CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Minor

A minor must contain 15 to 18 semester hours of coursework, including at least 9 hours of upper-division courses at the 3000-4000 level. Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas A through E may not be counted toward completion of the minor, but courses taken in Core Area F may be used to fulfill minor requirements.

A minor in criminal justice must include 15 credit hours of criminal justice course work, with at least 9 hours at the 3000-level or above.

CRJU 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice 3

Three or four of the following electives: 9-12

CRJU 2100 Intro to Law Enforcement
CRJU 2200 The Judicial Process

Zero to one of the following electives: 0-3

CRJU 3100 Criminal Law
CRJU 3110 Criminal Procedure
CRJU 3200 Criminology
CRJU 3250 Crime and the Media
CRJU 3300 Corrections
CRJU 3350 Drugs in America
CRJU 3400 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice
CRJU 3450 White Collar Crime
CRJU 3500 Criminal Investigation I
CRJU 3501 Criminal Investigation II
CRJU 3550 Comparative Criminology
CRJU 3600 Criminal Justice Admin
CRJU 3700 Crim Just Research Methodology
CRJU 3710 Special Topics in Crim Just
CRJU 3800 Race, Ethnicity & Crim Justice
CRJU 3810 Victimology
CRJU 3850 Deviance, Soc Cntrl&Collec Vio
CRJU 4000 Internship in Criminal Justice
CRJU 4110 The Law of Criminal Evidence
CRJU 4200 Profiling the Serial Offender
CRJU 4210 Terrorism & Crim Just System
CRJU 4300 Community Corrections
CRJU 4350 Family Violence
CRJU 4500 Management of Forensics
CRJU 4600 Police Practices and Issues
CRJU 4700 Ethical Issues in Crim Justice
CRJU 4710 Readings in Criminal Justice
CRJU 4750 Advanced Criminological Theory

Total Hours 15

Courses

CRJU 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice. 3-0-3 Units.
Introduces the structure, functions, and operations of criminal justice agencies, including the police, the courts, and corrections. (F,S)
Prerequisites: ENGL 0999 unless exempt.

CRJU 2100. Intro to Law Enforcement. 3-0-3 Units.
Provides an overview of law enforcement in a free society and the relationship of police to the criminal justice system as a whole. History, organization, operations, and selected issues are examined. (F)
Completion of or exemption from co-requisite Learning Support English 0999.

CRJU 2200. The Judicial Process. 3-0-3 Units.
Provides an overview of the judicial component of the criminal justice system which focuses on the structure, role, jurisdiction, and operation of the courts and the courtroom workgroup in the adjudicatory and appellate process at the local, state, and federal levels. Completion of or exemption from Learning Support English.

CRJU 3100. Criminal Law. 3-0-3 Units.
Offers an overview of both substantive and procedural law related to the definitions, investigations, processing, and punishment of crimes. The course will introduce students to the legal idea of criminal responsibility, the concept and elements of criminal responsibility, required state of mind (mens rea), and prohibited conduct (actus reus). The course discusses the substantive content, structure, and sources of major crimes against persons and property and provides a comprehensive evaluation of various legal defenses to criminal liability under both common law (case law) and statutory law (legislative law) approaches. Prerequisites: CRJU 2200 or 4100.

CRJU 3101. Criminal Law II. 3-0-3 Units.
Offers a more extensive examination of the crimes addressed in CRJU 3100, as well as an exploration of more theoretical issues including Actus Reus, Mens Rea, and the conflict between criminal law and constitutional protections, including the right of privacy, freedom of speech, and religious freedom.

CRJU 3110. Criminal Procedure. 3-0-3 Units.
A study the nature and function of the law regulating the criminal processes, policies, and procedures in the administration of criminal justice. Special attention will be given to United States Supreme decisions. (F)
Prerequisites: CRJU 2200 or CRJU 4100.

CRJU 3200. Criminology. 3-0-3 Units.
A study of the nature and scope of crime in society with an emphasis on criminological theories. (S)
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3250. Crime and the Media. 3-0-3 Units.
Analyzes the role the mass media has on human behavior, subsequently affecting human judgment, attitudes, perceptions of crime, and societal reactions to crime in general. This course analyzes the relationship of media and is an instrumental element in the creation of fear of crime. Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3300. Corrections. 3-0-3 Units.
A study of the history, structure, and functions of corrections as well as the legal and philosophical basis for the punishment of criminal offenders. Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.
CRJU 3350. Drugs in America. 3-0-3 Units.
Explores and analyzes the complex experience of illicit drug use in America from multiple angles with specific attention to the ways that our culture understands drugs, drug use, and drug policy as a social/criminal justice problem. Topics include punishment, interdiction, prevention, and or rehabilitation.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3400. Juvenile Delinquency & Justice. 3-0-3 Units.
Reviews the juvenile justice system, including the impact of Supreme Court decisions, and examines the theories of juvenile delinquency and the implication of those theories for preventing and controlling juvenile deviance.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3450. White Collar Crime. 3-0-3 Units.
Provides an introduction to white-collar crime in the United States. Topics include definition of and various types of white-collar crimes, who commits this type of crime and why they engage in white-collar crime, as well as how perpetrators are dealt with by the criminal justice system.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3500. Criminal Investigation I. 3-0-3 Units.
An overview of principles, techniques, law and procedure involved in the criminal investigative process from its inception to culmination.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3501. Criminal Investigation II. 3-0-3 Units.
Continues information introduced in CRJU 3500, with special focus on the investigation of the crimes of burglary, robbery, forgery, homicide, assault, and bombings. Providing testimony in court, assessing modus operandi, and developing personality profiles will also be examined, as well as obtaining fingerprints and other types of latent evidence.
Prerequisites: CRJU 3500.

