

2017-2018 Criminal Justice Course Descriptions

Criminal Justice

CRJ 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice. This course will introduce the student to the field of criminal justice. Basic information on the police, courts and correctional systems and how they interrelate will be presented. An emphasis will be placed on contemporary issues in the criminal justice system. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 199 Special Topics. See All-University 199 course description.

CRJ 201 Law Enforcement. This course is designed to provide basic level information on the structure and function of law enforcement and law enforcement techniques in the United States. Theoretical models explaining law enforcement practices will be discussed. Contemporary issues in law enforcement as well as career options will also be examined. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 203 Community Corrections. This course is designed for students who are interested in areas of criminal justice that are not directly related to law enforcement. Areas such as probation, parole and juvenile justice will be explored. A brief summary of the history of each area will be explored. Career options in these areas will also be addressed. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 208 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice. This course will explore a wide variety of current issues involving minorities and women as perpetrators, victims and employees of the criminal justice system. Students will actively participate in analyzing potential solutions to contemporary problems in regard to minorities and women in criminal justice. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 210 Careers in Criminal Justice. This course is a practical examination of careers in criminal justice. It will include guest speakers who are criminal justice practitioners in areas such as law enforcement, corrections, homeland security, and private security. Assignments will be designed to improve student understanding of various career opportunities and improve student ability to pursue those opportunities. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 299 Special Topics. See All-University 299 course description. Prerequisite: CRJ 105.

CRJ 301 Crime Investigation. This course covers the fundamental principles and procedure employed in the investigation of a crime. Emphasis is placed on the investigation of specific crimes, the identification of sources of information and the procedures necessary for the proper handling of evidence. This course is designed to develop a working knowledge of the steps of investigation beginning with the initial security of the crime scene and concluding with the preparation of the courtroom report. Prerequisites: CRJ 105 and CRJ 201; or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 308 Criminal Procedure. This course will examine the procedures involved in the processing of crime, including the elements that define specific crimes and the progression of criminal cases from evidence collection and suspect interviews through prosecution. The course will familiarize students with steps involved in the criminal process and constitutional rights of the accused. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 325 Treatment Methods in Criminal Justice. This course is designed to familiarize students with issues related to treatment methodology in corrections. It focuses on principles and theories related to treatment methodologies, with an emphasis on offender rehabilitation. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 335 Profiling Serial Killers. This course is designed to familiarize students with profiling serial killers. Students will study key information related to profiling, learn how to integrate profiling techniques, and develop an understanding of various other concepts related to profiling serial killers. The emphasis of the course is integration of material and developing the ability to profile. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 345 Gangs and Organized Crime. This class familiarizes students with the subject of organized crime. Students will examine major theoretical perspectives and key case studies to understand the way that different organized crimes are perpetrated and combatted. Issues will be examined from multiple disciplinary perspectives. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 355 Law Enforcement Administration. The primary focus of this course is on current organizational theories in law enforcement. These theories will be explored in relation to the management and administration of criminal justice agencies through both classroom exercises and experiential learning. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 376 Drugs and Crime. The primary focus of this course is how the criminal justice system responds to drug-related crimes and drug-related offenders. The course will compare current criminal justice policies on drug-related crimes, analyze intervention strategies, and look at criminal justice initiatives to reduce the drug problem. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 399 Special Topics. See All-University 399 course description. Prerequisite: CRJ 105.

CRJ 410 Advanced Seminar. The topics for this seminar will vary. Examples of potential topics include: violence and society, administration of justice, and victimology. Students must be prepared to work within the framework of a seminar-style format. Students may repeat this course one time, due to the rotation of topics. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 490 Senior Culminating Experience. This course involves planning and developing an original research project. Topics and activities include developing research questions, examining theoretical issues, reviewing literature, articulating hypotheses, and describing the methods that are used to answer research questions. In developing and presenting a research proposal, students will incorporate knowledge gained from previously-taken criminal justice courses. Prerequisites: CRJ 105, CRJ 208, CRJ 210, CRJ 308, MTH 121 or SOC 365, SOC 205 or SOC 280, and SOC 364. Cross-listed as SOC 490. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 494 Honors Thesis/Project. See All-University 494 course description.

CRJ 499 Internships. See All-University 499 course description. Cross-listed as SOC 499. 1-16 Semester Hours.

