Criminal Justice (CJ)

Courses numbered 100 to 299 = lower-division; 300 to 499 = upper-division; 500 to 799 = undergraduate/graduate.

CJ 191. Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 credit hours
*General education introductory course.* Introduces crime and the criminal justice system by discussing the nature of crime and by identifying multiple facets of the justice system, including the police, the courts and correctional agencies. Studies the role of the criminal justice system as it relates to the individual and to society. Students become acquainted with criminal justice careers.

CJ 310. Community-Based Corrections 3 credit hours
Focuses on the analysis and evaluation of programs in community settings such as diversion, probation, parole, halfway houses, furlough, study release, work release and restitution. Discusses programs in terms of definition, history, purpose, administration/process, problems, cost and effectiveness. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 315. Criminal Law 3 credit hours
History, scope and nature of law; parties to crime, classification of offenses, act and intent; capacity to commit crime; and defenses. Examines elements of major criminal statutes and an overview of criminal processes and rules of evidence. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 320. Criminal Procedure 3 credit hours
Criminal procedure in the criminal justice system, including rights of accused, initiation of prosecution, rules of arrest, search and seizure, and the exclusionary rule. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 341. Criminalistics and Scientific Crime Detection 3 credit hours
Studies the application of the natural sciences to assist law enforcement officers and the criminal justice system. Studies investigative procedures from the crime scene through laboratory analysis to the presentation of evidence in court. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 343. Special Investigations 3 credit hours
Care, collection and preservation of evidence. Studies sources of information and locating subjects, crime scene recording and investigative techniques applicable to specific offenses. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 351. The Victim in Criminal Justice 3 credit hours
*General education advanced further study course.* Examines the relationship of crime victims to the criminal justice system. Considers the role of the victim in crime occurrences, as well as theoretical developments in the field. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 353. Organized and White Collar Crime 3 credit hours
Surveys the history, scope and impact of organized and white collar crime in America, areas of influence, remedial practices and methods of legal control. Reviews the societal conditions involved in the appearance, spread and expansion of organized and white collar crime in America and the overlap and interrelationship between corporate and business crime (white collar and organized crime). Emphasizes the processes of infiltration, fraud and corruption that are characteristic of these conspiratorial crimes. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 355. Special Populations in the Criminal Justice System 3 credit hours
*General education advanced further study course.* Examines the role of women and minorities as employees of the criminal justice system. Also explores the role of women, minorities, juveniles and elder citizens as individuals who commit crime and are apprehended and sanctioned by the criminal justice system. Considers the unique challenges of each of the four identified populations, including their interactions with law enforcement, the judiciary and corrections. Course includes diversity content. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 381. Special Topics 3 credit hours
Detailed study of topics in criminal justice with particular emphasis established according to the expertise of the various instructors. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 381AK. Digital Investigations 3 credit hours
Cross-listed as CJ 783AK. Discusses how computers play a role in both crime and criminal investigations. Although digital investigation is usually thought to be associated with cybercrimes, class does not necessarily focus solely on cybercrimes. With today’s technologies, all crimes could involve digital evidence and hence require digital investigation. Students learn about the methods that criminals may adopt as well as the methods that investigators may use. Some coursework requires more-than-minimum computer knowledge and operation of computer software. Students need to have a functional computer and access to the internet.

CJ 381AL. Criminal Brains, Criminal Minds 3 credit hours
Cross-listed as CJ 783AL. Explores the causes of criminal behavior holistically by employing genetics/biology, neuroscience, psychopathy, and development/life course criminology. The impact of pre/perinatal care, parental substance abuse, child maltreatment, and the exposure to violence on developing brains and its behavioral consequences is addressed. Additionally, the relationship between brain dysfunction and mental disorder in conjunction to the genesis of violence is examined.

CJ 381AM. Environmental Crime and Green Criminology 3 credit hours
Studies of crimes against the environment remain underrepresented in criminology. Course seeks to bring attention to this important area of criminology by introducing the scope and prevalence of environmental harms and crimes in the United States and abroad. Topics such conflict and climate change, exposure to toxins and correlated deviance, the distribution of environmental hazard sites relative to race, class, and ethnic groups, as well as environmental law and regulation are explored.

CJ 381AN. Crime Scene Reconstruction 3 credit hours
Through text and case studies participants learn to analyze crime scene events using established principles and scientific method to define as accurately as possible what did and did not occur during the commission of major crimes. Participants develop the ability to take information from multiple investigative sources and forensic disciplines to effectively understand the events surrounding the commission of crime, as well as limitations in the investigative process.

