Criminal Justice (CRJ)

Courses

CRJ 221. Introduction to Criminology. 3 Hours.
Introduction to the multi-disciplinary study and analysis of the nature, causes, and control of crime; measurement of crime; and the interactive roles of the system, victim, and offender. Course Information: This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

CRJ 224. Campus Acquaintance Rape Education. 3 Hours.
Students who recognize the impact of gender violence on college campuses and on their lives often desire opportunities to make a difference. This course is designed to educate and empower students interested in joining peer-based efforts to prevent gender violence at UIS.

CRJ 231. Juvenile Delinquency. 3 Hours.
Theoretical explanations of juvenile delinquency with critical view of their value in the field, followed by practical and analytical view of juvenile justice systems in operation. Course Information: Same as SOA 232. This course fulfills a general education requirement at UIS in the area of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

CRJ 239. Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
The course covers the underlying principles and processes of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on the interdependence of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. The relationship between criminal justice agencies, social groups, and communities are examined.

CRJ 311. Law and Legal Processes. 3 Hours.
Legal issues and policies in criminal justice, including court authority and operation, criminal law and procedure, and legal rights and responsibilities of criminal justice personnel. Constitutional limits on law and police powers in the U.S.

CRJ 312. ECCE: Policing In America. 3 Hours.
Critical analysis of the role and function of law enforcement in the United States. Consideration of the police role in a democratic society, historical development of policing, organizational models and methods of service delivery, theories of patrol, occupational socialization of police, and ethical dilemmas for police. Examination of the effect of police practice and policy on a diverse range of communities and populations. Course Information: This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of ECCE U.S. Communities.

CRJ 313. Correctional Systems. 3 Hours.
Foundations and development of adult and juvenile correctional systems. Organization and operation of jails, prisons, and community-based programs. Corrections issues include pre-trial diversion, social control, alternatives to incarceration, post-release issues, and the study of inmate and correctional officer cultures.

CRJ 315. Critical Thinking in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
This course provides students with the tools to conduct scholarly research on topics relative to the criminal justice arena. Students will learn to read, evaluate, and write using academic resources in the criminal justice field as well as how to effectively format, document, and cite their own research. Course Information: Prerequisite: ENG 101 and ENG 102.

CRJ 316. Crime & Sentencing Policy. 3 Hours.
Examines recent changes in sentencing options and decision-making processes for crimes in Illinois and at the national level. Topics include: practical consequences of new policies such as “truth in sentencing” and punishment for crimes involving firearms; mandatory sentences for selected drug-related crimes; federal sentencing guidelines; sex offender registration and civil commitment of sex offenders; changes in juvenile justice; and mental health issues in sentencing and prisons.

CRJ 323. Physical Evidence Processing. 3 Hours.
This course provides students with a basic understanding of the nature of physical evidence and its role in the criminal justice system. Students will explore basic scientific and legal principles involved with the identification, collection, preservation, and analysis of forensic evidence.

CRJ 324. Issues of Intervention: Law Enforcement and Human Services. 3 Hours.
Responsibilities of community members and criminal justice professionals, including those in helping agencies, in dealing with persons under stress; intervention situations involving marriage and family problems, alcoholism, and suicide; child neglect and abuse; truancy; and advocacy.

CRJ 337. Corrections and the Mass Media. 3 Hours.
Examines images of American corrections, including institutions, personnel, procedures, and prisoners. Studies the ways in which public images and presentations shape public opinion and public policy.

CRJ 342. Statistics for Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
This course is a basic introduction to quantitative research techniques in criminal justice. Statistical software will be used in the analyses of descriptive and inferential statistics. The application and interpretation of statistical results will be emphasized. The course provides the tools to better understand and assess criminological research.

CRJ 343. ECCE: Women and Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
Examines women as perpetrators and victims of crime and as criminal justice professionals. Evaluates factors that contribute to women becoming involved with the criminal justice system in each of these capacities and assesses the degree to which the criminal justice system provides women with equitable treatment. Course Information: Same as WGS 343. This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of ECCE U.S. Communities.

