

Course description for Criminal Justice

CJ Courses (Criminal Justice)

CJ 1001 Criminal Justice Pathways

1 credit: 1 hour lecture

Understanding careers in CJ

CJ Majors only or permission of instructor.

CJ 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice

A.C.T.S. Equivalent Course # CRJU 1023

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

A survey of the various components of the criminal justice system.

CJ 2113 Policing

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

The roles of police as they relate to modern culture and society.

CJ 2123 Corrections

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Analysis of the roles and functions of corrections including institutions as well as community corrections.

CJ 2133 Criminal Justice Ethics

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Examines the history and theory of ethics and its application to the field of criminal justice. Emphasis on the ethical standards and the implications of ethical violations for criminal justice professionals.

CJ 2143 Juvenile Justice

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Structure and processes of the juvenile justice system.

CJ 2153 Research Methods (same as PSCI 2283)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: ENGL 1023

An overview of social science research methodology focusing on creating research designs, developing appropriate measures, creating testable hypotheses, and developing research skills.

CJ 2163 Multicultural Justice

3 credits: 3 hour Lecture.

Prerequisite CJ 1013

Provide students with knowledge and a demonstrable understanding of cultural diversity as it applies to the criminal justice system, and an a deep understanding of the unique issues faced by different cultures within the criminal justice system

CJ 2293 Law and Society (same as PSCI 2293)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: PSCI 2213

Examines the courts, law, and the legal system including law and politics, judicial philosophy and biography.

CJ 3233 Criminal Law

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Basic principles of substantive criminal law including defenses, elements of various crimes, and consideration of the Arkansas criminal code.

CJ 3243 Procedural Law (same as PSCI 3413)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013 and PSCI 2213

Analysis of procedural limitations on law enforcement and in the prosecution of crimes; emphasizes cases dealing with the fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth amendments.

CJ 3263 Criminalistics

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013 crime scene techniques.

Students will gain a basic knowledge of these techniques as well as practical experience with various types of evidence.

CJ 3273 Mental Health and Criminal Justice

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013

Provides the skills and knowledge needed to interact professionally with individuals having mental health problems in various juvenile and criminal justice settings.

CJ 3283 Legal Research

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: ENGL 1023

A survey of basic methods of researching, analyzing, and writing about the law.

CJ 3293 Police Methods

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 2113

Provides a survey of advanced topics in police practice and management including Community Oriented Policing (COP), Problem Oriented Policing (POP), and the use of technology in the suppression and detection of crime.

CJ 3313 Statistics (same as PSCI 3313)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Introduction to use and interpretation of statistics in the social sciences.

CJ 3353 Probation and Parole

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Analysis of the systems of probation and parole, including current court cases and trends in corrections.

CJ 3613 Criminal Investigation and Evidence

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Analysis of criminal investigation procedures; rules pertaining to collection and presentation of evidence.

CJ 374V Field Study in Criminal Justice (PSCI 374V)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Instructor Permission

A field study consisting of travel, observation, and study of different legal and political institutions and agencies. May be repeated for a maximum total of 12 hours either in criminal justice exclusively or a maximum total of 12 hours combined with PSCI 374V.

CJ 4283 Domestic Violence (same as SWK 4383)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013 and Junior Standing

Examines aggression/violent behavior from a micro, mezzo, and macro level. Tendencies toward violent behavior are examined using a biological, social, environmental, and learning perspective. Theories of victimization and various treatment modalities are presented.

CJ 4293 Homeland Security

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013

A survey of the various theoretical, political, and legal aspects of the field of Homeland Security in the United States.

CJ 4303 Evidence Law

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Provides an examination of the problems of proof in criminal trials including coverage of the important rules of evidence and the impact of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

CJ 4313 Civil Liability in Criminal Justice

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Provides an examination of the civil liability issues that affect criminal justice agencies and agents.

CJ 4373 Criminology (same as SOC 4373)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites CJ 1013

Theories of the nature and causes of crime, and analyses of various kinds of crimes.

CJ 4383 Principles of Administration (same as PSCI 3433)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013 and PSCI 2213

Nature of bureaucratic organization and changing themes in organizational theory; fiscal and personnel policy; public unions and collective bargaining; leadership, communication, and motivation.

CJ 4393 Victimology

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013 and Junior or Senior standing or instructor's permission

Examines the literature, research, and current trends concerning the victim and the criminal justice system.

Emphasis on victim rights and compensation, measurement of victimization, and the impact of victimization on the individual.

CJ 440V Seminar in Criminal Justice

Variable Credit

Prerequisite: CJ 1013

Selected topics in the field of criminal justice with readings and class discussions. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 hours credit.

CJ 4413 Drugs in Society (same as SOC 4513)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: CJ 1013 and Junior or Senior standing, or instructor's permission

An overview of the drug problem in the U.S. including an analysis of both legal and illegal drugs commonly abused.

Emphasis on the criminal justice system's response to the use, possession, and distribution of illicit drugs in our society.

CJ 4493 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (same as PSCI 4493)

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: CJ 2293 or PSCI 2293

Focuses on citizen's fundamental rights and how decisions made within the Federal Court system have affected those rights and liberties.

CJ 479V Independent Study in Criminal Justice

Variable Credit

Consult the Independent Study Courses subheading in the Academic Regulations section of this catalog for prerequisites and description.

CJ 489V Internship

Variable credit

Prerequisites: Instructor Permission and Senior Standing

Supervised learning experience in a criminal justice agency. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours of credit.

CJ 4903 Criminal Justice Capstone

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor/Senior Standing

A senior-level course designed to allow the student to review, analyze, and integrate the work he/she has completed toward a degree in Criminal Justice.