CJ 381AP. Crime, Race & Social Class 3 credit hours
Designed to introduce students to criminological, historical and legal analyses of the American justice system, with special emphasis on: (1) racial and class relations in society (2) racial and class differences in crime and violence, and (3) racial and class disparities in the justice system. Draws on research to examine the social construction of racial and class identity, the causes of racial and class differences in offending, and the consequences of ethnicity and class identity in criminal case processing. A variety of specific topics are addressed, including theories of racial, class, and ethnic antagonism, racial, class, and ethnic differences in violence, racial/class disparities in punishment such as the death penalty, and correctional problems surrounding the overrepresentation of minorities and poor people in American prisons. Course goal is to provide a foundation for critically assessing the often controversial issues surrounding class, race, ethnicity, crime and criminal justice in society.
CJ 381V. Domestic Violence  3 credit hours
Cross-listed as SCWK 590, WOMS 5803 and CJ 783F. Deals with the roots of domestic violence embedded in family roles, legal systems, religious beliefs, and the psychology of women, children and men. Also covers the consequences and prevention of family abuse. Includes discussion of literature and films. Course includes diversity content.

CJ 382. Workshop in Criminal Justice  1-3 credit hours
Prerequisites: CJ 191, instructor's consent.

CJ 391. Corrections  3 credit hours

CJ 392. Law Enforcement  3 credit hours
Examines the interaction of police and citizens as regulated by constitutional provisions and other legal and social constraints. Pre- or corequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 393. Serial Killers  3 credit hours
Examines the history, dynamics, causation, investigation and control of the phenomenon of serial crimes, particularly homicide. Emphasizes investigative techniques including psychological and geographic profiling. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 394. Courts & Judicial Systems  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. Consists of a case study approach of an individual defendant from the time the crime is committed through the defendant's parole (of an actual homicide case in California). Includes legal analysis of the procedures and rules involved throughout the criminal justice process. Students play the role of the decision maker for the law enforcement, court and correction agencies, resulting in an in-depth view of the adversary procedures which form the basis for the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 401. Management of Criminal Justice Agencies  3 credit hours
An intensive examination of a variety of emerging administrative and management concepts and the processes related to the determination and implementation of management philosophy. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 407. Introduction to Research Methods  3 credit hours
Introduces research methods emphasizing the methods most commonly used. Includes library and reference materials, government documents and legal materials. Prerequisite: CJ 191, ETHS 100, or AGE 100.

CJ 420. Criminal Evidence  3 credit hours
Concepts of criminal evidence rules as they pertain to kinds and degrees of evidence - procedure for admitting or excluding evidence; witnesses and privileged communications, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, and judicial notice, burdens of proof and presumptions. Emphasizes the rules of evidence that govern the criminal justice process. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 451. International Criminal Justice  3 credit hours
Acquaints students with the structural and functional aspects of law enforcement agencies, court systems, correctional facilities, juvenile treatment and crime prevention strategies employed by different societies throughout the world. Incorporates the role of the United Nations in the treatment of offenders and crime prevention. Course includes diversity content. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 453. Crime Prevention  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. A study of the theories of crime prevention efforts by governmental and nongovernmental agencies. Analyzes factors which contribute to the reduction of crime, crime analysis and prediction, the methodology of gathering crime data, and the relationship between the criminal justice system and the public. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 481. Cooperative Education  1-6 credit hours
Provides a field placement which integrates theory with a planned and supervised professional experience designed to complement and enhance the student's academic program. Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and approved by, the cooperative education coordinator. Repeatable for credit. No more than 6 hours may be counted toward the CJ major. Enrollment limited to a maximum of 4 hours in one semester. Graded Cr/NCr. Prerequisites: 24 total hours and consent of the criminal justice agency.

CJ 481N. Internship  1-4 credit hours
Complements and enhances the student's academic program by providing an opportunity to apply and acquire knowledge in a workplace environment as an intern. Graded Cr/NCr. Prerequisite: departmental consent.

CJ 483. Individual Directed Study  1-3 credit hours
Study in a specialized area of the criminal justice system emphasizing the student's research project. Repeatable for credit not to exceed a total of 6 hours. Prerequisites: 15 hours in the criminal justice core and individual directed study coordinator's consent.

CJ 501. Integrity in Public Service  3 credit hours
Cross-listed as PADM 501. Exposes students to basic principles of personal and professional integrity and how those principles apply to their daily lives as a member of the community and as employees of a government or social service agency. Employs a case study method, using cases and examples from a wide range of government and nonprofit agency experiences. Students become aware of the moral and ethical issues which may arise in their professional and personal lives, begin to develop critical thinking and analytical skills regarding ethical behavior, and become more personally and professionally responsible. Prerequisite: junior or senior level or instructor's permission.

