Criminal Justice (CJS)

Courses

CJS-110. Introduction to Policing. 3 Credits.
LECT 2 hrs, LAB 1 hr
This course will provide an overview of policing, both from an historical and contemporary perspective. This will include an introduction to police organizations and operations, police culture and ethics, as well as providing relevant information about police hiring practices. Community relations, minorities in policing, and the law are also incorporated. It includes an element of health education training, including such topics as stress, nutrition, and physical fitness. This portion will include physical fitness activities that are intended to prepare the student for the physical training portion of the police academy recruit training program.
Prerequisites: CJS-116 and CJS-121.

CJS-115. Introduction to Security. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
The historical, philosophical and legal basis of security. The role of security and the security individual in modern society; the concept of professionalism; and the survey of the administrative, personnel and physical aspects of the security field.

CJS-116. Introduction to Criminology. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
The study of crime, crime statistics, theories of crime causation, crime typologies, the impact of crime, limits of criminal law, and society's reactions to criminal behavior.

CJS-120. Jurisprudence: The Philosophy of Law. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
Explores the principles upon which law is based. The course seeks to define, categorize and relate those principles to each other and ascertain not what the law is, but rather why it is, and its capacities and limits.

CJS-121. Criminal Justice System. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
A study of the overall system of criminal justice from its early historical development to its evolution within the United States. Identification of various sub-enforcement, courts and corrections; their role expectations and systems and components - law interrelationships; and basic premises of crime, punishment and rehabilitation.

CJS-122. Classics of Criminology. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
The goal of this course is to gain an intellectual understanding of criminology by reviewing its progress in the past 20 years. It presents the causes of crime and the effect of crime on society, victims and criminals. A review of the literature is accomplished by investigating sociological, psychological and biological theories of crime.

CJS-126. Introduction to Emergency Management. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course examines the necessity for Emergency Management. It covers the evolution of Emergency Management in the United States. The course covers an introduction to Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery. Employment in the Emergency Management Field is also discussed. The course also examines types of disasters that may be experienced.

CJS-127. Introduction to Homeland Security. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course examines the necessity for Homeland Security. It covers the development of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) including its organization and function. The course covers an introduction to Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery. This course also gives a brief overview of International and Domestic Terrorism, and examines the future of Homeland Security.

CJS-131. Introduction to Corrections. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
An introduction and overview of fundamental process, trends and practices of probation, institutional treatment, parole and contemporary community-based correctional programs. Included is a review of the history and philosophy of corrections, with emphasis on the constitutional rights of offenders.

CJS-213. Police and the Community. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course focuses on the importance of and strategies for positive police-community interactions and addresses the internal and external communities the police serve. The interdisciplinary approach of the course draws data and discussions from a wide range of disciplines and gives students a well-rounded perspective to help them better recognize the importance of, appreciate, and practice positive police-community relations.
Prerequisites: CJS-121.

CJS-214. Juvenile Delinquency. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
A review of the historical reasons for the establishment of juvenile courts in the United States, an examination of the juvenile justice process, and an introduction to the functions of the various components of the system. Sociological concepts and theory of the adolescent subculture are explored. Delinquency prevention aspects, as well as treatment methodologies, are included.

CJS-215. Investigative Function. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
Fundamentals of reconstructing a chronological sequence of events as to if, when and how a crime was committed. This includes searching, collecting, preserving, evaluating and cross-comparing physical and oral evidence within the framework of accepted procedural and constitutional laws. Procedures using proven scientific methods and analysis to meet the ideal standards of an investigation to resolve the issue, identify the offenders and professionally present the findings in court are included.

CJS-221. Criminal Law and Procedure. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course consists of a fundamental overview of the historical development and philosophy of law including definitions, classifications, and Constitutional origins. Additional topics are case law, methodology, and the concept of law as a social force; a study of the rules of evidence with emphasis upon the nature of evidence, burden of proof, confessions, admissions and witnesses, as well as a consideration of judicial procedures and the application of legal concepts to the justice process.
Prerequisites: CJS-121.

CJS-222. Concepts of Criminal Law. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
Historical development and philosophy of law including definitions, classifications and Constitutional origins. Also covered are case law, methodology and the concept of law as a social force.
CJS-223. Criminal Evidence and Procedure. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
A study of the rules of evidence with emphasis upon the nature of evidence, burden of proof, confessions, admissions and witnesses. Included are a consideration of judicial procedures and the application of legal concepts to the justice process.

CJS-224. Introduction to Police Operations. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course provides the student with an opportunity to observe and interact with the fundamentals of police operations. The student is provided with a basis for resolving everyday operational dilemmas from a proactive and reactive perspective. The course emphasizes the need for officers to think critically and to be creative as they interact with citizens in their communities.
Prerequisites: CJS-121.

CJS-225. Probation and Parole. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course examines the history of the fields of probation and parole, detailing how it moved from a focus on treatment/rehabilitation and the indeterminate sentence, toward a model based on control/law enforcement and the determinate sentence. The course will discuss how the historical changes affected the roles and responsibilities of probation and parole officers. Additional, students will explore the use of cognitive behavior therapy and motivation interviewing, "broken windows"/community-based supervision, and the importance of evidence-based practice.
Prerequisites: CJS-121.

CJS-228. Public Safety Internship/Coop. 3 Credits.
COOP 3 hrs
This course provides students with an opportunity to obtain practical, real world experience in the field of public safety. On-site mentors supervise the student throughout their field experience and department faculty serve as the student's advisors. Criminal Justice or Fire Science majors: permission of the department, 2.0 GPA or better and majority of core requirements completed.
Prerequisites: Permission of department chair.

CJS-231. Domestic and International Terrorism. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
This course offers an in-depth examination of both Domestic and International Terrorism. Topics include: the history and definitions of terrorism, the motivation behind terrorism, how terrorists fund and plan their operations. Portions of the course will address preparedness and response to terrorism. The course will conclude with current and future issues of terrorism.
Prerequisites: CJS-121 or CJS-127.

CJS-291. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
An examination of selected topics or issues in criminal justice. Topics differ each time the course is offered. Students should consult the department chair for further information.
Prerequisites: An introductory course in Criminal Justice.

CJS-292. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.
LECT 3 hrs
An examination of selected topics or issues in criminal justice. Topics differ each time the course is offered. Students should consult the department chair for further information.
Prerequisites: An introductory course in Criminal Justice.