

# Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice

## Course Descriptions

CJ 1100 - *Introduction to Criminal Justice* (3 hrs.) - Agencies and processes in the criminal justice system; legislature, the police, the prosecutor, the public defender, the courts, and corrections. Roles and problems of law enforcement in a democratic society; inter-component relations and checks and balances.

CJ 2300 - *Police Process* (3 hrs.) - Social and historical settings of the police; police role and career; police discretion; police values and culture; organization and control. Prerequisite: CJ 1100.

CJ 2400 - *Adjudication Process* (3 hrs.) - This course is designed to provide criminal justice students an understanding of the structure purpose, and management of the state and federal criminal court system in order to be adequately prepared to obtain employment in the criminal justice field. Those completing this course will have a better understanding of the basic elements of substantive criminal and procedural law and their relationship to constitutional guarantees. Prerequisite: CJ 1100.

CJ 2500 - *Corrections Process* (3 hrs.) - Post-conviction correction process; development of a correctional philosophy, theory and practices; description of institutional operation, programming, and management; community base correction; probation and parole. Prerequisite: CJ 1100.

CJ 2600 - *Introduction to Criminalistics and Forensic Science* (3 hrs.) - The application of science to law in a criminal justice setting. Students will explore the role that physics, chemistry, biology, pathology, anatomy, psychology, and other major branches of science play in courtroom settings. Emphasis will be placed on the historical evolution of forensic science, terminology, and how scientific methods are used to solve crimes. This course involves active participation in both lecture and in laboratory/field exercises. Prerequisite: Sophomore status and a declared major in criminal justice; or permission of the instructor.

CJ 3040 - *Criminology, Foundations, and Punishment* (3 hrs.) - A scientific approach to the study of criminal behavior: the etiology (origin), extent, and nature of crime in society, foundations, and punishment. Prerequisite: CJ 2500 or consent of instructor.

CJ 3090 - *Juvenile Delinquency and Justice* (3 hrs.) - The study of diverse views and perspectives that characterize the study of juvenile delinquency and justice and reflect its interdisciplinary nature: research, theory, law, policy, and practice. Prerequisite: SOC 1010 or consent of instructor.

CJ 3355 – *Cultural Competence and Criminal Justice* (3 hrs.) An exploration of cultural, sociological, and psychological dynamics in the development of conscious and unconscious stereotypes and prejudices held by those serving in the criminal justice system (legislation, police, courts and corrections) and the public. How these impact policy, decisions, and actions during criminal-justice-related interactions between those in the profession and the public, with the objective of mitigating the negative consequences of stereotypes and prejudices commonly held by both those serving in the criminal justice profession and those they serve. Prerequisite: SOC 1010 or consent of instructor.

CJ 3360 - *Criminal Investigation* (3 hrs.) - Fundamentals of investigation; crime-scene search and recording; collection and preservation of physical evidence; scientific aids; modus operandi; sources of information; interview and interrogation; follow-up and case preparation. Prerequisite: CJ 2300.

CJ 3380 - *Criminal Justice Ethics* (3 hrs.) - A comprehensive examination of theoretical and applied ethics and moral philosophy in criminal justice. It begins with a classical introduction from antiquity and continues to present day. The practical focus of ethical decision making topics will center on law enforcement ethics, correctional ethics, and probation/parole ethics and will include scenarios. Prerequisite: CJ 2300, or permission of instructor.

CJ 4200 - *Introduction to Criminal Justice Research* (3 hrs.) - This course serves as a basic introduction to the various types of research questions that arise in criminology and criminal justice: covers a broad range of research strategies including a variety of data collection techniques and other analytical tools that exist to serve the needs of most researchers. (UPSA 4200 may be taken in lieu of CJ 4200) Prerequisite: 6 hours of math or consent of instructor.

CJ 4250 - *Community Based Corrections* (3 hrs.) - History, philosophy, and theory of pre-institutional, and after-care programs for probationers and parolees; the reintegration of the offender back into the community through community-based corrections including diversion, pretrial release, deferred sentencing, half-way houses, and work release. Prerequisite: CJ 2500 or consent of instructor.

CJ 4450 - *Criminal Law* (3 hrs.) - The legal definition of crime and defenses; purposes and functions of the substantive criminal law; historical foundations; limits of criminal law; case study approach. Prerequisite: CJ 2400.

CJ 4460 - *Criminal Evidence and Procedure* (3 hrs.) - Constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure, post-conviction treatment; origin, development, philosophy, constitutional basis of evidence; kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility; judicial decisions interpreting individuals rights and case studies; case study approach. Prerequisite: CJ 2400.

CJ 4470 - *Advanced Criminalistic and Forensics* (3 hrs.) - The practical application of science to law in a criminal justice setting. Students will fully examine the role that physics, chemistry, biology, pathology, anatomy, psychology, and other branches of science play in courtroom settings. Emphasis will be placed on the practical application of scientific methods in relation to crime solving. This course involves active participation in both lecture and in laboratory/field exercises. Prerequisite: Junior status, a declared major in criminal justice, and successful completion of CJ 2600 and CJ3360.

CJ 4475 - *Homeland Security* (3 hrs.) - September 11, 2001 caused the national defense system to undergo tremendous change affecting every component of our criminal justice system. This course will provide students with the history, mission, and evolution of the national homeland security enterprise, including federal, state, local, and private sector efforts. Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of the homeland security system, the contemporary terrorist threat and strategy, current policy debates facing the United States, and the practical methods used in our criminal justice system to assure the safety of our communities and families. Prerequisite: CJ2300.

CJ 4480 - *Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice* (2 hr.) - This course is an integration of all academic criminal justice learning, knowledge and skills which provides students a total understanding of the criminal justice system. Furthermore, this course provides a venue for students to meet with criminal justice faculty for culmination purposes, such as preparation for senior testing, preparation for graduation, or preparation for entering criminal justice agencies. Prerequisite: Declared major in Criminal Justice, final semester of senior year, and approval of the Department of Criminal Justice.

CJ 4500 - *Drug Use in Modern Society* (3 hrs.) - This course explores the extent of drug use, both licit and illicit; contributing factors and consequences of drug abuse; and steroids and other drugs in sports. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.