

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ-103 **Introduction to Criminal Justice**

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course is an introduction to the American criminal justice system and is intended to provide an overview of the Criminal Justice field. Students examine each of the three primary components of the justice system: policing (law enforcement and its agencies), adjudication (the court system and its actors), and the corrections (theory and practice). Each component will examine the social and legal relationships between individual rights and societal rights.

CJ-201 Policing In America

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course will examine the challenges of police and the community in American society. By integrating theory, research, and policy, this course will provide a foundation on the history of police and community relationships, police work, police culture/behavior, police discretion, and related topics such as law enforcement and social polarization.

Prerequisites: CJ-103

CJ-202 Corrections in America

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall Only, All Years

This course includes a survey of the historical, philosophical, and legal bases of correctional procedures and institutions and an examination of current problems and innovations.

Prerequisites: CJ-103

CJ-203 **Drugs and Society**

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course explores historical origins and trends of drug use, describes and evaluates the processes that produce policies in the United States, and explores the implications of those policies for the actors in the various systems regulating drugs. A variety of substances will be discussed, from caffeine to cocaine. Students will be able to evaluate the effects of drug use, the effects of policies regarding the regulation of drugs, and the impact of both of these on their own life and the lives of those living in communities that these policies impact.

Recommended Prerequisites: CJ-103, ENGL-101, PSYC-101

CJ-205 Criminal Procedures

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Spring Only, All Years

This course includes an examination of the procedural aspects of criminal law. It will include specific applications of procedures by actors in the criminal justice process including police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and corrections officials. This examination will provide a basic understanding of state and local legal codes, as well as current applications of law in both arrest and search and seizure.

CJ-245 Introduction to Criminology

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course introduces students to the study of criminology by exploring a broad range of issues related to crime and criminal behavior. The course reviews the theoretical foundations and relevant research for understanding the causes of crime, criminal behavior, and systems of punishment within society.

Recommended Prerequisites: SOC-101 or SOC-102

CJ-290 Criminal Justice Internship

3 Credits

Internship: 9 hours per week

Offering: Fall, Spring, and Summer, All Years

This course provides students with an opportunity to work in an agency related to their academic interest and early career goals. The Criminal Justice Internship Program is intended to reinforce academic concepts through practical work experience, to familiarize students with the rigor of the workplace, and to assist students in making future career choices complementary to their abilities. It involves 135 hours (approximately nine hours each week for 15 weeks) of on-the-job-training with a qualified supervisor. It is graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

Prerequisites: CJ-103

Recommended Prerequisites: CJ-205, CJ-202, CJ-245 and POLS-101