CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES (CJ ST)

Courses primarily for undergraduates:

CJ ST 240: Introduction to the U.S. Criminal Justice System
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Provides systematic overview of law, police organization and behavior, prosecution and defense, sentencing, the judiciary, community corrections, penology, and capital punishment. The course demonstrates the role of discretion in all of these agencies as well as the sociological influences of age, race, gender, and social class on criminal justice system processes.

CJ ST 241: Youth and Crime
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: SOC 134
An examination of delinquency that focuses on the relationship between youth as victims and as offenders, social and etiological features of delinquency, the role of the criminal justice system, delinquents' rights, and traditional and alternative ways of dealing with juvenile crime.

CJ ST 320: American Judicial Process
(Cross-listed with POL S). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: POL S 215
An overview of the American judicial process. Emphasis on specific topics such as application of constitutional rights to the states (particularly the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments), mechanics of judicial opinions, constitutional philosophies of Supreme Court Justices, decisions of first impression, and the value and scope of precedent.

CJ ST 322: Philosophy of Law
(Cross-listed with PHIL). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: PHIL 201 or PHIL 230
Extent of our obligation to obey the law; what constitutes just punishment; how much of the immoral should be made illegal? Relation of these questions to major theories of law and the state. Discussion of such concepts as coercion, equality, and responsibility.

CJ ST 339: Liberty and Law in America
(Cross-listed with PHIL., POL S). Cr. 3.
Prereq: Sophomore status
An exploration of competing conceptions of liberty in American political thought and debates about how liberty should be protected by the law. Contemporary debates about topics such as health care, drugs, property, speech, religion, and sex.

CJ ST 340: Deviant and Criminal Behavior
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.S.S.
Prereq: SOC 134
Theory and research on the etiology of types of social deviance; issues relating to crime, antisocial behavior and social policies designed to control deviant behavior.

CJ ST 341: Criminology
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: SOC 134
The nature of crime and criminology; the concept of crime; statistics and theories of criminality; major forms of crime; official responses to crime and control of crime.