

2015-2016 Criminal Justice Course Descriptions

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 Applied Criminal Justice. 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 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 Law and Procedure. This course will examine the elements which define specific crimes and analyze the processing of a criminal case from the time it is presented for prosecution until its conclusion at the trial court. The course will introduce students to the steps of the criminal process and analyze the constitutional rights of the accused. Prerequisite: CRJ 105. 4 Semester Hours.

CRJ 355 Criminal Justice Administration. The primary focus of this course is on current organizational theories in law enforcement and corrections. 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 Practicum. This course is a practical examination of careers in criminal justice. It will feature speakers who are criminal justice practitioners in areas such as law enforcement, corrections, homeland security, and private security. Assignments, such as off-campus activities in professional criminal justice related settings, will be designed to improve student understanding of various career opportunities and improve student ability to pursue those opportunities. Prerequisites: CRJ 105, CRJ 208, CRJ 308, CRJ 355 and SOC 364; or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

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

CRJ 499 Internships. See All-University 499 course description.