CRJ 345. Research Methods in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
Problem definition, proposal writing, study design, information gathering, and data interpretation. Attention given to research design, sampling techniques, interviewing, questionnaire or survey instrumentation, and observation-participation techniques. Course Information: Prerequisite: CRJ 315 and permission of advisor.

CRJ 346. ECCE: International Criminal Justice Systems. 3 Hours.
Justice systems throughout the world. Comparative components include criminal codes, legal systems, policing and prosecution, and punishment principles and institutions. Course Information: This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of Global Awareness.
CRJ 347. ECCE: Race, Class, and Social Justice. 3 Hours.
Considers the relationship between race and ethnicity, class, and the American criminal justice system, and the intersection of race/ethnic and class relations in America. Explores the experiences of marginalized ethnic minorities, working class, and poor people in the criminal justice system. Course Information: This course fulfills an Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement at UIS in the area of ECCE U. S. Communities.

CRJ 348. Violence Against Women and Children. 3 Hours.
Explores the two most common crimes against women and children: sexual assault and abuse and domestic violence. Examines nature and frequency of these assaults, legal definitions and treatment, victim and survivor experiences, criminal justice and social service responses, offender characteristics, victim services and treatment, and local community resources. Course Information: Same as SWK 348 and WGS 348.

CRJ 349. Alternatives to Incarceration. 3 Hours.
This course examines the theory and practice of sentencing alternatives. Studies the range of existing programs and considers ways to expand community-based alternatives to detention centers and prisons. The types of programs examined include drug courts, electronic monitoring, pretrial release, boot camps, and intensive supervision programs.

CRJ 350. Gangs, Crime, and Justice. 3 Hours.
This course examines the historical background of gangs including formation, membership, and gang identifiers, including stereotypes and misconceptions. Drugs, investigating gang violence, and the music/media portrayal are explored. Prevention, interventions, and suppression strategies related to gang crimes, as well as criminal justice system responses are discussed.

CRJ 351. Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. 3 Hours.
Contemporary approaches to law enforcement management and administration. Management issues include changing views of police responsibilities, proactive policing, profiling and other targeting practices, diversity within police agencies, and leadership and ethics in law enforcement.

CRJ 352. Community Policing. 3 Hours.
Examines the influence community policing has had on America's law enforcement culture as well as the community's perceptions, expectations, and responsibilities related to this method of policing. Topics covered include the history, philosophy, implementation, best practices, assessment and future of community policing. Students will examine key elements such as problem solving, partnership building, organizational change and communications, as well as selected special topics within the community policing framework.

CRJ 353. Psychology of the Offender. 3 Hours.
Psychological makeup and selected characteristics of various types of criminal offenders. Psychological patterns in criminal behavior, including risk assessment and impulse control. Considers how and why psychological rehabilitation or change may occur.

CRJ 354. Critical Incident Resources and Response. 3 Hours.
Examines the theories and philosophies of critical incident management, providing an in-depth view of the concepts and principles involved in crisis resolution by police. Operational planning, management, and decision making will be explored in depth from an academic perspective and an analysis of actual events.

CRJ 355. Deviant Behavior. 3 Hours.
This course will provide in-depth coverage of deviant behavior and the many deviant and criminal subcultures that exist throughout society. Appropriate theoretical approaches will explain interconnection of deviance and crime and place the focus upon how members of these subcultures navigate traditional cultural norms. Students will explore how normative behavior is established and how rejection of normative behavior leads to the formation of deviant and criminal subcultures.
CRJ 421. Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.
Classical and modern theories of crime; social and economic factors in criminal behavior, crime formation, and social control; exploration of the justice system; evaluation of treatment of offenders. All elements of criminology viewed critically. Course Information: Same as SOA 421. Prerequisite: CRJ 315, CRJ 345, and permission of advisor.

CRJ 424. Forensic Evidence in Criminal Law. 3 Hours.
This class is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the development of law as it pertains to selected scientific principles and their application within the criminal justice system. Students completing this course should gain an improved understanding of the legal and scientific principles applicable to forensic evidence. Course Information: Same as CRJ 424.

CRJ 426. Environmental Crime. 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the criminal acts that are directly related to current environmental and ecological issues. Students will learn about the victims and offenders of environmental crime as well as the important topics involving environmental justice.

