



CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIM)

CRIM 101 Survey of Criminal Justice

Description: The justice process and the criminal justice system in general. Concepts of crime, deviance and justice, and general theories of crime causality. Individual rights in a democratic society and the legal definitions of various crimes. Law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice and corrections subsystems explored and a number of reform proposals presented.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: CRIM 203; CRIM 211; CRIM 221; CRIM 222; CRIM 241; CRIM 251; CRIM 301; CRIM 310; CRIM 331; CRIM 335; CRIM 337; CRIM 338; CRIM 339; CRIM 400; CRIM 403; CRIM 406; CRIM 413; CRIM 421; CRIM 440; CRIM 441; CRIM 442; CRIM 443; CRIM 444; CRIM 450; CRIM 451; CRIM 453; CRIM 454; CRIM 455; CRIM 456; CRIM 474; CRIM 475; CRIM 476; CRIM 477; CRIM 478; CRIM 480; CRIM 496

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

CRIM 203 Police and Society

Prerequisites: CRIM 101.

Description: The role of the police in American society. Origins of policing, the nature of police organizations and police work, and patterns of relations between the police and the public.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 211 The Criminal Court System

Prerequisites: CRIM 101.

Description: Analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the United States, including the roles of prosecutor, defender, judge, jury, and court administrator. Issues confronting the system considered from historical, philosophical, sociological, and psychological perspectives. Ideals of the system compared with actual functioning and court reform proposals.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 221 Survey of Corrections

Prerequisites: CRIM 101.

Description: History and evolution of the corrections process. Covers all aspects of institutional and community-based corrections.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 222 Community-Based Corrections

Prerequisites: CRIM 101

Notes: Designed to familiarize the student with the most recent developments in community-based corrections.

Description: Discussion will focus on the issues related to implementation, management, effectiveness and challenges of community-based programs. Provides a broad overview of the structure and functions of Community-based Corrections. By the end, expect to understand the best practices in community corrections.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 241 Criminal Procedure

Prerequisites: CRIM 101

Description: Deals with the legal aspects of the investigation and arrest processes as well as the rules governing the admissibility of evidence in court.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

CRIM 251 Research Methods

Prerequisites: CRIM 101. Credit toward the degree may be earned in only one of SOCI 205 or CRIM 251.

Description: Introduction to the principles, methods and techniques of empirical social research.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 300 Applied Statistics and Data Processing in the Public Sector

Prerequisites: Math placement into MATH 101 or ACT Math sub score of 19 or above within the last two years. Credit toward the degree may be earned in only one of: CRIM 300 or ECON 215 or EDPS 459 or SOCI 206 or STAT 218.

Description: Basic statistics of public sector research and public administration decision making. Data processing techniques as they relate to statistical analysis and on understanding the proper application of statistics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: ACCT 308; BLAW 371H; ECON 417; FINA 361; FINA 361A; FINA 361H; MNGT 430; SCMA 331; SCMA 350; SCMA 350H; SOCI 333

ACE: ACE 3 Math/Stat/Reasoning

CRIM 301 Philosophy of Criminal Justice

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Philosophical examination of justice and its administration. Provides the student with a richer understanding of the conceptual foundations of justice.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 310 Writing for Criminal Justice

Prerequisites: CRIM 101 and 6 hours of English from ENGL 150, ENGL 151, or ENGL 254

Description: Writing for Criminology and Criminal Justice majors. Will learn how to write effective cover letters, incident reports, position papers, and executive summaries.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

CRIM 331 Criminal Law

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: The means by which society attempts to use criminal law to prevent harm to society. Acts which are declared criminal and the punishment prescribed for committing those acts. Philosophies and rationales that have shaped current day substantive criminal law. English Common Law and the historic evolution of substantive criminal law from its early origins.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 335 Criminology

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: General survey of the nature of causes of crime and efforts of the criminal justice system to predict, prevent, modify, and correct this behavior.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 337 Juvenile Delinquency

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours. Credit toward the degree may not be earned in both SOCI 311 and CRIM 337.

