
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJU)

CRJU 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisites: SOCI 102 or SOCI 103 or concurrent registration in either course

This course provides an overview of the American criminal justice system, including the development and structure of the system. It surveys the roles and relationships among the key actors in the system, including police, courts, juries, prosecutors, and corrections agencies and institutions. The course also examines the relations between society, crime, and the criminal justice system. *Offered both semesters*

CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 102

This course examines women and crime from sociological and criminological perspectives. The course will cover a wide variety of topics related to women and crime, including crimes against women, crimes perpetrated by women, women in prison and women as criminal justice system officials. The course will closely examine violent crimes against women including rape, murder and battering. It will also focus on battered women who kill their attackers. Other important topics include feminist criticisms of mainstream criminology and the emergence of feminist theories in criminology. *Fall semester*

CRJU/SOCI 313 Family Violence (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 102

This course examines violence in the family from sociological and criminological perspectives. It also examines the response of the criminal justice system to family violence. The course examines the extent, types and causes of violence in families and domestic units and will also analyze the reasons why most family violence is directed against women and children. The course considers recommendations for family intervention and policies for the prevention of family violence, as well as the social and legal implications of those recommendations. *Alternate spring semesters*

CRJU/SOCI 323 Comparative Legal Systems in a Global Context (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 201

This course provides students with an understanding of the fundamental principles and practices of non-U.S. legal systems. The course will assess historical legacies, along with origins of law and the development of key legal institutions. The intent is to foster greater comprehension of different legal systems in an interdependent world. The course will begin by examining legal systems with Western qualities, followed by an examination of legal systems not constructed on Western suppositions. Comparisons will be cross-national, and will be informed by increased knowledge of non-U.S. legal systems. *Offered alternate years, fall semester*

CRJU/SOCI 324 Law, Justice and Society (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 201 or SOCI 102

This course explores the relationship between the social forces (economic, demographic, political, religious, and technological) that shape legal systems, and the way that legal systems, in turn, shape social reality. Classical and contemporary sociological theories will be examined as to their usefulness in understanding the relationships between law, justice, and society. Particular attention will be given to issues of social control, legitimacy, deviance, justice, the workings of the legal profession, and how public truth is constructed. *Offered alternate years, spring semester*

CRJU/SOCI 331 Police, Community and Society (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 201 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 103

This course examines the current issues and themes relating to the police and their role in communities and in society. Topics covered will include the organizational structure of police departments, police problems and issues affecting society at large, new theories of the effects of policing on crime, and the effectiveness of community policing. *Offered both semesters*

CRJU 335 Courts and Criminal Law (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 201

This course examines the role of criminal courts in the United States, the structure and organization of courts, and the disposition of cases at all levels of the criminal justice system. Topics covered include the roles of central actors and the decision-making process in criminal courts. It also examines the impact of social inequality on the structure and operation of criminal courts and considers prospects for reforming criminal courts. *Offered once a year*

CRJU/SOCI 339 Violence, Guns, and Society (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 102 or SOCI 103 or consent of instructor

This course focuses on guns and lethal violence in society. Drawing on both criminal justice and sociological theory and research, it examines the causes and consequences of lethal violence with special attention to the role of firearms. Topics covered include the definitions and causes of violence, the extent to which guns intensify violence, guns and lethal violence, in comparative perspective, the American gun culture, the Second Amendment, the politics of gun control, the legal regulation of guns, the relationships between gun prevalence and gun violence, and the costs of gun violence. *Offered Alternate years, Fall semester*

CRJU/SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 102

Analysis of the nature and types of juvenile behavior that violates law; the mechanisms of defining such behavior as delinquent; and the relationship between delinquency and the social situations of juvenile offenders. *Fall semester*

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CRJU/SOCI 384 Criminal and Delinquent Behavioral Systems (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 328

A study of behavioral systems in the commission of crime and delinquency. Such systems include institutional as well as more informal social structures and patterns of behaviors, including the normative rationalizations that support and legitimize criminal and delinquent behaviors in society.

Offered every three years

CRJU/SOCI 385 Victimology: Sociology of Victims (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 328

This course is organized to address the significant questions of the victimologist perspective: who are victims in specific types of crimes, and how do they become victims? What role do victims play in their own victimization? Are there victimless crimes? How are victims treated by the police, the courts and related agencies? What can the criminal justice system do for the victims? Should victims participate in the sentencing process? Should victims be compensated and, if so, by whom?

