

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ) - UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

CJ-101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 cr)

This course is a comprehensive introduction to the Criminal Justice System, with emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the police, courts, and corrections. It explores the impact of the three branches of the government at the federal and state levels. Federal and State Constitutional rights of the accused and the roles of key players in the judicial process are studied. This introductory course provides a solid foundation of the United States Criminal Justice system and provides a historical context for the examination of current trends and developments in the field.

CJ-106 - Introduction to Fire Science (3 cr)

This course provides an introduction to the historical and scientific background of fire protection services in the United States. Topics include fire service terminology; duties and responsibilities of firefighters; fire equipment use and function; and the responsibilities of fire service agencies within government and the private sector. Employment and promotional opportunities are also explored.

CJ-110 - Contemporary Security Practices (3 cr)

This course examines contemporary security practices, the history, the philosophy, and the legal authority of private security, the role of private security, and the selection and training of professionals in Criminal Justice and Public Safety systems. Topics include: protection theory, the security survey, functional security activities, structural security and design, and fire protection and safety planning as they apply to specialized settings.

CJ-150 - American Legal System (3 cr)

This course examines the history, structure, organization, and authority of the legal justice system in the United States. Students learn about the evolution of law and legal systems. Topics include jurisdictional issues, the appellate process, and the Constitutional rights of citizens in the civil and criminal process.

CJ-160 - Cyber Crime (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to cybercrimes, which includes the history as well as ethical and technological considerations. Students learn the different types of cybercrimes (identity theft, cyber-bullying, financial fraud, intellectual property, and child exploitation). The course examines the importance of data evidence collection and the ways technology serves as a contributory tool in facilitating this crime.

Prerequisite: IT-118

CJ-200 - Criminal Law (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to the history, theory, and practice of the substantive criminal law. It examines the sources of law, legislative responsibilities, major elements of statutory offenses, and their application in the criminal justice process. The New York State Penal Code is emphasized.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-201 - Family Law (3 cr)

This course introduces students to the various components of family law, examining the following: matrimonial law, family offenses, child protective proceedings, parental rights, and adoption. The expansion of the legal definition of a family, legal rights and protections are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the statutory provisions from the Domestic Relation Law and Family Court Act.

Prerequisite: CJ-101 or LS-101

CJ-202 - Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America (3 cr)

This course is a study of American penology-the study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation-in a sociological context. In addition, it examines the major issues that have helped shape the landscape of American Corrections. This includes a discussion of current treatment modalities, inmate subcultures, prison management, and sentencing trends. The course explores the use of alternatives to incarceration and the latest trends in prisoner reentry.

CJ-205 - Criminal Procedure and Process (3 cr)

This course examines the application of relevant United States and state constitutional requirements and restrictions on the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses. Major topics include the laws of arrest, the rules of search and seizure, the use of force, and interrogation practices. Attention is paid to various aspects of the investigation and judicial process, the concept of due process, and rights afforded to the accused.

Prerequisite: CJ-200

CJ-206 - Police Patrol Procedures (3 cr)

This course examines the police patrol function in detail, including the types of patrol and its applications as well as ethics, strategies, and procedures. Specific patrol activities and duties are emphasized including crime response and prevention, medical emergencies, community relations, communication skills, and report writing.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-208 - History of the New York City Police Department (3 cr)

This course examines the history of policing in New York City from 1625 to the present. Students learn the evolution of security forces in NYC from the Shout and Rattle Watch, through the transformation of the Municipal and Metropolitan Police Departments into the modern NYPD. Newsworthy events, high profile cases, and their impact on the reformation of the NYPD are discussed.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-210 - Criminal Investigation (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to the history, theory, and practice of criminal investigation. The course examines evolution of the investigative process, basic procedures, and the ethical and appropriate use of investigative practices. Topics include crime scene procedures, securing, documenting, collecting, and preserving physical evidence, locating and interviewing witnesses, developing an investigative plan, follow up procedures, the role and limitations of the crime lab, identification practices, and case preparation. Students examine investigative practices for burglaries, larcenies, auto theft, and similar crimes.

Prerequisite: CJ-205

CJ-211 - Criminal Justice Systems and the Community (3 cr)

This course examines the relationship between the components of the criminal justice system and the communities they serve. Contemporary approaches to crime reduction are also discussed. Various community concerns are explored. Issues that prevent a cooperative environment, as well as the internal and external barriers to such relationships are examined in detail. Emphasis is placed on developing community awareness of criminal justice agencies, utilizing resources to engage in problem solving with citizens, and promoting community crime prevention initiatives.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-212 - Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (3 cr)

This course examines the purpose and functions of ethics in society, the sources of ethical conflicts in the criminal justice system, and appropriate resolutions. Students address personal and professional value systems, ethical standards, and ethical-decision making. Emphasis is placed on individual responsibility and accountability to society.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-215 - Event Risk Management and Safety (3 cr)

This course is a comprehensive examination of managing the risk and liability of public and private events. With theoretical and practical procedures and scenarios, students learn how to recognize, manage, and limit risk in venues that vary in size and scope. The importance of coordination among governmental and private resources is examined, along with elements of overall security and safety. Sophomore Standing.