Description: How delinquents and juveniles in need of supervision are handled within the juvenile justice system. The nature and extent of delinquent behavior status offenses, child abuse and neglect; theories of delinquency and their implications for intervention; cultural and social factors related to delinquency; as well as the philosophy by and functioning of the juvenile justice system.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 338 Power, Perception, & Punishment

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Examines how social attitudes, and institutional structures influence the administration of justice in the United States. Explores how factors such as economic hardship, neighborhood decline, exposure to violence, and family disruption - often through incarceration - can contribute to long-term social and behavioral challenges. Covers the involvement of various racial and ethnic groups in the justice system, including their roles as victims, offenders, defendants, and professionals. Through the use of research and case studies, evaluates the broader consequences of these patterns and consider practical responses to improve outcomes within the justice system.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

CRIM 339 Women, Crime and Justice

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Women's experiences as victims of crime, as offenders, as defendants, and as criminal justice professionals.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 397 Internship in Criminal Justice

Prerequisites: CRCJ major or CRCJ minor, 75 credit hours completed, GPA of 2.5 and instructor permission.

Notes: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours.

Description: Job-related experience in a criminal justice agency and permission to enroll must be received from the student's adviser each semester.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

CRIM 398 Research Internship

Prerequisites: CRIM major or minor, 75 credit hours completed, minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and a GPA of 3.25 in the major, and instructor permission

Description: Provides advanced majors and minors with experience conducting research in the field of criminology and criminal justice. Students will work under the supervision of a faculty member to complete research tasks that integrate learning with service. Tasks may include reviewing relevant literature, instrument development, data collection, data entry/cleaning, data analysis, codebook development, presentation of findings.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Experiential Learning: Research

CRIM 400 Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above, and 45 credit hours

Description: Focuses on the intersection of individuals with mental health, substance abuse, and/or severe & persistent mental illness diagnoses and the criminal justice system. Examine how individuals become involved in the criminal justice system and how the criminal justice system and other social services respond to their involvement.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 403 Organization and Administration

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Contemporary concepts, principles, and theories of organization and administration as they relate to criminal justice agencies. Historical development and modern practices of public policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 406 Criminal Justice Ethics

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Examines ethical issues that arise in the three major areas of criminal justice: police, courts, and corrections. General philosophical theories of ethics as well as Codes of Ethics that operate to control the institutional and personal behavior of police, courts and correctional systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 413 Sociology of Deviant Behavior

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours. Credit toward the degree may not be earned in both SOCI 474 or CRIM 413.

Description: Investigates the etiology of many forms of norm-violating conduct. Rule-breaking behavior as defined by the criminal statutes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 421 Behind Bars: The Complex World of Institutional Corrections

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: In-depth analysis of the history and operation of prisons and jails in the United States. Covers the management and operation of prisons and jails from the perspective of both employees and incarcerated persons.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

CRIM 440 Domestic Violence

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Examines the criminal justice system response to domestic violence/intimate partner violence. A focus on the interactions between battered victims and components of the criminal justice system, as well as the role of the community in addressing and preventing this violence serves as the foundation for this course. Insight into factors contributing to the incidence of intimate partner violence, explore the background/history of domestic violence.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 441 Victimology

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Provides an introduction to the topics and issues that are pertinent to the study of victimology. Prevalence, predictors, and consequences of various forms of victimization, including child abuse, intimate partner violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking, and homicide over the life-course. Examines the nature of criminal justice victimization data, and the issues related to the measurement and costs of victimization.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 442 Child Abuse and Neglect

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Addresses issues related to child abuse and neglect investigation, intervention and prevention efforts facilitated through criminal justice system processes. Discusses the history of child maltreatment, definitional challenges, statistical trends, physical and behavioral indicators, mandatory reporting, investigative processes, intervention strategies and prevention efforts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 443 Human Trafficking

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above, and 45 credit hours

Description: A systematic introduction to the study of human trafficking. Learn about what constitutes human trafficking, theories of victimization as they apply to trafficking, debates about the language and definitions surrounding sex trafficking and prostitution. Discuss the prevalence, predictors, and consequences of various forms of trafficking and critically assess efforts related to measurement, intervention, and prevention.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 444 Victims' Rights and Services

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours
Description: Focuses on the experiences of victims of crime through the criminal justice system, from reporting the crime to the closure of the case. Examines types of victim services and advocacy throughout various points of the criminal justice system (police, courts, corrections), the history of victims' rights and the development of victim services over time.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 450 Drugs and Crime

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours
Description: Socially constructed nature of drugs and drug policy, focusing on the variety of ways drugs and crime are connected and the socio-historical context of contemporary US drug policy.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 451 Violence

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours
Description: This course is a survey of the nature and extent of violence. The focus is on patterns of violence across social groups, the causes and correlates of violence and violent behavior, and programs/policies geared toward violence prevention and reduction. Also of interest is the relationship between theory and violence research.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 453 Sexual Offending

