

CJUS - 1003 Intro to Criminal Justice, 3.00 Credits

Level: Lower

This course examines the three segments of the criminal justice system in the U.S. - law enforcement, the courts and corrections. Included is study of their evolution, philosophy, structure, responsibilities, agencies, and ethical obligations. Also examined are the role of the U.S. Constitution and of state and federal laws, the role of the criminal justice system in a democratic society and current issues facing those who work in the criminal justice field.

CJUS - 2003 Introduction to Law, 3.00 Credits

Level: Lower

This course introduces students to civil and criminal law. It examines the historical development of laws in the United States, distinguishing between civil and criminal laws. It also examines the essential elements of substantive law, procedural law and civil processes, and how they interact, as well as the evolution of legal realism and legal interpretation. The roles of those involved with civil and criminal law to include types of courts, plaintiffs, defendants, police, prosecutors, judges and other court-related personnel are discussed. Special emphasis is placed on the basic principles to manage complex situations during the administration of justice.

CJUS - 3003 Cybercrime, 3.00 Credits

Level: Lower

As emerging technologies continue to redefine the very nature of crime, the legal apparatus in the United States and around world must adapt accordingly. This course is designed to provide an overview of topics related to cybercrime. The theories and legal issues, with emphasis on technology will be used to address cybercrime issues and to apply critical thinking skills to modern criminal justice practices, procedures, and policies related to cybercrime. Topics include legalistic, enforcement, behavioral, social, and technological issues that are related to the cybercrime problems.

CJUS - 4003 Corrections Process in the U.S., 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with D or better

Level: Lower

This course provides an introduction to the corrections process and examines state, local and federal correctional programs in the United States. Included is the study of the evolution, philosophy, structure, responsibilities and types of correctional agencies as well as the roles and ethical obligations of those working in the corrections system. The impact of American Correctional Association Standards (ACA) on correctional agencies is examined. Attention also is paid to public policy as it relates to issues affecting the corrections process including incapacitation versus rehabilitation and offender versus victim rights.

CJUS - 4103 Policing in a Free Society, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with C or better

Level: Lower

Applied Learning-Creative Work

This course is an introduction to the responsibilities of police and police agencies at the local, state and federal levels. Police operations are examined relative to their effectiveness in crime control, delivery of services and maintenance of order with particular emphasis on patrol operations and preserving the freedom of citizens. Principles of management as they relate to organizational structures and activities of public and private police and corrections agencies in America are introduced. Also examined are the development of policy, personnel administration, inspection procedures, performance evaluations, and planning and research in police agencies. The students will complete a final capstone project synthesizing supervisory and leadership aspects of the course.

CJUS - 5003 Constitutional Issues in Crim, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with D or better

Level: Upper

A comprehensive examination of the U.S. Constitution and the impacts of resulting case law on public policy relative to criminal and social systems, governmental authority and civil liberties. In this course students will research and analyze social and political policy resulting from these impacts in areas such as pornography, abortion, women's rights, voting rights, sentencing equality, immigration, terrorism, juvenile death penalty, and the Patriot Act to name a few. This is a discussion-based course requiring students to participate in in-depth peer discussions. Students are required to analyze the impacts of case law on state and local law enforcement as it pertains to a specific topic culminating in a research project.

CJUS - 5103 Courts in Contemporary Society, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with D or better

Level: Upper

The Courts in Contemporary Society is a comprehensive analysis of the courts: structure, process, and issues. This course provides a historical perspective of courts in America from past to present requiring students to critically analyze social policy affecting the courts' transformation to contemporary functions including diversion, alternative dispute resolution, recidivism, and specialty courts. This examines the law and its origins, compares the federal and state court systems, and examines juvenile justice process in America.

CJUS - 5113 Contemp Public Safety Leadersh, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): BUAD 3153 with D or better or CJUS 4103 with D or better

Level: Upper

This course provides the evolution of leadership theorists and theories including behavioral, situational and contingency schools of thought. Students evaluate the various leadership styles and attributes of effective and ineffective leaders. Students must analyze the relationship between effective leadership and teamwork, organizational culture, diversity, ethics, interpersonal communications, organizational performance, futures planning, technology, conflict resolution, and problem solving. This course culmination requires a synthesizing of leadership models for transformational change in a written practical exercise.

CJUS - 6003 Law & Criminal Evidence, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with D or better or SOCI 1243 with D or better

Level: Upper

The course examines the origin, development, philosophy, and legal bases of evidence, including a brief survey of the system of constitutional and procedural rules and standards affecting evidence collection and admissibility. Specific topics include evidence collection and preservation, the trial process, expert and lay opinion, scientific evidence, and confessions and admissions. The course requires a research paper.

CJUS - 6203 Ethics in Criminal Justice Adm, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1183 with C or better

Level: Upper

This course examines ethical issues in the criminal justice (CJ) field, including an analysis of diversity and situational events of persons employed in the criminal justice field. Students will evaluate leadership theory and the emerging issues and challenges confronting leaders in public safety/criminal justice. Students will also synthesize ethical philosophies and the responsibilities of CJ practitioners at the local, state, and federal levels. Research will be conducted on contemporary CJ topics such as immigration, terrorism, and police conduct in conjunction with the U.S. Constitution culminating with a written practical framework for successful and ethical leadership in a CJ setting.

CJUS - 7004 Criminal Investigation & Mgmt, 4.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 6003 with D or better

Level: Upper

Applied Learning-Practicum

This course is a comprehensive examination of contemporary techniques, principles, problems, and theories and management of the criminal investigation process. This course provides interactive experience between classroom and crime scene evaluation. Emphasizing initial response to a scene through the questioning of witnesses and suspects; collection and preservation of evidence; preparation of case evidence for courtroom testimony and the management of this discipline. This course requires a lab course in conjunction with classroom presentation and is an applied course.

CJUS - 8003 Criminal Investigation Capston, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 7004 with D or better

Level: Upper

Applied Learning-Practicum

The Criminal Investigation Capstone course applies case law, evidence identification, securing and preservation of evidence from initial crime scene through courtroom testimony. This course evaluates the scientific aspects of criminal investigation from the crime scene to the crime laboratory. This includes the application of identifying, preserving and processing fingerprints; tool impressions; hair, fibers, blood and narcotics; casts and molds; and interview and interrogation techniques. This course utilizes law enforcement and crime lab experience in an applied setting. This capstone project requires student's crime scene notes, logs, and investigative reports in a completed case file that identifies the crime, suspects, methods used to secure suspects and witnesses, as well as documentation of assistance from external sources. A course fee may be required.

CJUS - 8012 Criminal Justice Internship, 12.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with C or better and CJUS 6203 with C or better

Level: Upper

Applied Learning-Internship

This course requires a minimum of 480 hours of work experience in an approved public safety agency, commonly defined as police, courts, corrections, or fire service, or in a commercial/industrial security agency. The agency or industry selected must be approved by the Department Chair and Internship Coordinator and be specifically related to the curriculum of the student. This course requires a comprehensive final report contrasting the selected agency with contemporary issues and the maintenance of a daily diary. Students must meet the standards of their cooperating agency in order to participate.

CJUS - 8103 Criminal Justice Internship, 3.00 Credits

Prerequisite(s): CJUS 1003 with C or better and CJUS 6203 with C or better

Level: Upper

Applied Learning-Internship

This course requires a minimum of 120 hours of work experience in an approved public safety agency, commonly defined as police, courts, corrections or fire service, or in a commercial/industrial security agency. The agency or industry selected must be approved by the Internship Coordinator and be specifically related to the curriculum of the student. The course requires a comprehensive final report and daily diary.