

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIMLJUS)

CRIMLJUS 6030 Criminal Law 3 Credits

A study of the principles, doctrines, and selected rules of criminal law; the sources of substantive criminal law and historical development of common law principles of criminal responsibility; constitutional constraints on the decision to define behavior as criminal.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 6130 Police-Community Relations 3 Credits

Analysis of the interdependence of the police and community in maintaining order and controlling crime; theories of community and the community's role in the development of police systems; tension and conflict in police community interaction; programs and strategies for improving the quality of police-community relations.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 6230 Community-Based Corrections 3 Credits

Community-based correctional programs, pre- and post-trial; a critical investigation of theories, practices, and problems involved in pre-trial diversion, probation, and parole.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 6330 Criminal Procedure and Evidence 3 Credits

A study of case law defining constitutional constraints on police behavior in the areas of arrest, search and seizure, interrogation, identification and investigation; rules on the exclusion of illegally seized evidence.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 6630 Current Topics in Criminal Justice 1-3 Credits

Current issues in criminal justice that may not warrant a permanent course. Course content will be announced each time the course is presented.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7030 Criminal Justice Systems 3 Credits

An extensive analysis of the functions, processes, and structures of the criminal justice system: interrelationships among the components of the system, with emphasis on law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice are explored.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7120 Policing in a Democratic Society 3 Credits

Policing in a democratic society offers a critical and an in-depth analysis of past, present, and future law enforcement functions in the United States. Examines how police as agents of social control operate and function within a democratic society.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7130 Criminal Justice Research and Statistical Methods 3 Credits

An analysis of the various criminal justice research methods and statistical procedures, with emphasis on research design, questionnaire construction, the construction and use of surveys, uses of available data, methods of collecting and analyzing data, the testing of hypotheses, the drawing of inferences, and the writing of the research report.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7230 Criminological Theory 3 Credits

An extensive examination of the criminological theories and empirical research that support and challenge these explanations of criminal behavior; the central concepts and hypotheses of each theory, and the critical criteria for evaluating each theory in terms of its empirical validity.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7310 Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy 3 Credits

This course analyzes and critiques the history, comparative perspectives, legal framework, responses to child maltreatment, the skills necessary to do the work, and other pertinent issues pertaining to child maltreatment and child advocacy.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7320 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Youth 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of juvenile delinquency and youth crime, stratified by race, ethnicity, social class, and gender. The course will cover the nature and extent of delinquency among juveniles, theories of causation, socio-environmental causes, the juvenile justice system, and programs designed to address delinquency.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7330 Law as Social Control 3 Credits

An analysis of the needs, functions, utilization and effects of informal and formal social control mechanisms; theoretical perspectives on social control and law, and empirical examination of theories of law as a social control mechanism.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7340 Cyber-Crime 3 Credits

This course will examine the forms and extent of crimes committed by computer and Internet and how these types of crimes challenge traditional approaches of investigation and prosecution. Topics will include 4th Amendment aspects of computer and cyber-crimes, the law of electronic surveillance, computer hacking, online fraud, cyber-bullying, and other computer crimes as well as encryption, online economic espionage and cyber-terrorism.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7430 Victimology 3 Credits

Although individuals have been victimized by crime since the beginning of recorded human life, the study of crime victims, or victimology, is of relatively recent origin. This course provides an extensive overview of the principles and concepts of victimology, an analysis of victimization patterns and trends, and theoretical reasoning and responses to criminal victimization. In addition, this course explores the role of victimology in the criminal justice system, examining the consequences of victimization and the various remedies now available for victims.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7510 Public Finance & Budgeting 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with foundational knowledge in budgetary theory as well as equip students with the basic financial management tools needed for effective public financial administration. The various concepts are presented and applied using actual examples, problems, and exercises that reinforce the concepts.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7520 Civil Liability & Risk Management 3 Credits

This course examines the law of torts related to police, corrections, and other criminal justice agencies, including concepts of negligence, intent, duty of care, proximate cause, foreseeability, good faith defenses, and other legal doctrines. Both state tort law and federal law (especially under 42 U.S.C. 1983) will be examined. Major U.S. Supreme Court cases will be studied, as well as patterns and trends in federal and state lawsuits regarding civil rights violations and failure to exercise due care. Liability of law enforcement officers, municipalities, correctional officers, corrections agencies and other criminal justice entities is reviewed. Damages, injunctions and other remedies for civil wrongs are discussed, and differences between state and federal law and court processes are examined.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7530 Criminal Justice Administration 3 Credits

This course will provide an in-depth overview of the administration and management of criminal justice organizations with an emphasis on police entities. Students in the course will be exposed to a theoretical and conceptual framework which may be used to analyze and more effectively deal with the complexities of contemporary issues confronting law enforcement administrators. Although centered on the law enforcement environment, the principles and issues discussed in this course would be appropriate for administrators in any criminal justice environment.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7540 Principles of Emergency Operations Management 3 Credits

This course presents an overview of the concepts, theories and discipline of emergency management related to law enforcement and other homeland security professions at the local, state, federal and international levels.