CRJ 428. Juvenile Law. 3,4 Hours.
Laws and legal practices governing children and youth, particularly wards of the courts and juvenile offenders. Rights of children, youth services available, and institutional practices and laws governing juveniles. Course Information: Same as LES 448.

CRJ 433. Probation Supervision Programs. 3 Hours.
Examines the variety of intervention and supervision programs currently used within probation systems, drawing on practical experience in implementing these programs. Focuses on essential intervention and communication skills needed to work effectively with a range of probationers and to carry out probation responsibilities. This elective is strongly recommended for students interested in working in the probation field.

CRJ 445. Organizational Crime. 3 Hours.
Focuses on organized crime in the United States and around the world, and the larger category of this behavior, organizational or white collar crime. Compares the two activities, their impact on society, and the criminal justice system response. Explores definitions, characteristics, and theories of each.

CRJ 447. Investigative Concepts and Analysis. 3 Hours.
Organizational and logical components of investigation as they relate to decision making and policy development in specific situations. Definition and analysis of fact-finding problems in both criminal and civil settings.

CRJ 455. The Politics of Prosecution. 3,4 Hours.
Through politics, people make decisions and choices about values and interests to be preferred or denied. This concept will be brought to bear on the roles of local prosecutors, state attorneys general, and Department of Justice officials. As executive-bureaucratic decision-makers, they may exercise greater power, in the aggregate, than does the judiciary. Course Information: Same as LES 455 and PSC 455. Undergraduates are restricted to 3 credit hour sections; graduates are restricted to 4 credit hour sections.

CRJ 457. Counseling Criminal Justice Clients. 3 Hours.
Applies counseling techniques and strategies to problems encountered by those working within the criminal justice system. Course topics include counseling the reluctant or resisting client, working within criminal justice constraints, and safety and security issues.

CRJ 462. Drug Investigation / Intelligence. 3 Hours.
Examines law enforcement issues associated with developing drug intelligence and conducting drug investigations. Examines legal requirements and practical considerations in the context of drug investigations. Gives attention to ethical issues and to the impact of drug related law enforcement decisions on policing in general.

CRJ 463. Introduction to Human Rights. 3 Hours.
This course will introduce students to the large issue of human rights as an American phenomenon and as an international phenomenon. The course may focus on one or two particular human rights issues and then compare the problems and the possible solutions at home and globally. For example, the course might focus on the problem of human trafficking and how it is manifested in the United States. Students will examine how the U.S. Communities deal with human trafficking and then how it is manifested in another country and how it is dealt with there. Students will examine international treaties and their implementation to judge efficacy and possible changes locally and internationally. Course Information: Same as GBL 464 and LES 464.

CRJ 470. Special Topics. 1-4 Hours.
Selected topics of special interest to the criminal justice field. Specific topic is reflected in course title, with description available in the course schedule and from the department office. Course Information: May be repeated if topics vary. Students may register in more than one section per term.

CRJ 474. Law of Evidence. 3,4 Hours.
Basic study of rules of evidence for nonlawyers working in lawyer-support or investigatory situations that require basic evidentiary knowledge. Provides practical knowledge of problems faced in investigations with a view toward evidentiary sufficiency and possible admissibility in hearings or trials. Course Information: Same as LES 474.

CRJ 489. Senior Seminar. 3 Hours.
Capstone seminar for CRJ majors in their final semester. Builds on each student's knowledge of criminal justice policy, theory, and practice. Students prepare a major research paper dealing with criminal justice public policy and make a formal presentation. Seminar provides the basis for exit assessment of writing, research, and communication skills in the major. Course Information: Prerequisite: CRJ 315, CRJ 345, and CRJ 421. Requires portfolio approval and permission from advisor. Restricted to CRJ majors.

CRJ 499. Tutorial. 1-4 Hours.
Independent study on selected topic by agreement with a criminal justice faculty member. Topics, method of study, and means of evaluation are determined between student and supervising faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated with approval.

CRJ 599. Tutorial. 1-4 Hours.
Independent study on selected topic by agreement with a criminal justice faculty member. Course Information: May be repeated with approval. Prerequisite: graduate status and permission of instructor.