

CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP (CJL)

CJL 200 - INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A survey and analysis of the criminal justice system, including an historical and philosophical overview of its development, with special emphasis on the system's primary components (Police, Courts, Corrections and Juvenile Justice) and the relationship among these components in the administration of criminal justice in America.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Legal Studies, Social Science

CJL 220 - JUVENILE JUSTICE

History and philosophies of society's reaction to juvenile behavior and problems. Interaction among the police, judiciary, and corrections are examined within the context of cultural influences. Theoretical perspectives of causation and control of delinquency are examined.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 230 - INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS

An overview and analysis of the American correctional system: history, evolution, and philosophy of punishment and treatment; operation and administration in institutions (jails and prisons) non-institutional settings (probation and parole); and issues in correctional law.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 240 - INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY

An introduction to the multi-disciplinary study and analysis of the nature, causes, and control of crime; measurement of crime; and the interactive roles of the system, victim, and offender.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 250 - CRIMINAL LAW

A study of the nature of criminal law including the historical and philosophical developments of substantive and procedural law. Students will learn to define and apply terms of law and concepts that accompany them, discuss the classifications of crime, define elements of crimes and the penalties attached thereto according to the model penal code and discuss the criminal responsibilities of persons. It will also examine and analyze the principles of criminal law, including the acts, mental state, and attendant circumstances that are necessary elements of crime.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 300 - POLICE & SOCIETY

An overview of the agencies that comprise the criminal justice system. The goals of law enforcement, courts, and corrections will be considered from historical, ethical, philosophical, and practical perspectives.

Particular focus will be given to understanding the search for causes of crime and how it impacts the development of CJ policy, and the process by which these are evaluated.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 305 - RESEARCH METHODS

An introduction to the process, logic, and skills of gathering data using the scientific method. The range of research designs, their strengths and weaknesses, the specific research tools needed for the collection of criminal justice data, analytical techniques, and appropriate policy responses are examined.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200 and CJL 240 and ENG 102

CJL 310 - ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

An examination of the ethical considerations and constraints relevant to the criminal justice system. The course will use scenario based exploration of the issues of crime and justice in the context of a contemporary diverse society. Topics include police corruption, corrections and judicial corruption, diversity issues pertaining to agency practitioners and interacting in a diverse world. Specific attention is given to the effect of race, ethnicity, gender and special populations on offending and victimization, adjudication and sentencing.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 330 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE & THE CONSTITUTION

An exploration of the various 20th century social movements that have confronted the criminal justice system, and the various ways these movements have affected judicial interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Specific areas of focus include the impact of civil rights on police methods, prison reform and hate crimes legislation; civil liability of law enforcement and corrections officials; the rights pertaining to due process and equal protection for accused and convicted individuals; and the role of law in efforts to evaluate and solve social problems.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200 and CJL 250

CJL 331 - VICTIMOLOGY

This course provides an introductory examination of criminal victimization in the United States via an overview of current theory, research, and trends within the context of specific victimization types. Students will examine specific crime types, the impact of crime on victims and society, the role of victims within the criminal justice system, specific remedies, victim rights and services.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 333 - WOMEN AND CRIME

This course is a critical examination of the experiences of women involved with the criminal justice system with a focus on three major areas: (1) female offenders and their treatment by the criminal justice system; (2) female victims of crime; and (3) female employees of the agencies of the criminal justice system.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science, Women Gender Studies

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 340 - ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

In this exploration of Environmental Crime and Law, students will consider critical questions such as, why study environmental harm? Should these harms be considered crimes? Furthermore, where might criminal justice and environmental degradation intersect? A theoretical foundation will be surveyed as well as a short historical analysis of environmental movements. The course will then address Environmental Crime Investigation, in which organizations and databases are used for data collection and some future issues and challenges that may emerge. The overall objective of this class is two-fold: to introduce students to environmental issues and consider current topics within the context of both political and legal history of the criminal justice apparatus; and to consider differing perspectives concerning the existence and degree of criminality within environmental pollution and its effects on society.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

CJL 345 - MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

This course will examine the correlation between crime and mental health as well as drug and alcohol abuse. We will explore the evolving fiscal, health and human costs associated with combatting mental illness and substance abuse within the American criminal justice system, including analyzing proposed solutions and sentencing alternatives.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

CJL 355 - CRIME IN AMERICA

This course will study the crime problems from a historical perspective, with attention given to the social, political and economic factors affecting crime. Students will review crime trends, efforts of crime prevention, and the evolution in the explanations for criminal behavior.

Credits: 3

Attributes: Social Science

Prerequisites: CJL 200 and CJL 240

CJL 365 - WHITE COLLAR CRIME

An examination of white-collar crime; particularly definitional issues. The nature and scope of white-collar crime; the costs associated with white-collar crime, and especially corporate crime are investigated. Other topics include: digital crime, occupational crime, and governmental crime. Students will explore how the criminal justice system responds to such crimes and what interventions will have been utilized. Finally, students will explore why white collar crime occurs.

Credits: 3

CJL 381 - DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA

An exploration of the history of social control and punishment leading up to the formation of the American system. Topics include race, class, gender, juvenile, and comparative issues in punishment. Issues such as deterrence, cost, innocence, constitutional law, and the social, political, and economic realities of punishment policy will be examined.

Credits: 3

CJL 382 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

An introduction to investigation techniques, interviewing techniques, detection of deception, and the qualities of a credible witness. Topics include issues with eye-witness testimony, cultural considerations when conducting an investigation, professional ethics and of course, what does forensic really mean in the context of investigation.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: CJL 200

CJL 389 - SPECIAL TOPICS

This is a Special Topics course, in which subject matter varies by section. Content is thematic and crafted around a unique topic, giving students a focused theoretical and practical understanding.

Credits: 1,3

CJL 390 - SENIOR SEMINAR

Designed as a comprehensive synthesis of the knowledge and skills learned in the curriculum, this capstone experience will engage students in the process of identifying and analyzing real-life issues facing criminal justice agencies, as well as techniques for developing and proposing solutions to constituents. The final project will culminate into a formal evaluation of a contemporary crime program or policy, complete with concerns and recommendations for future implementation. The strengthening of skills pertaining to critical thinking, effective written and communication, teamwork, embracing alternative viewpoints, and presentation delivery will be emphasized.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: CJL 200 and CJL 305 and ENG 102

CJL 395 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP

Individually designed Criminal Justice internships and/or service-learning experiences. Students must find an appropriate internship in the field of Criminal Justice and a faculty sponsor, then apply to the Department Chair for enrollment in CJL 395. Internships are a minimum of 130 hours during the semester, and students are required to complete written work, as determined by the faculty advisor, that reflects on their experience.

Credits: 1-6

CJL 396 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INDEPENDENT STUDY

The Criminal Justice Independent Study course is intended for advanced Criminal Justice Majors. Students will work with individual faculty on individually-designed advanced research projects.

Credits: 1-6

Course Notes: Approval of Department Chair required.