

# Criminal Justice Studies

## Interdepartmental Undergraduate Program

The criminal justice studies minor, a cross-disciplinary course of study in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offers an opportunity for students to learn about the components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems, to become acquainted with the issues and problems affecting these systems, to apply theoretical concepts to real world problems, and to plan a career in criminal or juvenile justice.

Students who declare a minor in criminal justice studies are required to complete 15 credits of course work. Students must take five of the following six courses:

CJ ST 240	Introduction to the U.S. Criminal Justice System	3
CJ ST 241	Youth and Crime	3
CJ ST 320	American Judicial Process	3
CJ ST 332	Philosophy of Law	3
CJ ST 340	Deviant and Criminal Behavior	3
CJ ST 341	Criminology	3

Students are also required to complete a minimum of 3 credits of internship experience CJ ST 460 Criminal and Juvenile Justice Practicum. Completion of the minor requires 18 total credits.

### 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 130 or 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 332. 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. Nonmajor graduate credit.

#### CJ ST 340. Deviant and Criminal Behavior.

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.SS. *Prereq:* SOC 130 or 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 130 or 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.

#### CJ ST 351. Police and Society.

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S. *Prereq:* SOC 241 or CJ ST 240

Introduction and overview of law enforcement in the United States. Theory and research on police history, function, and organization; constitutional issues of policing; and critical topics, such as community policing, officer discretion and decision-making, corruption, use of force, and racial profiling. The course illustrates the interconnections between communities, police organizations, citizens, and criminal offenders.

#### CJ ST 352. Punishment, Corrections, and Society.

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S. *Prereq:* SOC 241 or CJ ST 240

Introduction and overview of corrections in the United States. Theory and research on probation, parole, intermediate sanctions, prison, inmate society, inmate behavior and misconduct, capital punishment, recidivism, correctional treatment, rehabilitation, and offender reintegration into society.

#### CJ ST 402. White-Collar Crime.

(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. S. *Prereq:* SOC 241 or CJ ST 240

Introduction and overview of white-collar crime as a form of deviance. Theory and research on occupational, corporate, and organizational offending; prevalence, costs, and consequences of white-collar crime; predictors and correlates of white-collar crime; and political, business, and public policy responses to white-collar crime.

#### CJ ST 403. Criminal Offenders.

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S. *Prereq:* CJ ST 240 or CJ ST 241

Introduction and overview of criminal offenders. Theory and research on epidemiology, offender typologies, etiology of violence, recidivism, societal costs, correctional supervision, treatment, and prevention of serious antisocial behavior.

#### CJ ST 460. Criminal and Juvenile Justice Practicum.

(Cross-listed with SOC). Cr. 3-12. Repeatable, maximum of 12 credits. F.S.SS.

*Prereq:* Junior or senior classification; permission of criminal justice studies coordinator; major or minor in sociology, or criminal justice studies minor

Study of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and social control processes. Supervised placement in a police department, prosecutor's office, court, probation and parole department, penitentiary, juvenile correctional institution, community-based rehabilitation program, or related agency. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. Not more than a total of 12 credits of field experience (Soc 454 and 460) may be counted toward graduation. No credits in Soc 460 may be used to satisfy minimum sociology requirements for sociology majors.