

CJ - CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ 505. Criminal Investigation. (3 Credits)

Investigation, methodology, relations of the detective with other police divisions, modus operandi, evidence development, source of information, interview, interrogation, surveillance, and courtroom testimony.

CJ 506. Forensic Investigation. (3 Credits)

An examination of modern forensic science principles and techniques as applied to the detection, collection, preservation and analysis of crime scene evidence. Course topics will include but are not limited to fingerprints, serological evidence, trace evidence, and other evidentiary items.

CJ 513. Public Organization and Bureaucratic Theory. (3 Credits)

This course is a study of the many theories that attempt to explain how organizations and the people in them will behave in varying organizational structures, cultures, and environments. Special attention is given to the role of democratic accountability, justice and fairness.

CJ 515. Ethics in Administrative Leadership. (3 Credits)

This course examines major ethical issues that arise in public administration. Theoretical justification and application for ethical problems that arise in leadership positions will be explored.

CJ 530. Criminal Evidence. (3 Credits)

An examination of the basic principles of evidence including but not limited to testimonial and physical evidence used in the prosecution of criminal cases.

CJ 534. Criminal Procedure. (3 Credits)

Examines the procedural requirements for judicial processing of criminal offenders. Topics include the concepts of evidence sufficiency, standards of proof, due process, and constitutional safeguards.

CJ 550. Theory and Control of Crime. (3 Credits)

An examination of the major theories of criminal behavior and their implications for crime control policies.

CJ 580. Psychological Dimensions of Criminal Justice Practice. (3 Credits)

Examines the psychological dimensions of criminal justice practice. Topics include the psychology of criminal conduct, the science for forensic profiling, the interviewing and interrogation of suspects, witnesses and victims, the interpersonal relationships among criminal justice professionals and members of the public, and other timely selected topics.

CJ 591. Special Topics. (3 Credits)

This course surveys a contemporary justice issue. Topics will be treated by developing a theoretical understanding of the issue, and will foster both writing and critical inquiry skills. Course may be substituted for one upper-level elective in criminal justice.

CJ 606. Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice. (3 Credits)

An analytical approach to the controversies surrounding the juvenile justice process, including the goals of the systems, police-juvenile interaction, juvenile adjudication, and corrections.

CJ 610. Nature and Function of the American Judicial System. (3 Credits)

Structure and function of the American judicial system; judicial process, ethics and decision making in the criminal and juvenile courts.

CJ 614. Management and Policy in Criminal Justice Organizations. (3 Credits)

Approaches to the effective management of criminal justice organizations, with specific emphasis on personnel management and policy implications. Specialized topics include management principles, organizational structures, legal mandates, and political and social influences.

CJ 618. Crime in America. (3 Credits)

This course will focus upon the statistical patterns of specific crimes, the modus operandi of offenders, the social-psychology of specific types of offenders (rapists, arsonists, etc.), techniques of crime prevention/protection, and potential solutions to the crime problem.

CJ 622. Contemporary Issues in Corrections. (3 Credits)

An analytical examination of current issues in corrections, including those applicable to American prisons and jails, probation, parole, and correctional programs both within correctional institutions and in the community.

CJ 630. Victimology. (3 Credits)

The study of victims and victimization, including sources of victimization data, patterns of victim/offender relationships, the role of victims in their own victimization, special needs of victim types, responses of the community, law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems to the needs of victims.

CJ 634. Advanced Criminal Procedure. (3 Credits)

Investigation, pretrial procedure, trial procedure and sentencing, post-trial motions, appeals, reviews, and remedies in the criminal courts.

CJ 640. Methods of Research in Criminal Justice. (3 Credits)

The application of the elements of scientific research to criminal justice; the implementation of research designs, methods, and tools; data processing analysis.

CJ 645. Advanced Statistical Applications. (3 Credits)

An examination of the use of inferential statistics in the analysis of criminal justice data. Major course topics will include the analyses and applications of probabilities, chisquare, t-test, ANOVA, correlations, and bivariate and multiple regression.

CJ 650. Criminological Theory. (3 Credits)

A critical analysis of the major criminological theories and their empirical foundation with emphasis on current theory and research.

CJ 660. Comparative Criminal Justice. (3 Credits)

A study of international expressions of law, police, courts, and corrections emphasizing how various countries organize and administer their formal social control efforts. This course aims to provide students with an opportunity to contrast American criminal justice practices with those of several countries so as to understand why criminal justice systems work as they do and what advantages and disadvantages are related to such expressions of criminal justice.

CJ 690. Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. (3 Credits)

An analytical examination of the controversies surrounding law enforcement practice, with primary emphasis on its functions, problems, administration, and interaction with other criminal justice agencies.

CJ 691. Special Topics. (3 Credits)

This course offers an opportunity for faculty and students to explore in depth topics of contemporary interest in the area of criminology and criminal justice that are not generally covered in the standard courses. While course content will vary from section to section, topics will be developing an empirical and practical understanding of the issues featured in the course, and will foster both writing and critical thinking skills.

CJ 695. Thesis. (3-6 Credits)

This course involves the selection of a thesis topic, collection and analysis of primary or secondary data, and the composition of the thesis, and thesis defense under faculty supervision. This course may be used to maintain continuous enrollment. Permission of supervising faculty and graduate director are required.

CJ 698. Comprehensive Examination. (0 Credits)

Orientation to and administration of a written comprehensive examination for the MSCJ program. A non-credit course required of all candidates to be taken the last term in which the student is expected to complete all other program requirements. A grade of "S" indicating satisfactory performance or a grade of "U" for unsatisfactory will be recorded on the transcript. A grade of "S" is required for graduation; may be repeated once. Prerequisite: student must have completed all other program requirements or be enrolled in the last course for program completion.

CJ 699. Independent Study/Research. (3 Credits)

Guided independent study and/or research in an area related to criminal justice administration. Prerequisite: approval from the department chair.