

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**CJ 0002**                      **CRIME, LAW, AND PUBLIC POLICY**                      **3 cr.**

Introduction to crime, criminal law, and public policy as it pertains to crime and justice. Prerequisite for all required criminal justice courses, but it is also a survey course for non-criminal justice majors. Subject matter includes an introduction to the study of crime; a description of the sources, purposes, and application of criminal law; and an examination of the interplay of politics, crime, and the implementation of public policies.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**CJ 0110**                      **CRIMINOLOGY**                      **3 cr.**

Involves the scientific study of crime. Subject matter includes the measurement and dimensions of crime; a comprehensive examination of biological, psychological, and sociological theories; an overview of some contemporary issues in criminology; and a description of the structure and function of the criminal justice system.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 0130**                      **CORRECTIONAL PHILOSOPHY: THEORY AND PRACTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Introduces the history and philosophy of corrections. Included are the evolution of institutional and correctional practices and the contemporary approach including new strategies as alternatives to incarceration.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 0145**                      **DRUGS AND SOCIETY**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the sociological, psychological, and criminological factors involved with drug abuse and the effects on the criminal justice system and other governmental agencies. It also focuses on the international aspects of drug distribution and its effects on the American and global economy.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 0210**                      **AMERICAN SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the structure and function of the American criminal justice system. Subject matter involves an examination of criminal procedure as it has been established by the U.S. constitution, state constitutions, and judicial interpretation. Case law and the manner in which case law shapes the work of criminal justice professionals are emphasized. Alternatives to incarceration, victims' rights, and other critical issues are also examined.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 0365**                      **MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE LAW**                      **3 cr.**

Exploration of moral perspectives on the law via an examination of such questions as the following: Does law have a moral basis or justification? Is there a moral duty to obey the law? Are there objective standards of conduct that are morally binding on everyone? Is it morally proper to use the law in an attempt to coerce moral behavior?

*Prerequisite: None.*

**CJ 1050**                      **COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY**                      **3 cr.**

Introduces students to a global, comparative approach to the study of common law and civil law criminal justice systems and their respective legal traditions (westernized, Islamic, ancient, socialist, public, private, constitutional, etc.). Surveys global criminal issues such as the spread of transnational crimes like human, weapon and drug trafficking, terrorism, corporate fraud, war crimes violations and global organized crime. Examines the organic criminal justice problems various nations face (politically, economically, religiously, socially, historically and geographically) in processing crime, as well as, how these same nations respond differentially to problems shared around the globe.

*Prerequisites: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1110**                      **VIOLENT CRIME**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the cause and effect of violent crime in American society. Special topics examined will include homicide, serial murders, genocide, infanticide, rape, marital rape, gang violence, and domestic violence. Theory, case studies, trends, and cross-cultural analyses will also be included.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1116**                      **ORGANIZED CRIME**                      **3 cr.**

Examines organized crime as illegal business enterprises and shows how entrepreneurial crime has historically been used as a ladder for social mobility by American ethnic groups. Topics include: periods of ethnic dominance, sociology of entrepreneurial crime subcultures, syndicate management and operations practices, law enforcement field strategies, and current trends.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1120**                      **COMMUNITY POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING**                      **3 cr.**

Explores the nature of relationships between police and various communities in American society, as well as, problems produced by those relationships. General understanding of structure, function, and operation of small, medium, and large police departments.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1125**                      **HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**                      **3 cr.**

Introduces various historical and philosophical approaches to law enforcement. Explores origins of policing, philosophical position on nature of law enforcement and its justification, comparisons of various types of policing in different historical epochs, and emergence of bureaucratized urban force.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1126**                      **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the restorative justice model as a viable form of alternative dispute resolution. Restorative justice will be compared and contrasted with the concepts and practices of the traditional justice system including the police, courts, and corrections. Students will also be introduced to the model of Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) that is utilized within the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania. The history, theory, and evaluation research surrounding the restorative justice process will also be examined.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1130**                      **MINORITY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Presents an intense examination of how law and the criminal justice process impact minorities in general and the African American community in particular. Students are familiarized with pertinent theories and issues, including the historic roles of law and legal institutions in the black community, and employment of blacks in law and criminal justice.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1135**                      **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**                      **3 cr.**

Introduces the students to the field of investigations and serve as the foundation for criminal forensics. Topics will include principles of interviewing and interrogations, eyewitness identification of persons and things and analysis of crime scenes. An overview of the processes involved in the use of evidence and the challenges they face in the court system. Significant court decisions will be summarized.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1138**                      **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS**                      **3 cr.**

This course examines the ethical dilemmas and questions that arise in policing, corrections and the judiciary. Various philosophical perspectives will be discussed and applied via practical case studies. Additionally, students will explore how the criminal justice system addresses competing interests in various ethical scenarios; the legal impact of certain types of ethical misconduct; and how the criminal justice system attempts to prevent and address ethical misconduct.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1148**                      **DELINQUENCY AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Understanding the nature of juvenile delinquency and the treatment of juveniles within the juvenile justice system. The course defines the term, juvenile delinquency, provides overview of theories of delinquency, as well as risk factors for delinquent behavior. It traces the history of the juvenile justice system and provides an overview of the various dispositions for adjudicated youth. Critical Supreme Court cases, involving juvenile offenders are also considered.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1154**                      **PROBATION AND PAROLE**                      **3 cr.**