CJ-220 - Women in Criminal Justice (3 cr)

This course provides an overview of the many issues surrounding women in the criminal justice system. Students gain a historical perspective of women as offenders, victims/survivors, and criminal justice professionals. Relevant criminological theories that explain female patterns of criminal behavior, victimization, and the effects of labeling are also examined.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-240 - Correctional Administration and the Law (3 cr)

This course examines the specific aspects of public administration as they apply to correctional organizations. Topics include: the principles of effective management and leadership; models for the organization and administration of correctional agencies and their services; and internal and external accountability. Students learn the specific body of law that governs corrections and how the law protects the rights of inmates and Criminal Justice professionals.

Prerequisite: CJ-202

CJ-245 - Correctional Counseling (3 cr)

This course examines counseling services, methods, and strategies used in the correctional system including probation and parole services. Topics include the role of counseling in the rehabilitation process, classification and evaluation of offenders, risk assessment, the counseling process and crisis intervention. Issues including anger management, responsibility training, behavior modification, and counseling techniques are explored.

Prerequisite: CJ-202 and LA-101

CJ-251 - Exploring the Dynamics of Hate Crimes: Past, Present, Future (3 cr)

This course will allow students to explore and examine the cultural, social and psychological characteristics that lead to bias-motivated crimes. The unique psychological trauma associated with hate crimes on victims and communities will be explored, as well as the risk of associated escalation and reprisals. Students will evaluate how the historical roots of hate crimes has shaped the modern-day multidisciplinary responses to such crimes. Students will also explore the expansive scope and types of hate crimes in the 21st century, as well as the limitations of existing data on hate crimes. To gain a real-life perspective in understanding the nature of hate crimes, students will review and analyze hate crime case studies and statistics. Students will assess the effectiveness of federal and state hate crime legislation in protecting individuals against hate crimes. Sophomore Standing

CJ-270 - Fundamentals of Criminal Trial Practice (3 cr)

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of the trial process. Emphasis is placed on the importance of witness statements, police reports, medical records, as well as other documentation in trial practice. Students are taught how to effectively conduct each phase of the trial process, including pre-trial motions, opening statements, direct examination, cross examination, and closing statements through mock trial presentations and proceedings.

Prerequisite: CJ-205

CJ-271 - United States Court Systems (3 cr)

This course examines the history, tradition, and philosophy underlying the United States justice system and court structure at the federal, state, and local levels. Students learn the roles of the judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, defense attorneys, defendants, plaintiffs, jurors, and victims who are involved in case outcomes. The impact of public opinion, public policy, and future trends of the nation's court systems are also examined.

Prerequisite: CJ-101 LA-103

CJ-280 - Physical Fitness for Today's Professional (3 cr)

This course develops the basic skills and techniques necessary for physical fitness as it relates to law enforcement careers. This physical fitness training and conditioning adequately prepares the student for the physical agility law enforcement entrance examinations. Emphasis is placed on aerobic and anaerobic exercises, diet and nutrition, foot pursuits, arrest techniques, and strengthening exercises.

CJ-281 - Defensive Tactics (3 cr)

This course develops the basic skills and techniques necessary for law enforcement officers to control resistance from aggressive subjects. It focuses on non-lethal tactics that include anaerobic exercise, pressure point control, impact weapon techniques, tactical handcuffing, handgun disarming, and other defensive maneuvers.

CJ-290 - Field Experience in Criminal Justice I (3 cr)

This course offers students the opportunity to apply learned theory in a practical setting. Placements include police agencies, para-professional positions in probation, correctional counseling, juvenile facilities, or in custodial and non-custodial correctional facilities, detention centers, and similar agencies.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-292 - Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies (3 cr)

This course serves as a culmination of knowledge acquired at the associate level for the Criminal Justice major. The course synthesizes the academic theories studied with a practical application of critical and contemporary issues. The course provides a framework for the student to identify potential career opportunities within the criminal justice field. Students develop career portfolios, practice interview techniques, and learn how to apply these skills in real life experiences. Sophomore Standing.

