CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the criminal justice system, which consists of public and private police, courts and corrections.

The course of study enables the graduate to pursue a career in law enforcement, correctional security and counseling, probation, parole, court administration, personnel management in various criminal justice agencies or private security. The program also prepares students to enter law school or graduate school in the social and behavioral sciences. It provides an excellent opportunity for criminal justice personnel, and community and junior college graduates, to obtain a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Applicants who have completed the municipal, state or FBI training may apply for advanced standing.

Faculty

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Major in Criminal Justice

The major in Criminal Justice requires the completion of 36 credits of Criminal Justice courses and 6 credits of required supporting courses.

REQUIRED COURSES

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 120 Crime and Criminal Behavior
CJ 201 Criminal Law
CJ 253 Criminal Justice Ethics
CJ 381 Research Methods in Criminal Justice

Choose 3 of the following:

CJ 200 Constitutional Law
CJ 220 Introduction to Corrections
CJ 251 Criminal Courts and Discretion
CJ 270 Issues and Problems in Criminal Justice

ELECTIVE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

12 credits of Criminal Justice electives are required for the major. Elective course selections are made in consultation with an advisor.

Corrections Courses

CJ 213 Probation and Parole
CJ 216 Juvenile Justice
CJ 220 Introduction to Corrections
CJ 223 Interviewing and Counseling
CJ 390 Internship

Law Enforcement Courses

CJ 230 Introduction to Law Enforcement
CJ 231 Criminal Investigation
CJ 232 Police-Community Relations
CJ 235 Law of Evidence
CJ 239 Police Administration and Supervision
CJ 390 Internship
Security Courses
CJ 240  Introduction to Security
CJ 247  Security Administration
CJ 248  Introduction to Fraud Examination
CJ 390  Internship

REQUIRED SUPPORTING COURSES
CS 100  Introduction to Information Technology
MA 131  Statistics for Decision Making

Minors in Criminal Justice
The minor in Criminal Justice requires the completion of the following 18 credits

REQUIRED COURSES IN THE MINOR
CJ 101  Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 120  Crime and Criminal Behavior
Four Criminal Justice electives

Course Descriptions

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 CR
Provides an overview of the criminal justice system and its processes.

CJ 120 Crime and Criminal Behavior | 3 CR
This course uses an interdisciplinary perspective to examine the causes, measurement, patterns and the effects of socioeconomic status on crime and criminal behavior.

CJ 200 American Constitutional Law | 3 CR
Focuses on the development of the Constitution through interpretations of the U.S. Supreme Court. A study of civil rights and civil liberties. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 201 Criminal Law | 3 CR
Substantive aspects of criminal law with emphasis on statutory criminal law. Examines the purpose and goals of criminal law and the historical development of its basic concepts. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 211 Women and the Law | 3 CR
Traces the development of sex discrimination as a legal and social phenomenon. The law is covered in terms of its historical perspective. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 213 Probation and Parole | 3 CR
Teaches the application of probation, pardon and parole methods for both juveniles and adults. Analyzes the most effective methods and techniques as they apply to these services. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 216 Juvenile Justice | 3 CR
Includes an in-depth examination of the juvenile justice system, its history and its practices. The course also examines the nature and causes of juvenile delinquency, sociological factors that influence such behavior, typologies of juvenile offenders, and current trends in the control of such behavior. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 220 Introduction to Corrections | 3 CR
A general overview of the corrections system including the historical development of control of human behavior in society. Analysis of the major issues confronting corrections. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 223 Interviewing and Counseling | 3 CR
Practice-oriented course designed to provide the basic techniques of counseling and interviewing. Prerequisite: CJ 101
CJ 224 Women and the Criminal Justice System | 3 CR
Explores the changing roles of women in the criminal justice system. The course focuses on women offenders, women victims and women criminal justice professionals. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 230 Introduction to Law Enforcement | 3 CR
A study of investigative techniques, sources of information and an analysis of the relationships of investigative units with other law enforcement units and agencies. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 231 Criminal Investigation | 3 CR
An examination of the investigative techniques used by law enforcement agencies to control and detect crimes. Prequisite: CJ 101

