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.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (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.S. 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 342. Sociology of Deviance.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 134
Introduction and overview of social control and social deviance. Examination of major theories of social control and social deviance and the empirical research on which they are based. Also considers the relationship of social control and social deviance to social life. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 343. Introduction to Criminal Justice.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An examination of the criminal justice system and its legal, social, and political components. Focuses on the roles of police, courts, and corrections, as well as social control and social deviance. Also considers social control and social deviance. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 344. Computers and Crime.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 241 or CJ ST 240
Introduction to the use of computers in the criminal justice system. Focuses on the use of computers in law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Also considers the impact of computers on crime and social control. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 345. Social Control and Social Deviance.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An examination of the social control and social deviance. Focuses on the roles of police, courts, and corrections, as well as social control and social deviance. Also considers social control and social deviance. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 346. Research Methods in Criminal Justice.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An introduction to research methods in criminal justice. Focuses on the design of research studies, the analysis of data, and the interpretation of research findings. Also considers the role of research in criminal justice policy. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 347. Corrections and Criminal Justice.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An introduction to corrections and criminal justice. Focuses on the role of corrections in the criminal justice system, as well as the various forms of correctional supervision, treatment, and prevention. Also considers the role of corrections in the control of deviant behavior. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 348. Juvenile Justice and Social Control.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An introduction to juvenile justice and social control. Focuses on the role of juvenile justice in the control of deviant behavior, as well as the various forms of juvenile correctional supervision, treatment, and prevention. Also considers the role of juvenile justice in the control of deviant behavior. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 349. Legal Theory and Social Control.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An introduction to legal theory and social control. Focuses on the role of law in the control of deviant behavior, as well as the various forms of legal supervision, treatment, and prevention. Also considers the role of law in the control of deviant behavior. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**CJ ST 350. Criminal Justice and Social Control.**
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F. Prereq: SOC 130 or SOC 134
An introduction to criminal justice and social control. Focuses on the role of criminal justice in the control of deviant behavior, as well as the various forms of criminal correctional supervision, treatment, and prevention. Also considers the role of criminal justice in the control of deviant behavior. Nonmajor graduate credit.

**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. 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.S.S.
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 454 may be used to satisfy minimum sociology requirements for sociology majors.