concepts of anti-terrorist law. Topics will include the study of domestic and international agencies which exert jurisdiction over defendants accused of terrorism. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 322. (formerly CRJS 546) Survey in Forensics  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course will introduce students to the various fields of forensics. Emphasis will be on the legal application and evidentiary value of documents and objects subjected to scientific scrutiny. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 331. (formerly CRJS 430) Research Methods in Criminal Justice  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course introduces students to research methods with a special application to current criminal justice issues. Attention is given to analysis with data from uniform crime reports and national crime surveys. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 332. (formerly CRJS 440) Applied Methods  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course covers applied quantitative research methods, hypothesis testing, statistical presentation and description (including mapping and graphing). Instruction will include topics on statistical tests, e.g., t-test, F-test, chi-square and regression and software applications such as Excel, SPSS, and GIS. (F, S, SS)

CRJS 333. Investigative Process I  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course introduces the theories and fundamentals of the investigative process. Topics include crime scene and incident processing, information gathering techniques, collection and presentation of evidence, preparation of appropriate reports, court presentations and other related topics. Upon completion students should be able to identify, explain and demonstrate the techniques of the investigative process, report preparation and courtroom presentation. (F)

CRJS 334. Investigative Process II  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course closely examines the theories and fundamentals of the investigative process through case studies. This course also covers professional standards and ethics. Upon completion students should be able to identify, explain and demonstrate the application of investigative principles and professional standards and ethics. Prerequisite CRJS 333. (S)

CRJS 370. Forensics Laboratory  Credit 3 (3-1)
This course covers the functions of the forensic laboratory and its relationship to criminal investigations and prosecutions. Topics include advanced crime scene processing, investigative techniques, forensic technologies, laboratory administration and safety regulations and procedures. Prerequisites: BIOL 100, CHEM 100, CRJS 333, CRJS 334. (F, S)

CRJS 371. Pathology of Death Investigation  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course will examine contemporary practices for investigating sudden, unexpected and violent death. Two major topics will be explored: the first focusing on the manner of death (the social circumstances under which the death occurs), the second focusing on the cause of death (the particular material actions which result in death – legal and factual.) Prerequisite: CRJS 370. (F, S)

CRJS 442/POLI 442. (formerly CRJS /POLI 542) American Constitutional Law  Credit 3 (3-0)
This course is a case study of major Supreme Court decisions, the Judiciary, the Congress, the President, the Federal System, the First Amendment Freedoms, and Due Process Rights. Prerequisite: CRJS100. (F)
CRJS 443/POLI 443. (formerly CRJS /POLI 543) Civil Liberties Credit 3 (3-0)
This course is a study of major Supreme Court decisions, interpreting the Bill of Rights (the First Amendments) and the subsequent amendments dealing with freedom and equality. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing. (S)

CRJS 485. Special Topics in Criminal Justice (formerly CRJS 506) Credit 3 (3-0)
This course will explore and examine special topics related to the field of criminal justice. This class offers an opportunity for faculty and students to explore contemporary topics in depth that are generally not covered in the criminal justice curriculum. A single topic is covered each semester. Permission on the instructor is required. Juniors and seniors only (F, S, SS)

CRJS 490. Independent Study Credit 3 (3-0)
Senior criminal justice majors who have exhibited facility for independent study and attained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in their major may request to investigate an area not covered in the regular curriculum. Permission of the supervising instructor and the department chairperson is required. Seniors only. (F, S, SS)

CRJS/POLI 492. (formerly CRJS /POLI 505) Honors Seminar in Political Science & Criminal Justice – Capstone Credit 3 (3-0)
This course includes an examination of selected political science and criminal justice topics and experiences. Students participating in co-op and study abroad experiences may also enroll in this course. Seniors only. (S)

CRJS 498. (formerly CRJS 500) Internship Credit 3 (1-3)
This course provides an opportunity for practical experience in various criminal justice agencies. Interns are required to participate in a one-hour weekly seminar. Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission of internship coordinator. (F, S, SS)

Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate

CRJS 670. Law and Society Credit 3 (3-0)
This course examines selected and representative forms of social justice and injustices; and barriers to opportunities for legal redress, as related to contemporary issues. Prerequisite: Senior or graduate standing (F, S, SS)