CJ 232 Police–Community Relations | 3 CR
Examines various human relations issues that affect policing and police management. Also explores programs established by the police in community relations and community involvement in police policies. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 235 Law of Evidence | 3 CR
An explanation and analysis of the rules of evidence. Examines court decisions concerning the rights of citizens and the rules for giving testimony and the protecting and safeguarding of evidence. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 239 Police Administration and Supervision | 3 CR
Examines management principles as they apply to police organizations. This course includes discussion on the organization and management of police personnel at all levels of operation, leadership styles, policy formation and the internal control of the organization. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 240 Introduction to Security | 3 CR
Discusses the historical, theoretical and legal bases of security, including the purpose of security in modern society, ethics and security, standards and goals for the security industry. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 242 White-Collar Crime | 3 CR
Examines the parameters and magnitude of white-collar crime and the literature that has been proffered as explanation for it. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 243 Private Security Law | 3 CR
Examines the relationship between the law and private security operations and criminal law principles of particular concern to security personnel. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 246 Organized Crime | 3 CR
Explores how organized crime is structured and how it can be controlled. The impact of organized crime on major crimes is also assessed. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 247 Security Administration | 3 CR
Presents an overview of security operations in both the public and private sectors. This course includes an examination of loss prevention strategies and safety and fire prevention programs. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 248 Introduction to Fraud Examination | 3 CR
Examines the legal elements of fraud and fraud investigation. This course also explores the methods of preventing, detecting, and deterring fraud in organizations as well as preserving the chain of custody for the court and compiling evidence for court proceedings. Prerequisite: CJ 101
CJ 250 Crisis Intervention for Public Safety Personnel | 3 CR
Examines the concepts and techniques used by criminal justice practitioners in handling crisis situations. Deals with limited, on-site crisis intervention provided by those first to respond. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 251 Criminal Courts and Discretion | 3 CR
Examines the criminal courts as the fulcrum of the criminal justice system. Emphasis on the actual mechanics of the system and the decision making of its functionaries. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 252 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems | 3 CR
Examines how culture, history and economics influence legal systems and the treatment of offenders in various countries. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 253 Criminal Justice Ethics | 3 CR
Examines the fundamentals of ethical theory, controversies and rules of moral judgment as they relate to criminal justice practitioners. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 255 Constitutional Rights of Prisoners | 3 CR
Examines the constitutional rights of prisoners focusing on recent Supreme Court rulings. The Eighth Amendment and its application to prisoners and prison officials are analyzed and discussed through court cases and current events. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 256 Criminalistics | 3 CR
An introduction to forensic science, this course examines the application of forensic science to criminal investigations as well as the techniques of the crime lab through actual and case histories. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 257 Serial Killers and Profilers | 3 CR
An introductory study of the topic of serial killers and criminal profiling. Analyzes both the individual and collective sociological, psychological and emotional aspects of serial killers in an effort to determine why they kill. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 270 Issues and Problems in Criminal Justice | 3 CR
Description and analysis of crucial issues and problems relating to selected structure and processes in the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 299 Special Topics in Criminal Justice | 3 CR
Designates new or occasional courses that may or may not become part of the department’s permanent offerings. Consult the current course schedule for available topics and prerequisites. Prerequisite: CJ 101

CJ 381 Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 3 CR
Examines the methods of research and the types of data used to develop an understanding of criminal behavior and to create and change policy in the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: CJ 101, MA 131, CS 100

CJ 304 Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the Criminal Justice System | 3 CR
Exploration of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Catholic social teaching and the intersection of contemporary issues and policies of the criminal justice system are examined. Prerequisites: CJ 101, CJ 120, CJ 201

CJ 390 Internship | 3–6 CR
Supervised placement in a criminal justice agency. Prerequisite: Permission of department chairperson