

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRJS 100. Introduction to Criminal Justice (formerly CRJS 200) 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. Policing: Administration and Process (formerly CRJS 310) 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. Courts and the Judicial Process (formerly CRJS 320) 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. Corrections (formerly CRJS 330) 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. / SOCI 406. Criminology (formerly CRJS 406) Credit 3(3-0)

The genesis and origin of crime and an analysis of theories of criminal behavior will be studied. (DEMAND)

CRJS 251 / POLI 251. Introduction to Statistics (formerly CRJS 290 / POLI 290) 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. Introduction to Statistics Lab (formerly CRJS 291 / POLI 291) Credit 1(0-2)

The laboratory provides first hand experiences 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 or POLI 110. (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 200. (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 200. (S)

CRJS 280. Investigative Photography *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 200. (F;S)

CRJS 311. / PSYC 434. Abnormal Psychology (formerly CRJS 434) *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. Criminal Law (formerly CRJS 450) *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. Criminal Procedure (formerly CRJS 470) *Credit 3(3-0)*

This course examines the provisions of the United States Constitution that protect the due process rights of citizens accused of criminal acts, the rules of procedure that govern the criminal justice process from arrest through trial and sentencing, and the methods of imposing liability on criminal justice professionals for violations of constitutional and other legal rights granted citizens. Prerequisite: CRJS 200. (F;S;SS)

CRJS 314. / SOWK 503. Juvenile Delinquency (formerly CRJS 503) *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. Victimology (formerly CRJS 510) *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 200. (S)

CRJS 316. Alternatives to Incarceration (formerly CRJS 515) *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. Race, Class and Gender in the Criminal Justice System (formerly CRJS 520) *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 200. (F;S;SS)

CRJS 318. Drugs and Crime (formerly CRJS 525) *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. White Collar Crime (formerly CRJS 537) *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. Terrorism and War Crimes (formerly CRJS 545) *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. Survey in Forensics (formerly CRJS 546) 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. Research Methods in Criminal Justice (formerly CRJS 331) Credit 3(3-0)

This course introduces students to research methods and their application to criminal justice issues. Emphasis is placed on understanding social science research theory, research proposals and the analysis of data from the Uniform Crime Report, the National Crime Victimization Survey and various crime databases. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. (F;S;SS)

CRJS 333. Investigative Process I (formerly CRJS 410) 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 (formerly CRJS 420) 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 410. (S)

CRJS 332. Applied Methods (formerly CRJS 440) Credit 3(3-0)

This course covers applied qualitative and quantitative research methods, hypothesis testing, statistical presentation and description (including mapping and graphing) using a variety of statistical tests and software packages: t-test, F-test, Chi-square, regression, Excel, SPSS and GIS. (F;S;SS)

CRJS 370. Forensics Laboratory (formerly CRJS 530) 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 410, CRJS 420. (F;S)

CRJS 371. Pathology of Death Investigation (formerly CRJS 531) 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 530. (F,S)

CRJS 442. / POLI 442. American Constitutional Law Credit 3(3-0)

This course is a case study of major United States Supreme Court decisions, the judiciary, the United States Congress, the President, federalism, the First Amendment Freedoms and Due Process Rights. Prerequisite: CRJS 100. (F)

CRJS 443. / POLI 443. Civil Liberties Credit 3(3-0)

This course is a study of major United States Supreme Court decisions, interpreting the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution) and the subsequent amendments dealing with equal protection under the law and due process rights. 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 of the instructor is required. Juniors and seniors only. (DEMAND)

CRJS 490. Independent Study (formerly CRJS 504) 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. Honors Seminar in Political Science & Criminal Justice – Capstone (formerly CRJS / POLI 505) 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. Internship (formerly CRJS 500) 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./SOWK 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)