

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRMJ)

## CRMJ 103 Survey of the Criminal Justice System (3 crs)

Prerequisite: No credit if taken after SOC 203.

- *Credit may not be earned in both SOC 103 and CRMJ 103.*

The fundamental concepts and contemporary issues associated with criminal law, policing, the judicial systems, and corrections are presented.

Attributes: GE IIIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study, LE-K2 Social Sciences  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 280 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103. Limited to criminal justice majors.

A survey of research methods including research design, measurement and sampling procedures, development of survey questionnaires, experimental and field research, data collection, and analysis. Emphasis is placed on understanding, interpreting, and critically evaluating research in the criminal justice field.

Attributes: LE-S3 Creativity  
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 291 Special Topics (3 crs)

Intensive study of a topic selected because of special interest on the part of students or faculty.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 301 Criminology Theory (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103/SOC 103

Presentation of the biological, psychological, and social causes and correlates of criminal behavior. The emphasis is on contemporary factors and theories of crime and criminal behavior.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 302 Youth Crime and Juvenile Justice (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103.

- *Credit may not be earned in both SOC 302 and CRMJ 302.*

Designed to give students a multidisciplinary understanding of the youth crime problem and the juvenile justice system. Topics covered include definitions and causes of youth crime, the philosophy and organization of the juvenile court, techniques of effective intervention and treatment, as well as the relationship between the juvenile justice system and components of the child welfare system. Includes cross-national information on the youth crime problem and efforts to control it.

Attributes: GE IIIG Social Science-Interdisciplinary Study  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 303 Crime Prevention (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103.

- *No credit if taken after CRMJ 291 when offered as Crime Prevention.*

Examines various crime prevention policies and programs. Topics include crime prevention methods, theoretical applications to prevention efforts, and program effectiveness. The importance of research design in evaluating programs is also considered.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 319 Police in Society (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103.

Examines who the police are, what they do, and how they do it. Analyzes the complexities and ambiguities of modern policing. Topics covered include police operations, law enforcement ethics, police misconduct, women and minority police officers, police work with juveniles, and cross-national methods of policing.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 320 Race, Crime, and Justice (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103

A critical examination of the relationship between race and ethnicity, and all components of the criminal justice system in the United States. Provides a historical perspective of racial inequality and a study of contemporary racial justice issues, while highlighting the struggles for racial justice and how these struggles have been criminalized and controlled.

Attributes: LE-DDIV Design for Diversity, LE-R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity  
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 325 Victimology (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103

- *No credit if taken after CRMJ 491 when offered as Victimology*

Examination of a wide range of victimization experiences from the perspective of the victim, family members of the victim, and society. Emphasis placed on exploring response patterns to victimization, secondary trauma effects of victimization, differential effects of victimization over the life course, and community and media response.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

## CRMJ 340 Capital Punishment (3 crs)

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103

An in-depth exploration of the death penalty in the United States with a focus on constitutional issues related to the implementation of capital punishment. Perspectives of those on death row and their families, victims and their families, and criminal justice system professionals also will be examined.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3  
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 342 Confinement and Corrections (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103.

Examines the confinement experience and field of corrections with particular focus on institutional and community-based corrections. Students will learn about typical correctional clients, life in prison, programs and services for prison inmates, and correctional practices worldwide.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 350 Women and Criminal Justice (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103.

- *No credit if taken after CRMJ 491 when offered as Women and Criminal Justice*

Overview of the role, behavior and treatment of women in the criminal justice system in the United States. Theoretical, legal, political, socioeconomic and other influences will be highlighted through the way women are portrayed as offenders, victims, and professional employees in the criminal justice system.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 358 Cybersecurity and Cybercrime (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103

This course covers cybercrime and cybersecurity issues in contemporary society while applying criminological theory to cybercriminality. Provides an overview of threats and challenges to information and communication technologies (ICT) and the Internet of things (IoT) that extend the physical space of crime to cyberspace. Critical issues in cybersecurity are examined in terms of scope, seriousness, and array of cybercrimes and organized criminal activities that occur online.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 359 Teen Technology Misuse (3 crs)**

Explores the ways teens use and misuse technology, with particular emphasis on cyberbullying, sexting, and unsafe social networking. Implications for preventing and responding to these behaviors will be examined.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 360 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (3 crs)**

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103 or SOC 103

This course examines the nature and extent of crime and social policy in modern society. Emphasis will be placed on current issues that have a wide-ranging impact on criminal justice systems, offenders, and society.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

**CRMJ 395 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)**

Consent: Department Consent Required

Students, with assistance and approval from supervising instructors, define a particular problem or topic to study.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

**CRMJ 397 Student Academic Apprenticeship in Criminal Justice (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Limited to criminal justice majors. Minimum total GPA of 3.30. B+ or above in assigned course.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Cannot apprentice in the same course twice.*

Qualified students work under close supervision of faculty exploring methods to teach criminal justice and assisting in the teaching of a course or courses. Students enhance their understanding of the discipline and their communication skills.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

**CRMJ 399 Independent Study - Juniors (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Minimum junior standing.

Consent: Department Consent Required

Students propose an independent study project on a topic in criminal justice to an instructor. Projects may include library research or original empirical research. Students work independently, with supervising instructor providing oversight and assistance.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

**CRMJ 491 Special Topics (3 crs)**

Intensive study of a topic selected because of special interest on the part of students or faculty.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

**CRMJ 498 Criminal Justice Internship (1-6 crs)**

Prerequisite: CRMJ 103/SOC 103, and 30 credits which apply to the criminal justice major. Minimum junior standing. Limited to criminal justice majors.

Consent: Department Consent Required

- *Formal application with the instructor and department chair must begin at least eight weeks before registering for the course. Signature required from supervising instructor, agency representative, and department chair.*

A field course which integrates principles of criminal justice with practical experience in a criminal justice agency. Supervision by instructor and agency representative.

Attributes: LE-11 Integration, Service-Learning, Full 30 Hours, Internship

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

**CRMJ 499 Independent Study - Seniors (1-3 crs)**

Prerequisite: Minimum senior standing.

Consent: Department Consent Required

Students propose an independent study project on a topic in criminal justice to an instructor. Projects may include library research or original empirical research. Students work independently, with supervising instructor providing oversight and assistance.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

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