CJ-301 - Homeland Security and Counterterrorism (3 cr)

This course is a comprehensive examination of domestic and foreign terrorist threats and the governmental responses to those threats. Students learn about the recent history of attacks against United States of America, the formation of the Department of Homeland Security, its functions, and the Patriot Act. Terrorist organizations, threat assessment, and intelligence agency activities are examined. Joint efforts of the role of government and private sector in the fight against terrorism are explored. Case studies and best practices are reviewed. Sophomore Standing.

Prerequisite: CJ-205

CJ-302 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice I (3 cr)

This course introduces students to basic components of scholarly research. Students will study contemporary issues affecting the criminal justice system. Topics will vary according to current events and may range from gun control and prison violence, to police corruption, racial profiling, and other issues affecting communities. Students, working individually or in groups, present their research findings in both oral and written formats. Junior Standing.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-305 - Drugs in America (3 cr)

This course examines the history of illegal drug activity in the United States and its impact on the nation's economy, health system, and criminal justice system. Students learn about the National Drug Policy, the national war on drugs, the international drug trade, and current law enforcement tactics. Drug user profiles, current treatment modalities, and new treatment strategies are also explored.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-307 - Forensic Applications in Criminal Investigation (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to the application of the scientific method and the principles of contemporary science to criminal investigation. Students explore how forensic experts apply scientific principles and methods to the analysis, identification and classification of physical evidence in criminal cases.

Prerequisite: CJ-210

CJ-311 - Organized Crime and Gangs (3 cr)

This course offers a historical and contemporary analysis of organized crime and gangs in America, exploring their origins, components, structures, and activities. Topics include the traditional and emerging organized crime groups, current gang organization, structure and the influences to form gangs and organized crime groups, as well as the impact of the organized criminal activities on American social, economic, and political life.

Prerequisite: CJ-101 and LA-102

CJ-312 - Domestic Violence (3 cr)

This course examines domestic violence, its causes, and its effects on society. Students explore issues related to domestic violence, intimate partner violence, the cycle of violence, as well as intervention techniques. Using case studies, students also explore the culture and legal concepts associated with domestic violence.

Prerequisite: LA-101

CJ-317 - Forensics Applied to Computer Investigations (3 cr)

This course examines the use of computers to commit crimes including identity theft, hacking, online auction fraud (EBAY, Craig's List), credit card fraud, and child pornography. The focus of this course is the unlawful use of the computer, computer programs and software to facilitate crimes initiated on the Internet. The course explores forensic examination of computers and computer programs for the recovery of evidence.

Prerequisite: CJ-160

CJ-320 - Diversity in the Criminal Justice System (3 cr)

This course examines current issues of race, gender, social class, sexual orientation, and religion as they affect the criminal justice system. The myths and realities of criminality and victimization are addressed, as well as the impact of these issues on the internal structure and operational practices of the criminal justice system. Special emphasis is placed on police and correctional services.

Prerequisite: CJ-101

CJ-324 - Introduction to Disaster Management (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to the theories, principles, and practices of disaster management with an emphasis on the roles and functions of key governmental agencies in natural and manmade disasters. It explains emergency planning and preparedness, mitigation, disaster management in the private sector, response and recovery, and interagency cooperation. Relevant case studies and legal issues are examined. Junior Standing.

CJ-325 - Homicide Investigation (3 cr)

This advanced course in criminal investigation integrates and expands concepts introduced in Criminal Investigation and Criminal Procedure. Students examine homicide investigations from the crime scene through the prosecution process. Specific topics include crime scene processing, forensic examinations, interviewing and interrogation, identification procedures, investigative planning, documentation and report writing, search and seizure issues, court preparation, and testimony.

Prerequisite: CJ-210

CJ-326 - Sex Crimes (3 cr)

This advanced course in criminal investigation focuses on the investigation and prosecution of sexual abuse crimes. Students examine the investigative process from the crime scene through the judicial process. Specific topics include crime scene processing, forensic examination, scientific evidence, and interview techniques of victims of sex crimes. The course focuses on the psychological effects of victimization, and the care and treatment of victims. The pathology of sexual offenders, identification, procedures, relevant legal issues, investigative planning, court preparation, and testimony are also addressed.

Prerequisite: CJ-210

CJ-327 - Crime Scene Management (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to the appropriate processing of crime scenes including securing the scene, evidence collection, integrity and the interpretation of evidence. Blood stain pattern analysis, injury patterns, patent friction ridge imprints, DNA laden substratum, and tool-mark impressions, and other forensic evidence are discussed.