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above, and 45 credit hours
Description: Focuses on sex offenses, sex offenders and the responses of the criminal justice system. Examines applications of criminological theory to sex offending, trends and patterns of behavior, characteristic of sex offenders and the psychological and legal responses to sex crimes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 454 Criminal Investigations

Prerequisites: CRIM 101

Description: Examines the processes, practices, and people involved in the investigation of criminal acts, highlighting recent developments in policy, tactics and technology. Explores theoretical approaches to investigating various crimes, examining how aspects of each approach can benefit investigators. Involves analysis, discussion, and learning how to complete thorough investigations that will ensure best chances for successful case prosecution in court.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

CRIM 455 Gangs and Gang Control

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Focuses on American youth street gangs. Topics include history of gangs, gang and gang member characteristics, gang life and strategies of gang control. Link between youth street gangs, prison gangs and other deviant collectivities will be explored.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 456 Homicide Investigations

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Designed to present an overview of the crime of homicide. Attention is given to homicide data, theories of why homicides occur, types of homicide, investigating/solving homicides, prosecuting homicide cases, and the impact on co-victims and society as a whole. Use critical thinking skills while exploring various investigative techniques.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 471 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems: England

Prerequisites: CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and instructor permission

Notes: Study abroad required.

Description: Specialized course which provides a comparison of the criminal justice systems of the United States and the United Kingdom. Allows for an exploration of how the American system developed from the British system and why social and cultural factors influenced the differences/similarities in their development.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Experiential Learning: Education Abroad

CRIM 474 National Security and Homeland Defense: From 9/11 to Today

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Covers the history of homeland security, from the aftermath of 9/11 to the latest developments in national defense. Explore key laws, regulations, and structural changes that have defined the nation's approach to security. Dive into critical areas such as counterterrorism, transportation security, border control and immigration, cybersecurity, and community resilience. Gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing national security and how agencies respond to evolving threats through real-world case studies and interactive discussions.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

CRIM 475 International Criminology and Criminal Justice

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Analyzes the dynamics of criminality and the social response to criminality across countries. Differences in crime and justice between developed and developing countries and between socialist and capitalist nations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 476 Terrorism

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Development of an understanding of terrorism as a political crime. Examines social, political, and psychological aspects of this behavior.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 477 Organized Crime

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Traces the origins and historical development of the activities that have come to be known as "organized crime." These crimes are some of the most dangerous to American society and range from the commonly known offenses of gambling, racketeering, and narcotics trafficking to the more subtle and sophisticated, less understood but equally serious, crimes of extortion, commercial bribery, and political corruption.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 478 White Collar Crime

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Illegal acts committed by nonphysical means and by concealment or guile, to obtain money or property, to avoid the payment or loss of money or property, or to obtain business or personal advantage.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 480 Special Topics

Prerequisites: CRIM 101, ENGL 150 or above and 45 credit hours

Description: Analysis of contemporary special problems in the broad spectrum of criminal justice.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 18

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 495 Independent Studies

Prerequisites: Admission into upper division criminal justice program, 24 hours of criminal justice credit, and permission

Description: Faculty-guided research in an area of mutual interest to the student and the instructor. Students are responsible for selecting the area of inquiry prior to contacting the instructor.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 9

Grading Option: Graded with Option

CRIM 496 Issues in Crime and Justice

Prerequisites: Upper-division CRIM major or minor

Notes: This is a capstone course.

Description: Identify and explore a contemporary issue relevant to crime and justice policy. Develop multimedia packages designed to educate and advocate for a chosen policy action (e.g., adoption, reform, replacement). The purpose is to integrate previous course experiences and skills, independent research, and community stakeholder engagement (via interviews) into an activity that demonstrates critical thinking, synthesis, and evaluation.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

CRIM 497H Senior Honors Project/Thesis

Description: Independent research project supervised by department/school faculty.

Credit Hours: 3-6

Min credits per semester: 3

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded

CRIM 499 Senior Assessment

Description: Part of the department's Student Outcomes Assessment effort. Designed to monitor the department's performance and to identify changes needed.

Credit Hours: 0

Max credits per semester:

Max credits per degree:

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

CRIM 499A Applied Senior Assessment

Notes: Students must register for CRIM 499A in the term they plan to graduate.

Description: This course is an integrative online senior seminar to be taken during the final semester. It facilitates the transition to criminal justice professional through the use of specific assignments focused on areas of resume development, continuation of research, and reflection of academic progress.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Pass No Pass