CRJU 3550. Comparative Criminology. 3-0-3 Units.
Provides an overview and analysis of criminal justice systems-police, courts, and corrections-in selected eastern and western nations, as well as an analysis of the causes of crime in selected nations.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3600. Criminal Justice Admin. 3-0-3 Units.
Introduction to criminal justice management theory, practice, and policy. This course includes a review of traditional schools or organizational theory, including bureaucracy, scientific management, human relations, and the behavioral approach, with particular emphasis on how each applies to criminal justice agencies.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3700. Crim Just Research Methodology. 3-0-3 Units.
An introduction to criminal justice research methodologies, with a focus on research design, ethical concerns, conceptualization, sampling, data analysis, interpretation of research results, report writing, and application of research findings.
Prerequisites: CRJU 3200, ENGL 300.

CRJU 3710. Special Topics in Crim Just. 1-0-1-3 Unit.
An intensive study of a specific topic relevant to criminal justice, including sex crimes, terrorism, drug law, or capital punishment. This course may be taken for a total of nine credit hours when topics vary. (F)
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3800. Race, Ethnicity & Crim Justice. 3-0-3 Units.
Addresses the racial impact of criminal laws enacted by the people's elected representatives, the actions and policies of law enforcement agencies, the courts, correctional institutions, the juvenile justice system, and the death penalty. Raises awareness and promotes critical thinking about the problems that exist in our system, how those problems originated and evolved, and possible solutions for these problems.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3810. Victimology. 3-0-3 Units.
Addresses the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime victimization; the relationship between victims and offenders; how the criminal justice system interacts with crime victims; and the policies designed by the government to offer assistance to individuals who are victimized by crime. Raises awareness and promotes critical thinking and problem solving about the most effective strategies for interaction with crime victims, the measurement of crime victimization, and victim trends.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 3850. Deviance, Soc Cntrl&Collec Vio. 3-0-3 Units.
Reviews the nature of deviance and social control, including terrorism, riots, lynching, vigilantism and genocide, in three segments: collective deviance, collective violence and the theoretical models, including Pure Sociology, associated with collective deviance and collective violence.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4000. Internship in Criminal Justice. 0-12-3 Units.
Supervised, practical experience in an appropriate criminal justice agency. This course allows students the opportunity to discover the integration between theory and practice. This course may be taken three times for a total of nine hours of credit.
Prerequisites: Permission of Instructor and 12 credit hours of upper-level Criminal Justice courses.

CRJU 4110. The Law of Criminal Evidence. 3-0-3 Units.
An examination of the rules of evidence used in criminal prosecutions, including burden of proof, presumptions, inferences and stipulations, relevancy of evidence and competency of witnesses, expert testimony, hearsay, and constitutional limitations.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4200. Profiling the Serial Offender. 3-0-3 Units.
An examination of the type and patterns of crimes committed by serial offenders and the process by which profiles are developed to solve these crimes.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4210. Terrorism & Crim Just System. 3-0-3 Units.
An examination of the motives and actions of terrorists, the governmental response to terrorism, especially in the wake of 9/11, and the legal and constitutional restraints on the government. Included will be issues such as surveillance of American citizens, detention of suspected terrorists, enemy combatants, limits on the methods of interrogation, and use of military tribunals.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4300. Community Corrections. 3-0-3 Units.
An examination of alternatives to incarceration. Special emphasis will be given to the issues of probation and parole, as well as diversion, community service, electronic monitoring, and various treatment programs.
Prerequisites: CRJU 2261 or CRJU 3300 or CRJU 3400.
CRJU 4350. Family Violence. 3-0-3 Units.
Explores a range of crimes that occur in the family setting, including violence between intimate partners, child abuse, and neglect. Theoretical factors, as well as how the criminal justice system responds to both victims and perpetrators of family violence, will be examined.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4500. Management of Forensics. 3-0-3 Units.
The scientific investigation of crime with emphasis on the collection, analysis, comparison, and identification of physical evidence.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100, CRJU 3500.

CRJU 4600. Police Practices and Issues. 3-0-3 Units.
An advanced examination of policing, exploring topics including the police subculture, the police use of discretion, the broken-windows approach, community policing, and problem-solving approaches.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100 and CRJU 2100.

CRJU 4700. Ethical Issues in Crim Justice. 3-0-3 Units.
An examination of the philosophical theories underlying ethics and how they relate to issues involving the police, courts, corrections, law, and principles of justice.
Prerequisites: CRJU 1100.

CRJU 4710. Readings in Criminal Justice. 3-0-3 Units.
Permits selected students to pursue approved topics through independent study under the direction of a faculty member. This course may be taken twice for a total of six credit hours with change of topics.
Prerequisites: Permission of Instructor.

CRJU 4750. Advanced Criminological Theory. 3-0-3 Units.
Expands on the study of criminology as examined in CRJU 3200. This course provides further and more in-depth understanding of why people engage in criminal behavior, the policies that are derived from criminological theory, and how those policies are implemented. This is an advanced class and will be taught in a fashion similar to a graduate-level class to help students prepare for graduate and/or law school.
Prerequisites: CRJU 3200 and ENGL 3000. Prerequisite or co-requisite: CRJU 3700.

CRJU 4800. Senior Capstone in CRJU. 3-0-3 Units.
Serves as the comprehensive experience in criminal justice utilizing the student’s knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. The course will be taught at the senior level and will focus on criminal justice issues at the national and international levels. In addition to the course requirements, students will complete a major research paper that results in an end-of-semester presentation to the class. This course serves as a capstone course for criminal justice majors.
Prerequisites: CRJU 3700, 45 hours of upper-level criminal justice courses, senior standing.