Prerequisite: CJ-307

CJ-329 - Forensic Psychology and Serial Offenders (3 cr)

This course is an introduction to various areas of forensic psychology and how forensic psychologists contribute to the legal system. Students are introduced to the methods used by forensic psychologists to explain behavior. This course examines the aspects of clinical, neurological, and counseling psychology. Special attention is paid to serial offenders and what motivates their behaviors. Junior Standing.

Prerequisite: LA-108 and LA-242

CJ-331 - Generational Racial Trauma and the Criminal Justice System (3 cr)

This course will explore the meaning and impact of generational racial trauma on African Americans. It will also explore the connection between the history of structural and systemic racism in the United States to generational racial trauma. The interrelationship between generational racial trauma and the criminal justice system will be examined. Topics for discussion will include slavery, Jim Crow laws, disenfranchisement, inequity in the criminal justice system, specific laws that have led to housing inequity, and unethical medical research practices. The adverse health and mental health impacts of racial trauma will be explored as well as well-balanced trauma-informed and culturally sensitive interventions for African Americans who are experiencing racial trauma.

Prerequisite: CJ-320 or HS-320

CJ-334 - Introduction to Crime Mapping (3 cr)

This course will provide the foundation for analyzing and predicting crime events using crime mapping software merged with existing and past crime event data. The student will understand the foundations of several criminological theories and understand why hotspot policing and concerns for the displacement of crime are relevant when deploying law enforcement resources. Several GIS (Geographic Information System) software products used by federal and local agencies will be introduced and direct use of the NYPD's CompStat 2.0 to examine local crime patterns will be performed in the class. Using GIS, students will learn to convert crime event data to a readable format for GIS software to analyze crime geographically and prepare a deployment plan to prevent future crime events.

Prerequisite: MA-115 and MA-135

CJ-335 - Criminal Justice Planning and Program Evaluation (3 cr)

Students will be introduced to several management styles commonly used in criminal justice, and particularly, in law enforcement. Even within the same organization and same operational unit, students will see the need for different management approaches based on the function of the employees. Through analysis of successful, and more importantly, failed, programs and policies, students will attempt to prevent unintended consequences in conflict with the intent of a program's original concern. Students will develop their own program evaluations for existing and proposed programs or practices in the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite: CJ-211

CJ-350 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice II (3 cr)

This course continues the standard social science research designs and methodologies as they apply to criminal justice. The interpretation and uses of scientific data in criminal justice, the analysis of research results regarding crime data, offenders, crime patterns, and related issues are addressed. Topics include introduction to the scientific method, the development of hypothesis and research questions, research design, basic research techniques, sampling, reliability and validity, and the evaluation of findings. Standard surveying techniques are emphasized. Students develop original research projects.

Prerequisite: CJ-300 and MA-135 or MA-145

Designation: Research Intensive

CJ-390 - Field Experience in Criminal Justice II (3 cr)

This course exposes students to criminal justice positions that require a bachelor's degree for entry-level employment. Students spend a minimum of 100 hours over the course of the semester in a field placement suitable to their career interests, under the guidance of their course instructor and the supervision of the agency's representative. Placements may include positions in federal law enforcement agencies, U.S. Probation Department, the New York City and New York State Departments of Investigation, prosecutors' offices at the county and federal levels, United Nation's Security Services, counseling and case management in correctional facilities, courts, probation services, and similar agencies. Students meet periodically with the instructor to assess progress, share individual experiences, and develop skills necessary for finding and obtaining employment. This course is required for all bachelor's level students.

Prerequisite: CJ-290 or CJ-292

Designation: Field Experience

CJ-395 - Corporate Internship (6 cr)

This course provides students with the opportunity to apply skills learned in the classroom to a corporate experience. Students prepare for their professional career, gaining practical experience while being immersed in a corporate setting. Students are required to complete 320 hours at a corporate internship setting. Junior standing and approval of the Dean.

CJ-430 - Leadership in the Criminal Justice System (3 cr)

This course examines the critical attributes of effective leadership in the criminal justice system. This course provides students with a conceptual and theoretical basis upon which to evaluate criminal justice administration and management

Prerequisite: CJ-302 and MA-135 or MA-235

CJ-480 - Criminal Justice Capstone (3 cr)

This capstone course provides senior students with the opportunity to analyze, integrate, and synthesize the knowledge, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills gained in their major program of study. The course also focuses on applying major criminal justice theories that have contributed to an understanding of deviant, delinquent, or abnormal behaviors and crime. Students demonstrate their ability to successfully analyze, evaluate, and interpret issues through a large-scale research project and a presentation of their findings. Additionally, this course serves as a bridge for either entry-level positions in the criminal justice field or graduate studies. Senior Standing.

Prerequisite: CJ-350