

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 social implications of the use and abuse of psychoactive substances. Drawing on sociological, psychological, historical, and pharmacological research, questions about individual motivations and consequences, social problems, political and economic issues, and public policy will be explored. The primary focus will be on the United States, but the larger global context will also be considered

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 interpretations. Case law and the manner in which case law shapes the work activities of criminal justice professionals are emphasized. Critical issues in the administration of justice are also examined (alternatives to incarceration, victims' rights, and others).

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.

Adopts a multi-disciplinary approach in examining the causes and consequences of violent behavior. We will study major theories of violent crime causation, and the relationship between the media, public perception, and public policy. Special topics will include serial murder, mass rape, genocide, domestic violence, and the violence perpetrated by street gangs.

Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.

CJ 1116 ORGANIZED CRIME 3 cr.

Examines the historical evolution of organized criminal groups in the United States and the influence that foreign criminal cartels have had on American factions. Attention will be paid to the response by law enforcement to this criminal phenomenon, to include the passing of specific statutes to address this criminal behavior.

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.**

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.

circumstances the goals of sentencing have been realized, 7) presents ethical and philosophical challenges to modern sentencing reform, and 8) to offers some conclusions about how modern sentencing reforms may impact prison populations as well as the correctional population under community supervision. 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.

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 or SOC 0020.

CJ 1518 WHITE COLLAR CRIME 3 cr.

Examines the offenses related to white collar crime and the differences between these types of deeds, crimes of opportunity and violent crimes. In addition, the unique nature of this criminal behavior and the actor's reliance on the victim to assist in the wrongdoing will be addressed. Attention to the role of law enforcement and the problems associated with the investigation of white collar crime will be discussed.

Prerequisite: CJ 0002 or SOC 0020.

CJ 1520 VICTIMOLOGY 3 cr.

Traces the development of the field of victimology. It first examines the term "victim" and then provides an overview of the incidence, patterns, and consequences of criminal victimization. This course places special emphasis on victimization on college campuses and violence against women. It concludes by discussing victims' programs and services.

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.

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).