CJ 513. Violent Crime  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. Examines the extent, causes and policy implications of violent crime. Begins with a review of the rates of violent crime in various parts of the U.S. Provides students with some direct experience of violence such as an emergency room observation period or a panel of victims of violence. Course also covers the theoretical approaches of violent crime as well as factors related to violence among strangers vs. families. Critical reviews of various policy responses to violence, including their likelihood to prevent or reduce violent crime are required. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 515. Sex Crimes  3 credit hours
Examines and defines what are classified as criminal forms of sexual behavior and the unique challenges they present to the criminal justice system. Examines the extent and nature of sex crimes, sexual predator laws, sexual harassment and the victims of such crimes. Discusses the theoretical developments in the field. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 516. Profiling  3 credit hours
Familiarizes students with the methods used to profile violent crimes, including homicide, rape, arson and burglary. Includes scope of the problem in each of these crimes, typical investigation sequence and the role of profiling up to the trial preparation stage. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 517. Homicide Investigation  3 credit hours
Introduction to death investigations from an investigation-oriented perspective. Emphasis is given to crime scene investigations, mechanisms of injury and death and sex-related homicides. Prerequisite: CJ 191.
CJ 518. Criminal Justice & Crime in Film  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. Presents films and
associated popular cultural materials related to the criminal justice
system and crime. The genre of the crime film has become an important
component of contemporary culture. The course begins with basics of
film criticism and provides students with instruction on elements of a
film genre. American and European films are considered.

CJ 520. Drug & Alcohol Issues in Criminal Justice  3 credit hours
Overview of issues related to substance abuse in the criminal justice
system. Covers the impact of drug and alcohol dependency in society,
biological and psychological factors of drug and alcohol dependency,
and various treatment modalities used in the criminal justice system for
drug and alcohol dependent offenders.

CJ 521. Forensic Social Work  3 credit hours
Cross-listed as SCWK 521. Introduction to and overview of the field of
forensic social work. Content focuses on the role of social workers in
forensic arenas, and the issues related to recent practice trends, relevant
theoretical frameworks, collaborative team roles, and multisystem
interactions. Psychosocial and legal issues are explored, with particular
focus on intersections with family and social services, education, child
welfare, mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, diversity and
human rights. Prerequisite: 6 hours of social sciences.

CJ 530. Private Security  3 credit hours
Provides students with a fundamental understanding of the
contemporary principles of security and crime prevention. Course
materials and discussions explore fundamentals of physical security,
security personnel and education, loss prevention, crime prevention and
zones of protection.

CJ 541. Medical and Legal Aspects of Death Investigation  3 credit hours
Emphasizes the manner, cause and mechanism of death; physiological
effects of trauma, postmortem changes, identification techniques,
investigation of child deaths, and the components of a complete
death investigation. Considers and analyzes the history, function and
responsibilities of the coroner/medical examiner. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 551. Workshop  1-6 credit hours
Specialized instruction using variable formats in relevant criminal
justice subjects. Repeatable for credit up to 6 hours.

CJ 593. Crime Causation and Criminal Justice Policy  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. Introduction to
theoretical issues in criminal justice. Primary emphasis is the etiology
of criminal and delinquent activity and the response of the criminal
justice system to such behavior. Discusses the significant contributions
of outstanding criminologists, as well as elaborating the application of
these perspectives to criminal justice agencies. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 598. Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice  3 credit hours
A capstone course for criminal justice majors nearing the completion of
the baccalaureate degree. Explores current criminal justice issues and
integrates material learned in the criminal justice curriculum. Covers
theories of crime and delinquency, origins and development of criminal
law and procedure, functions and operations of criminal justice agencies
in America, including the response to juvenile offenders; prevention of
crime and delinquency, privatization in corrections and policing; the
nature, meaning and purpose of criminal punishment; the nature and
impact of criminal justice policy, and the relationship between criminal
justice and human diversity. Prerequisites: CJ 191, 391, 392, 394, 407,
593, senior standing. For undergraduate criminal justice majors only.

CJ 600. Forensic Anthropology  3 credit hours
Cross-listed as ANTH 600. Encompasses the area of criminal
investigation involving biological evidence: blood, hair, fingerprint,
dentition and skeletal system. Covers procedures of collection,
preservation, marking, transportation, referral, laboratory analysis,
classification and identification emphasizing anthropological
interpretation. Prerequisites: 15 hours of criminal justice courses
including CJ 191, or junior, senior or graduate standing.

CJ 610. Correctional Counseling  3 credit hours
Analysis of the role of a correctional counselor. Emphasizes current
practices in community-based and institutional correctional counseling.
Discusses application of theories of counseling which are widely used
in correctional settings, rehabilitative programs and special needs of
offenders. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 641. Forensic Psychiatry  3 credit hours
Analysis of the role of psychiatry in the criminal justice process.
Introduces the student to concepts and procedures of forensic
psychiatry. Prerequisites: 15 hours of criminal justice courses including
CJ 191, or junior, senior or graduate standing.