CRJU 388 Hate Crime (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Either SOCI 102 or SOCI 103 and both CRJU 201 and CRJU 328

Crime that is committed as a result of bigotry is commonly referred to as hate crime. This course examines the political and social significance of these crime events. In addition, this course reviews theories of prejudice, the role of youth subcultures in the development of the neo-Nazi skinhead movement, typologies of hate groups, motives, hate crime victimology, recruitment strategies of hate groups, hate speech, and correctional responses.

CRJU 399 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Dependent on topic

Various special topics of current interest in sociology will be offered from time to time. Topics will be announced before registration. May be taken more than once but only three (3) credits will be counted toward the first 30 hours in the sociology major.

CRJU 406 Ethical and Policy Issues in Crime and Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 201 and SOCI 328

This course examines a wide range of ethical and moral issues in the field of criminal justice. The topics covered include the nature and principles of justice, issued in sentencing and incarceration, police and ethics, ethical and policy issues in criminal justice research, the death penalty, and the nature of state control in contemporary societies.

Offered once a year

CRJU 485 Honors Thesis (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Open to Commonwealth and Departmental Honors students and senior status

With the consent of the Departmental Honors Committee and the thesis director, this course may be extended into a second semester for three additional credits depending on the scope of the project. The Departmental Honors Committee will determine if the final version of the thesis qualifies the student to graduate with Honors.

CRJU/SOCI 496 Seminar: Critical Issues in Crime and Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 328

This seminar will examine critical issues related to crime and justice. The focus of the seminar will vary from semester to semester, but it will enable students to synthesize their knowledge and skills in analyzing issues including ethics and criminal justice, racial inequality in the criminal justice system, the efficacy of increasing incarceration rates, and societal responses to crime. The seminar will require students to demonstrate: (1) comprehensive knowledge of the field of criminal justice; (2) critical thinking skills applied to criminal justice; (3) effectiveness in oral and written communication; (4) awareness of ethical issues in criminal justice; and (5) knowledge of data sources in criminal justice and the ability to apply criminal justice related information and research.

CRJU 497 Research (3 credits)

Prerequisite: SOCI 402

Primarily for senior Criminal Justice majors; other by special arrangement. Students will conduct social research, using techniques taught in SOCI 402, writing reports of findings as for publication. Experimental survey and content analysis approaches will be used.

CRJU 498 Internship in Criminal Justice (3-15 credits)

Prerequisite: A cumulative GPA of 2.5; Consent of the department; formal application required

The internship provides an opportunity for senior criminal justice majors to gain practical expertise in the field by participating in an off-campus work study experience that complements their academic preparation. In addition to working in their internship setting, students will meet regularly with a faculty supervisor. Students may work in an appropriate local, state or federal agency or private organization. Only three credits of internship may count toward the major in criminal justice. *Either semester*

CRJU 502 Research (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required

Original research undertaken by the graduate student in his field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled "Independent Study" in the "Graduate and Continuing Education" section of this catalog.

CRJU 503 Directed Study (credit to be arranged)

Prerequisite: Consent of the department; formal application required
This is designed for the student who desires to study selected topics in a specific field. For details, consult the paragraph entitled “Independent Study” in the “Graduate and Continuing Education” section of this catalog. This course may be repeated.

CRJU 504 Seminar: Crime, Justice and Society (3 credits)

This seminar introduces students to a crime and justice in American society. It provides an overview of central issues in criminal justice and of the five core areas in criminal justice: (1) criminal justice and juvenile justice processes, (2) criminology, (3) law enforcement, (4) law adjudication, and (5) corrections.

CRJU 505 Seminar in Criminology (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the major theories in criminology and their contributions to explaining the causes, processes, and consequences of crime. It also examines the problems in defining, assessing, and measuring crime. Students will examine various types of criminological theories, including those based on biological, psychological, sociological, economics and political perspectives.

CRJU 510 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the research process and research design in relation to crime and criminal justice. Topics covered include the scientific method, operationalizing variables and indicators, ethics and policy in research and various methods of collecting data. Students will design and carry out a research project.

CRJU 511 Analyzing Criminal Justice Data (3 credits)

This course focuses on statistical data analysis in relation to research in crime and criminal justice. Topics covered include the most important data analysis techniques in social and criminal justice research, the assumptions underlying various statistical techniques, and how to interpret quantitative data analysis. Students will learn to carry out their own data analysis.