Components: Discussion, Class

CRIMLJUS 7550 Emergency Operations Planning & Preparedness 3 Credits

Principles and managerial practices of police and related intergovernmental agencies for large-scale multi-agency emergency response planning and preparedness.

Components: Discussion, Class

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. CRIMLJUS 7540

CRIMLJUS 7560 Application and Techniques of Emergency Management 3 Credits

This capstone course examines the role and importance of community critical infrastructure identification and protection considerations, situational assessment, intelligence and investigation, and utilization of emergency management information systems (EMIS) to develop components of an emergency operations plan (EOP) for large-scale emergencies and disasters using an integrated emergency management approach. Techniques for multi-discipline application of concepts and principles will allow students to focus on their area of interest such as law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, and general emergency management depending on their area of interest.

Components: Discussion, Class

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. CRIMLJUS 7540 and CRIMLJUS 7550

CRIMLJUS 7630 Contemporary Correctional Systems: Institutional and Community-Based Corrections 3 Credits

The course presents a study of the history, theory and practice of contemporary corrections. History will be used to frame and to help explain how certain practices evolved from a particular socio-economic context. The course is intended to encourage analytic thinking about how as a society we respond to legal violations. Students will review classic essays describing the social dynamics of punishment. Students will also examine factors contributing to the rise of reformatories, parole, and probation from the 1880's to the present, the emergence of the rehabilitative ideal, inmate adaptations to incarcerations, prison rights issues, the move to law and order or "get tough" on crime, and the culture of control since 1990's.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7730 Evaluation and Program Analysis in the Criminal Justice System 3 Credits

This graduate level course will focus on the key concepts, methods, and issues in the field of evaluation research. Students will be exposed to the theoretical, methodological, and utilization of evaluation approaches in order to design, implement, and assess the most effective programs. Specific focus will center on needs assessment, impact assessments, monitoring, applications of various quantitative and qualitative techniques, and proposal writing. A review of basic research methods principles will also be provided.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7880 Criminal Justice Internship 3 Credits

Enhancement of the educational experience through placement of a student with a governmental or private agency; emphasis placed on integration of criminal justice theory and practice through field observation, practical experience, and extensive writing, including daily logs and a final internship paper.

Components: Class

CRIMLJUS 7920 Seminar Paper Research 3 Credits

Based on individual interest and consultation with an advisor, the student will be required to write an advanced research paper on a specific topic; the independent empirical research should serve as a capstone to the student's educational experience, and as a bridge to the student's future in the criminal justice field. (All master's programs: contact advisor for prior approval and registration instructions.)

Components: Seminar

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. CRIMLJUS 7030, CRIMLJUS 7130 or CRIMLJUS 7730, CRIMLJUS 7230 and CRIMLJUS 7330

CRIMLJUS 7940 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Designed to present to students specialized topics in the field of criminal justice depending upon interest of students and approval of staff.

Components: Class

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. Contact advisor for prior approval and registration instructions

CRIMLJUS 7980 Independent Study in Criminal Justice 1-4 Credits

Students registering for independent study must submit, at or before registration, a description and timetable for completion, signed by the instructor supervising the independent study. The project must be above and beyond the student's traditional employment requirements. This is to be a graduate level experience, conducted with graduate rigor and culminating in a document of professional quality. The final report must describe and summarize the project in detail; wherever feasible, graphics, figures, data, and equations are to be included.

Components: Independent Study

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. Contact advisor for prior approval and registration instructions

CRIMLJUS 7990 Thesis Research 3-6 Credits

Completion and defense of a carefully delineated scholarly work advancing an original point of view as a result of research. The topic chosen must reflect the student's area of emphasis, and must be approved by a thesis committee. (All master's programs: contact advisor for prior approval and registration instructions.)

Components: Thesis Research

Prereqs/Coreqs: P. CRIMLJUS 7030, CRIMLJUS 7130, CRIMLJUS 7230 and CRIMLJUS 7330