CJ 643. Forensic Science  3 credit hours
An overview of the various sciences used in the forensic investigation
of crime, including toxicology, drug identification, questionable
documents, firearm and toolmark identification, trace evidence analysis,
fingerprint identification, forensic pathology, forensic serology,
forensic odontology and forensic anthropology. Prerequisites: 15
hours of criminal justice courses including CJ 191, or junior, senior or
graduate standing.

CJ 651. Dispute Resolution  3 credit hours
Examines a range of topics including causation, typologies,
communications, mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution
techniques. Includes criminal and victim mediation and both intergroup
and interorganization relations and dispute resolution techniques.
Analyzes case studies. Prerequisites: 15 hours of criminal justice
courses including CJ 191, or junior, senior or graduate standing.

CJ 652. Juvenile Justice and Social Policy  3 credit hours
General education advanced further study course. Analyzes decision-
making processes in juvenile justice and the content of juvenile law
and Supreme Court decisions affecting juvenile justice, and selected
problems in juvenile justice. Reviews the juvenile justice reform
movement. Covers delinquency prevention and control, and ethical
issues associated with juvenile justice. Prerequisite: CJ 191.

CJ 692. Community Policing  3 credit hours
Reviews the various models and strategies of community policing.
Examines key concepts such as problem-oriented policing, crime
prevention, community relations, empowering the community and the
integration of these concepts into community policing. Prerequisites: 15
hours of criminal justice courses including CJ 191, or junior, senior or
graduate standing.

CJ 781. Cooperative Education  1-5 credit hours
Provides a field placement that integrates theory with a planned
and supervised professional experience designed to complement
and enhance the student's academic program. Students work with a
faculty member in the formulation and completion of an academic
project related to the field experience. The cooperative education
experience must be an integral part of the student's graduate program.
Individualized programs must be formulated in consultation with, and
approved by, the cooperative education coordinator. Open only to CJ
graduate students. Repeatable for credit. No more than 6 hours may
be counted toward a plan of study. Enrollment limited to 4 hours per
semester. Graded Cr/NCr.
CJ 782. Workshop in Criminal Justice  3-6 credit hours
Prerequisites: CJ 191, instructor's consent.

CJ 783. Advanced Special Topics in Criminal Justice  1-4 credit hours
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CJ 783AO. Crime & Transportation  3 credit hours
Explores the relationship between crime and a variety of forms of transportation, including public transport, paratransit, and private vehicles. Looks at crimes against passengers, transit employees, and the system itself, as well as some types of terrorism incidents involving transportation. Focuses primarily on transportation as the setting for these crime events, using an opportunity theory perspective, and on situational crime prevention strategies to address these crimes; however, the use of transportation to facilitate crime is also discussed. When looking at crime and fear of crime, the course examines the utility of adopting a “whole journey” approach.

CJ 783AP. Crime, Race & Social Class  3 credit hours
Introduces students to criminological, historical, and legal analyses of the American justice system, with special emphasis on: (1) racial and class relations in society (2) racial and class differences in crime and violence, and (3) racial and class disparities in the justice system. Draws on research to examine the social construction of racial and class identity, the causes of racial and class differences in offending, and the consequences of ethnicity and class identity in criminal case processing. A variety of specific topics are addressed, including theories of racial, class, and ethnic antagonism, racial, class, and ethnic differences in violence, racial/class disparities in punishment such as the death penalty, and correctional problems surrounding the overrepresentation of minorities and poor people in American prisons. Course goal is to provide a foundation for critically assessing the often controversial issues surrounding class, race, ethnicity, crime, and criminal justice in society.

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CJ 796. Criminal Typologies  3 credit hours
Introduces an area of criminology that categorizes large amounts of information into mutually exclusive categories. Analyzes the various categories of crimes, the situations under which they are committed, the offenders who commit them and the victims of those offenses. Examines the offenses of homicide, rape/sexual assault, aggravated assault, robbery/armed robbery, burglary, auto theft/carjacking, prostitution, drugs, gambling, cybercrime, white collar crime/occupational crime, arson and hate crimes.

CJ 797. Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation  3 credit hours
An overview of approaches to public policy analysis and program evaluation. Examines the roles of participants in public policy development, implementation and evaluation. Explores policy and program functions and their intended and unintended impacts. Examines methodologies for collection of data and their use in the assessment of programs and program impacts. Prerequisites: 15 hours of criminal justice courses including CJ 191, or junior, senior or graduate standing.