

## Criminal Justice

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**FACULTY: J. Bolinger, G. Anderson+, R. Davis+, D. Hurley+.**

Students majoring in Criminal Justice for either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree will complete a minimum of 39 hours. Required courses include Criminal Justice 101, 201, and 202 with grades of C or better.

An additional 12 credit hours will be selected in consultation with each student's advisor from Criminal Justice classes. An internship (CRIM 250) is strongly recommended. The remaining 18 hours will be selected in consultation with each student's advisor from Criminal Justice classes, or complementary courses.

The department strongly recommends complementary courses in Spanish, Computer Science, and Psychology. Where possible, a second major or a minor should be developed in an area dictated by the interests of the student.

A student who receives a D or F grade in any Criminal Justice course may repeat the course only once. If a student withdraws from a Criminal Justice course with a current grade below C, the withdrawal will be noted in the department as Withdrawal Failing. The subsequent attempt of the course will be counted by the department as a repeat.

### *Departmental Honors*

A student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 in Criminal Justice classes and 3.25 overall at the end of the junior year is eligible to enroll in CRIM 495 and write a proposal for a thesis. If the student gets an A in that course he or she may enroll in CRIM 497 and write the thesis. The student who then earns an A in that course will graduate with Honors in Criminal Justice.

### *Associate of Science Degree*

Students majoring in Criminal Justice for an Associate of Science degree will complete a minimum of 21 hours. Required courses include Criminal Justice 101 and 201, plus one additional Criminal Justice class. An internship (CRIM 250) is strongly recommended. The remaining 12 hours will be selected in consultation with each student's advisor from Criminal Justice classes, or complementary courses.

## Courses

**CRIM 101. INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE.** (3) The evolution of the system of criminal justice in the United States; differing approaches to law enforcement; the process of criminal justice from intake to dismissal through its main agencies: police, courts, corrections, probation, and parole. Current problems, experiments, and reforms in criminal justice. Planning for a career in criminal justice.

**CRIM 201. CRIMINAL LAW.** (3) Purpose and scope of criminal law; the definition of criminal conduct; the classification and definition of specific offenses; defenses to criminal liability; complicity and vicarious liability; inchoate offenses. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

**CRIM 202. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.** (3) A detailed analysis of due process of law from the initial investigation to the ultimate disposition of the case, including search & seizure, interrogation, hearings, motions, pleas and trial procedures, the role of the principal trial participants, basic rules of evidence, sentencing, and the appellate process. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 201 with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

**CRIM 211, 212. FORENSIC SCIENCE I AND II.** (3, 3) Principles and techniques of collecting, preserving and analyzing evidence; using photography, medical pathology, toxicology, serology, ballistics, graphology, polygraph tests, voice prints, and other aids for the analysis of evidence such as physical damage, hair, blood, semen, drugs, weapons, documents, and oral statements; the operation of crime laboratories and the use of evidence in court. Forensic Science I is not a prerequisite to Forensic Science II.

**CRIM 228. JUVENILE JUSTICE.** (3) An analysis of the factors causing juvenile delinquency; theory and practice of delinquency prevention and intervention; the juvenile justice system involving arrest, prosecution and rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents; and juvenile codes. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 with a grade of C or better.

**CRIM 232. CRIMINOLOGY.**(3) The nature and causation of crime. The nature of criminal behavior, theories and research. Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or permission of instructor.

**CRIM 243. WRITING IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.** (3) Study and practice of written reporting as required in criminal justice. Strong emphasis on the mechanics of report writing, including accurate choice of words, spelling, grammar, syntax, style, punctuation, editing, and proofreading. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 with a grade of C or better and Criminal Justice major.

**CRIM 250. ISSUES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNS.** (3) Supervised field experience in Criminal Justice. Working with their advisors and the Career Services Office, students arrange an internship in Criminal Justice. The students will then work in the field during the semester,

meeting in the classroom to report on related reading and the field experience. Pass/Fail grading. Prerequisites: second semester sophomore or above and minimum 2.0 grade point average. Must have permission of instructor prior to registration.

**CRIM 300. CORRECTIONS.** (3) An overview of corrections including rationales for punishment, the history of corrections, alternate means of correction, and contemporary issues in corrections. Class will include visits to correctional institutions. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice major with 18 hours of courses in the major, or permission of the instructor.

**CRIM 305. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS.** (3) This course explores the history, functions, purposes, and operations of community-based corrections programs and how they are linked to the larger criminal justice system. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of community corrections as an alternative and supplement to incarceration. No prerequisite.

**CRIM 314. SECURITY.** (3) An overview of security including the history and future of security, career opportunities in security, specialized security fields, risk management, crime prevention and technological services. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

**CRIM 320. POLICING.** (3) Study and practice of some of the commonly performed duties of police. Included are: crime prevention and detection, patrol tactics, criminal and traffic enforcement, accident investigation, arrest and apprehension procedures, and trial court testimony. This course is designed to give the student an understanding of the importance that each of the above components have on the success of a police agency. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, 201, and 202 with grades of C or better, or permission of instructor.

**CRIM 325. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS.** (3) This course is designed to introduce students to the unique aspects of criminal investigation. Students will explore investigative theory, the collection and preservation of evidence including the legal aspects, sources of information, concepts of interviewing and interrogation, the use of forensic sciences, and trial preparation. Emphasis will be placed on investigative techniques employed, identification of motives and modus operandi, and the use of informants. Learning how to gather information through interviews and interrogation and applying legal concepts to solving crime will be important focuses of the course. The course will also examine concepts and methods of investigation of specific forms of crime (for example, homicide, sexual assault, arson and robbery). Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 with a grade of C or better.

**CRIM 495. SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.** (3) A comprehensive analysis of a major problem, leading to a senior thesis proposal. Prerequisite: Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 in Criminal Justice classes and 3.25 overall.

**CRIM 497. SENIOR THESIS.** (3) Prerequisite: Grade of A in Criminal Justice 495.