

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJU)

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## **CRJU 5000. Principles of Justice (1)**

Overview of the U.S. criminal justice system, its fundamental components, and the interrelationships among crime, law, police, courts, and corrections.

## **CRJU 5001. Professional Communication (1)**

This course provides new graduate students with an introduction to effective communication strategies. Topics include oral and written communication, critical thinking, program standards, time management, tools for teamwork and collaborative learning, and use of electronic media in professional presentations.

## **CRJU 5010. Crime in the US (3)**

The study of the scope, nature, social characteristics, and distribution of crime in the United States, and the impact of crime trends. Attention will be paid to both street and white collar crimes, policy responses to various crime events, and the ways in which crime in America compares to that of other western nations.

## **CRJU 5020. Legal Institutions in Society (3)**

A seminar in exploring the historical development of criminal law in society and contemporary legal issues which have a major impact on criminal justice. Particular emphasis will be placed on the formalization and constitutionalization of the criminal justice process with special attention to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## **CRJU 5040. Police, Courts, and Correction (3)**

An analysis of the criminal justice systems police, courts and corrections in selected western nations and a study of the functional relations among these key components of the criminal justice system.

## **CRJU 5050. Research Methods & App Stats (3)**

An overview of research design and research methodology as it applies to the field of criminal justice, and a review of descriptive and inferential statistics as they apply to the field of criminal justice.

## **CRJU 6050. Advanced Criminological Theory (3)**

This course offers an advanced study of criminology theory and an intensive overview of the major perspectives regarding the etiology of crime. A range of theoretical perspectives from the classical period through the present will be discussed. This course will also explore interrelationships among various theories and the impact that specific criminological theories have on public policy.

## **CRJU 6051. Program Evaluation (3)**

Designed to familiarize students with techniques that are utilized in evaluating the effectiveness and impact of criminal justice policies and other public programs. It offers an analysis of criminal justice program development with emphasis on procedure and design. This course is required for all non-thesis graduate students.

## **CRJU 6060. Ethical & Legal Issues in CRJU (3)**

Philosophical theories underlying ethics and how they relate to the various components of the criminal justice system, modern criminal justice codes of ethics, and professional standards.

## **CRJU 6120. Current Issues Law Enforcement (3)**

A seminar exploring contemporary trends in policing, law enforcement administration, and criminal justice. Specific attention will be given to emerging issues in: ethics, city policing, community policing, and homeland security. These trends will be critically compared with past trends in criminal justice and law enforcement.

## **CRJU 6150. Race, Class, and Crime (3)**

An examination of the various aspects of race and class in the American criminal justice system, and the roles these statuses play in victimization, rates of offending, corrections, and in the administration of justice. Focus will also be placed upon classical and contemporary sociological and criminological theories and the various dimensions and consequences of stratification.

## **CRJU 6210. Juvenile Justice Seminar (3)**

This course concerns itself with procedural and substantive aspects of the juvenile justice system, including such areas as history, philosophy, legal shifts, and the systematic processing of juveniles through diversion programs to incarceration.

## **CRJU 6230. Local Govt Admin & Finance (3)**

An introduction to local governmental organization and the role of law enforcement in local government. Further, this course will explore the management of revenue-raising and expenditure activities, law enforcement grants and contracts, expenditure monitoring, procurement and purchasing policies, and financial audits of law enforcement and other public agencies.

## **CRJU 6250. Drugs, Drug Policy & Crime (3)**

This course examines the history of domestic drug policy; the U.S. "war on drugs"; the relationship between drug use and crime; trends in domestic drug use and abuse; criminal justice and comprehensive approaches to controlling the use of illegal drugs; and international drug trafficking.

## **CRJU 6310. Sentencing/Applied Corrections (3)**

A survey of the historical development, current issues, and future trends confronting the field of U.S. corrections, and the administration and management of correctional systems. Specific attention will be given to corrections policy and alternatives to incarceration.

## **CRJU 6410. White Collar and Corp. Crime (3)**

This course examines the illegal behavior of individuals who commit crimes in the course of their employment. Special attention will be paid to the definition, detection, prosecution, sentencing and aggregate impact of white collar and organized crime.

## **CRJU 6500. Law & Morality (3)**

A seminar exploring fundamental questions concerning law and morality, and theories of law creation. Course themes include: what constitutes a rule of law to which men and women should give their moral assent and support; the question of legislating morality; the appropriate role of religion in law; the position of government on questions of morality; the relationship between law and culture; and Constitutional interpretation with regard to questions of morality.

## **CRJU 6550. Social Science, Law & Justice (3)**

This seminar examines the use (and misuse) of social science in the legal process, focusing on the historical and contemporary role of social science evidence in trial and appellate decision making. An emphasis will be placed on specific litigation in which social science has been used to challenge laws or support reform.

## **CRJU 6610. Adv Academic Research Methods (3)**

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**CRJU 6620. Qualitative & Ethnographic Ana (3)**

This seminar examines qualitative methods used in social science research, focusing primarily on participant observation, on asking questions, on writing field notes, and on the transformation of these primary field data into written ethnographic documents. Readings on specific research methods and representative ethnographic works will contribute to the formulation of a research project to be carried out during the semester, as will recent literature on the theoretical and ethical aspects of these methods.

**CRJU 6960. Crim Jus Response to Terrorism (3)**

With particular emphasis on criminal justice responses, this course provides an exploration into the theoretical underpinnings, groups, and control of terrorist threats against the United States and other Western nations.

**CRJU 6980. Capstone: Problem Solving Proj (3)**

Students will choose a social problem related to crime, criminal justice, and law, relate it to broader legal and social issues, and devise a plan of action to research the problem and develop informed policy. Using knowledge obtained from prior required courses, and input from Criminal Justice faculty, students will a comprehensive term paper on their chosen topics.

**CRJU 6990. Masters Research (3)**

Guided research in Criminal Justice. Pre-requisite: completion of all required coursework and minimum of 21 hours of course work with a GPA of 3.0. May be repeated for up to 9 credits.

**CRJU 6995. Thesis (3)**

Working with an advisor, the student completes a research study.

**CRJU 6999. Thesis Completion (3)**

Working with an advisor, the student completes a research study, writes a thesis, and defends the thesis. May be repeated for up to 9 credits.