Explores the nature of probation and parole and strategies for effective use. Examines the structure and operation of probation services and the impact of probation and parole upon the criminal justice system and larger society.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1155**                      **CRITICAL ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY LAW ENFORCEMENT**                      **3 cr.**

Analysis of contemporary issues relating to policies, goals, and procedures of all law enforcement agencies. Discussion of federal assistance to law enforcement, changing role of police, police-court controversy, and future trends in criminal justice.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1198**                      **INTERNSHIP**                      **3 cr.**

Internship in Criminal Justice.

*Prerequisites: Senior; CJ 0002, CJ 0110, CJ 0130, CJ 0210, CJ 1125. Note: Department Consent Required.*

**CJ 1199**                      **RESEARCH PRACTICUM**                      **1-3 cr.**

Research opportunities in Criminal Justice.

**CJ 1202**                      **AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**                      **3 cr.**

Study of the interpretation of the constitution by the Supreme Court and of the place of the court in the American political system. Topics include the development of judicial review, civil and political rights, national and state powers over the economy, and the powers of the president. Major emphasis is given to the courts policymaking roles and to its decisions in the area of civil liberties and rights.

*Prerequisite: None.*

**CJ 1230**                      **CRITICAL ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY CORRECTIONS**                      **3 cr.**

Uses, as a departure, the concepts learned in CJ 0130. It will be divided into three parts. First, it will reconsider the general justifications of punishment and how various sentence options may meet these alternatives. Second, it will examine current issues, including aging inmates, education in prison, and women in prison. Third, it will examine innovations in prisons, including privatization of prisons.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1248**                      **WOMEN AND CRIME**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the nature of female offenders and the response of the criminal justice system to the female offender. Assesses the applicability of criminological theories in explaining female delinquency and criminality. Examines the way female victims are treated within the system. Also includes a section on women working within the criminal justice field.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1250**                      **JUNIOR SEMINAR ON SENTENCING ISSUES**                      **3 cr.**

Students and faculty jointly explore the research on a key topic in criminal justice such as sentencing practices. Topics will vary with the instructor. Students will gain skill in reading and evaluating research, in formulating policy based on research and in developing research ideas and methods. The seminar builds on the experience in research methods and provides important preparation for completing senior projects. This is a writing intensive course that satisfies the Comp 3 requirement

*Prerequisite: CJ major; Junior; EngCmp 0020.*

**CJ 1310**                      **ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

Introduces the student to the role of criminal justice in protecting and regulating the environment at both the micro and macro level. This includes environmental crimes of climate, water, air, ground, noise pollution and pollution found in the human body. The emerging field of environmental criminal justice demands fair treatment of all peoples with respect to environmental laws and their implementations including the right to safe and clean resources, work environments and living environments.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1255**                      **SENTENCING AND MODERN REFORM**                      **3 cr.**

This course takes an in-depth examination into modern sentencing reform in the United States. It highlights the historical background of sentencing practices and details the goals of modern reforms. It provides an empirical assessment of whether the reforms have met their goals, an overview of relevant Supreme Court cases, and a consideration of the monetary and social costs of modern sentencing practices. The course ends with examining recent calls to “reform the reforms” and considers the future of sentencing practices in the United States.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002/SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1518**                      **WHITE COLLAR CRIME**                      **3 cr.**

Examines the meaning, varieties, and extent of “white collar crime” in America. Investigates the developmental history of this concept, theories of white collar crime causation, specific types of white collar crime, empirical and theoretical controversies surrounding white collar crime, and the probable future directions for this type of criminal behavior.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1520**                      **VICTIMOLOGY**                      **3 cr.**

Traces the development of the field of victimology. Examines the “victim” and provides an overview of the incidence, patterns, and consequences of criminal victimization. Places special emphasis on victimization on college campuses and violence against women.

*Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

**CJ 1901**                      **INDEPENDENT STUDY**                      **1-6 cr.**

Allows advanced students to pursue topics and research of special interest which are not otherwise available.

*Prerequisites: Junior; CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.*

*Note: Department Consent Required.*

**CJ 1910**                      **TEACHING & RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**                      **3 cr.**

This course allows students the opportunity to assist the instructor, tutor students and / or work on research projects.

*Prerequisites: Senior; CJ 0002, CJ 0110, CJ 0210, CJ 0130, CJ 1125.*

**CJ 1950**

**SENIOR SEMINAR**

**3 cr.**

Senior seminar for Criminal Justice majors.

*Prerequisites: Senior; CJ 0002, CJ 0110, CJ 0130, CJ 0210, CJ 1125 and (SOCSCI 0200 or STAT 0200).*