CRJU 512 Ethics and Policy in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

This course provides an overview and analysis of major ethical and policy issues related to crime and criminal justice. Students will examine various ethical issues including those related to policing, the death penalty, and criminal courts and law. The course will also cover criminal justice policy.

CRJU/SOCI 514 Theories of Deviance (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of sociological theories of deviance and social control. The course examines how these theories are linked to broader sociological theories. Topics

covered include the social construction of deviance, differences in deviance across time and space, and the relationships between deviance and crime.

CRJU 515 Criminal Justice Administration (3 credits)

This course draws on research in complex organizations to analyze the structure, functions, and operations of criminal justice agencies, including the police, courts and corrections. Students will gain an understanding of administration in criminal justice organizations.

CRJU 520 Violence, Crime and Society (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of violence and crime in society. The course focuses on the causes of violent crime and examines violence from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

CRJU 521 Domestic Violence (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the causes of domestic violence and the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence. Topics covered include psychological, sociological and feminist theories of domestic violence; the nature of domestic violence in a patriarchal society; resources available for victims of domestic violence; and the efficacy of various approaches to reducing domestic violence.

CRJU 522 Women and Criminal Justice (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of women and the criminal justice system. Topics covered include women as offenders, victims, and criminal justice professionals; theories of women and crime; and the treatment of female offenders by criminal justice agencies.

CRJU 525 Comparative Crime and Justice (3 credits)

This course examines crime, justice, and criminal justice systems in comparative perspective. Topics covered include multinational crime; the relationships between socioeconomic development and crime; and different approaches to law enforcement, criminal procedure and law, juvenile justice, and corrections. The course will draw on United Nations criminal justice surveys and other cross-national data sources.

CRJU 526 Communities, Cities, and Crime (3 credits)

This course focuses on urban and neighborhood crime. It surveys the literature on demography and ecology of crime, examines various theories of urban social disorder and unrest, and provides an overview of the most influential research on communities, cities, and crime.

CRJU 527 Policing in a Democratic Society (3 credits)

This course provides a comparative overview of the development of police forces, the organization of the police in various societies, and the nature of policing in industrial societies.

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CRJU 540 Corrections, Crime, and Society (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the relations between crime and corrections. Topics covered include the theories of punishment, the development of corrections, theories of corrections and rehabilitation, and current issues in American corrections.

CRJU 541 Community-Based Corrections (3 credits)

This course focuses on recent developments in community-based corrections. Topics covered include the history of alternatives to prisons, the relationships between community-based corrections and rehabilitation, and the political feasibility of community-based corrections. The course also examines other intermediate sanctions, such as alternative sentencing and diversion programs.

CRJU 542 Research Seminar in Corrections (3 credits)

In this seminar students will choose a research topic related to corrections, plan and carry out their research. During weekly class meetings, the class members will discuss their projects and present their results.

CRJU 546 Class, Race, Gender and Crime (3 credits)

This course examines how class, race, and gender intersect with crime and the criminal justice system. The course provides an overview of class, race, ethnic, and gender stratification in the United States and looks at how that stratification is reflected in judgments about crime and in treatments of various groups in the criminal justice system.

CRJU 550 Juvenile Justice and Society (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system. It covers various theories of juvenile delinquency and examines their relations to broader sociological and criminological theories. Other topics include the development of the juvenile justice system, the police handling of juveniles, the role of juvenile courts, and juvenile corrections and rehabilitation.

CRJU 551 Law and Society (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the sociology of law. Topics covered include the sources and development of law, different philosophical and sociological approaches to law, the roles of criminal justice agencies, alternate dispute resolution, the relations of between law and social change, and the impact of race, class and gender in the legal system. The course will also examine attempts to develop a general theory of law and society.

CRJU 555 Information Technology for Criminal Justice (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the impact of computers on criminal justice organization and on the use of computers and quantitative skills in criminal justice administration, decision-making and policy.

CRJU 557 Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisite: CRJU 510 and CRJU 511

This course provides an overview of evaluation research in criminal justice as well as advanced data analysis techniques. The course gives students the opportunity to analyze criminal justice data using those techniques.

CRJU 597 Research Seminar in Criminal Justice (rotating topics) (3 credits)

In this seminar students will choose a research topic, plan, and carry out their research. During weekly class meetings, the class members will discuss their projects and present their results. This course may be repeated twice for different topics.

CRJU 598 Internship in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

Internships provide students with experience in a criminal justice setting and give them the opportunity to apply what they have learned in their classes.

CRJU 599 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

This course will focus on specific topics in criminal justice. The topics will differ from semester to semester.