Criminal Justice (CJ)

CJ& 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): F, W

Introduces an overview of the various agencies involved in the administration of criminal justice, including local, state, and federal agencies as well as a history of police and corrections. Examines the Constitutional requirements, historical development of the system, processes and theories within the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite: None

CJ& 105 Introduction to Corrections
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): F

Surveys the historical context, philosophical concepts, and major theories that have shaped corrections in the United States. Discusses sentencing options, correctional approaches and programs, the role of corrections in the larger criminal justice system, and contemporary correctional issues. Explores the effects of the corrections system on the individual, families, and society.

Prerequisite: ENGL& 101 or instructor permission

CJ& 106 Juvenile Justice
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): Sp

Covers the history and philosophy of juvenile justice in America and the impact of present societal and legal reforms on the juvenile justice system. Presents the various theories that support the creation, development, and continuance of juvenile justice systems, practices, and procedures in the United States.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101

CJ& 110 Criminal Law
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): F

Introduces substantive criminal law including basic principles of criminal liability in crimes against persons and property, constitutional basics as applied to criminal laws, defenses and accomplice liability. Elements of specific crimes as seen within criminal statutes and basic criminal procedure illustrated in the legal system are covered as well as analysis of court decisions interpreting statutes. The sociological basis for changes in criminal law are also considered.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101 with a grade of C or higher or instructor permission.

CJ 104 Introduction to Policing
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): Sp

Surveys and examines the role of policing in American society. Theories, philosophy and practices are covered from historical and contemporary perspectives. Identifies challenges in law enforcement including the political, social, organizational, and legal environments where the police perform their roles.

Prerequisites: None Co-requisites: None

CJ 154 The American Legal System
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): W

Introduces students to the history and evolution of the federal and state constitutional basis of law, how the court systems within the United States work separately and together, and how the various components and occupations within our legal system function. Sociological reasons for the development of our legal system are also explored.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101 or instructor permission.

CJ 180 Report Writing for Law Enforcement
5 credits , ELEC
Quarter(s): W

Covers the procedures of field note-taking, crime scene recording, preliminary investigation methods for writing law enforcement reports and fundamentals of police record systems. Prepares the student

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to write effective and concise reports, using observation, note-taking and excellent writing skills.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101 with a grade of C or higher or instructor permission.

CJ 184 Administration of Justice
5 credits , SOCS
Quarter(s): W

Introduces students to the history, evolution, components and function of criminal procedure in the United States courts, from arrest through the appeals process, and touching on victim's rights. Gives students a perspective of the complexities and intricacies of criminal procedure and punishment in light of sociological norms and change, the U.S. Constitution, state and federal statutes, rules and practice.

Prerequisites: ENGL& 101 or instructor permission

CJ 260 Introduction to Criminal Investigations
5 credits , ELEC
Quarter(s): Sp

Introduces the principles and practices of criminal investigations. Covers essential topics such as crime scene management, investigative techniques, evidence collection, forensic analysis, and interviewing witnesses and suspects. Students will gain practical knowledge of investigative procedures, the legal aspects of criminal investigations, and how to apply critical thinking and problem-solving in real-world criminal investigation scenarios.

Prerequisite: CJ 180

CJ 288 Cooperative Work Experience
1 – 15 credits

Provides work-based learning experience in a specific program of study. Individualized student outcomes are developed, focusing on behaviors that contribute to workplace success.

Prerequisites: Instructor or Cooperative Education Coordinator permission

Concurrent requirements: COLL 289 or BUS 294 must be taken prior to or concurrent with this course.

CJ 299 Independent Study
1 – 10 credits

Offers individualized learning opportunities for knowledge or skill development. Content and expectations are established between the student and instructor, and documented in an Independent Study contract.

Prerequisites: By instructor permission only.

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