INTRODUCTION

Criminal Justice is the study of the causes, consequences and control of crime. Like other new and developing fields, criminal justice is difficult to define, as it draws from a number of different disciplines, including psychology, public administration, philosophy, political science, sociology and law.

The program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is designed to acquaint pre-service and in-service students with the principles and practices of criminal justice in America. Although the department’s curriculum allows for the development of depth in one of the subject’s substantive subsystems (i.e., law enforcement, courts or corrections), the overriding objective is to familiarize students with activities in all the above areas.

The department is both academic and professional in that it is an interdisciplinary attempt to relate intellectual issues and practitioner perspectives to the challenge of crime in a free society. In this regard, the department provides preparation for employment with a related agency and/or further study (e.g., law school).

LEARNING GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The following goals and learning outcomes have been established for students pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice:

Knowledge

- Understand the nature and extent of crime, including its legal, social and economic dimensions
- Understand the major theories of the causes of crime, including types of criminal behavior and the characteristics of victims and offenders
- Understand how crime is measured and how criminal justice research is conducted, including the skills needed to be a knowledgeable consumer of criminal justice research
- Understand the goals, organization and processes of the agencies comprising the criminal justice system
- Understand criminal law, its application and related legal processes
- Understand the major policies and approaches designed to control or reduce crime, their effectiveness, and the processes by which they are created and implemented

Experience

- Be provided with the opportunity through internships to experience the criminal justice system directly

Skills

- Be able to think and write clearly, critically and intelligently about the criminal justice system
Advisement

Students are urged to attend a New Major Advisement Session prior to their first semester at the university as a Criminal Justice major. This is particularly important for community college transfers. Failure to do so may delay graduation. The department’s New Major Advisement Sessions are regularly and frequently scheduled. See the bulletin board or call the division office for details.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (120 UNITS)

The Criminal Justice degree requires 45 units in the major, including core courses, electives and correlated curriculum. Effective Fall 2005, new Criminal Justice majors must achieve a “C” (2.0) or better in all 15 courses in the curriculum to earn their bachelor’s degree.

For additional information regarding the Criminal Justice program and its courses, check with the Division office in University Hall 511.

Core Courses (21 units)

CRJU 100 Crime, Law and Justice
CRJU 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
CRJU 310A Criminal Law: Substantive (3)
CRJU 315 The Enforcement Function (3)
CRJU 330 Crime and Delinquency (3)
CRJU 340 Criminal Justice Research Methodology (3)
CRJU 345 Corrections (3)

Electives (15 units)

CRJU courses

Writing Requirement (3 units)

ENGL 301 Advanced College Writing (3)
ENGL 365 Legal Writing (3)

For further information on these alternatives, please see a Criminal Justice adviser.

MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (18 UNITS)

The Minor in Criminal Justice consists of three required and three elective courses from the Criminal Justice curriculum. The required courses are:

CRJU 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
CRJU 310A Criminal Law: Substantive (3)
CRJU 330 Crime and Delinquency (3)

Criminal Justice Courses

Courses are designated as CRJU in the class schedule.

300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

Underlying ideological issues confronting America’s system of criminal justice, with an emphasis on key concepts in conflict (law and order, rehabilitation vs. retribution, etc.) One or more sections offered online.

303 Controlling Crime (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Crime control and prevention. Common criminal justice tactics such as imprisonment, capital punishment, camera surveillance, electronic monitoring, restorative justice and situational crime prevention.

310A Criminal Law: Substantive (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. General doctrines of criminal liability in the United States and the classification of crimes as against persons, property and the public welfare. Concept of governmental sanction of the conduct of the individual.

310B Criminal Law: Procedural (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Legal problems associated with the investigation of crime, acquisition of evidence, commencement of a criminal proceeding, prosecution and defense of charges, sentencing and appeal. Development of existing procedures and examination of current efforts for reform.

315 The Enforcement Function (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Historical and philosophical development of the enforcement function at federal, state and local levels; community controls, political pressures and legal limitations pertaining to law enforcement agencies at each level of government; police policies and problems vis-à-vis the administration of justice as a system.

320 Introduction to Public Management and Policy (3)

(Same as POSC 320)

322 Leadership for Public Service (3)

(Same as POSC 322)

330 Crime and Delinquency (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Evolving and conflicting purposes and practices associated with the topics of criminology, crime and delinquency, with an emphasis on contemporary strategies for preventing, remediating and controlling crime and delinquency.

340 Criminal Justice Research Methodology (3)

Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Elementary statistics including descriptives, measurements and tests; data collection methods for effort evaluation and program prediction; systems analysis techniques.
345 Corrections (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Evolving and conflicting purposes and practices associated with the adult corrections systems, with an emphasis upon contemporary strategies for treating/punishing offenders while incarcerated, as well as while in the community.

350 Writing for Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Principles of research and writing in criminal justice, including framing and clarifying research questions, using and assessing research resources and developing writing skills for criminal justice research. Meets upper-division writing requirement for Criminal Justice majors, or concentration elective. One or more sections offered online.

385 Minorities and the Criminal Justice System (3)
Prerequisite: completion of General Education Categories B, D.1; CRJU 300 recommended. Issues surrounding the charges of overt and indirect institutionalized racism in the criminal justice system. Patterns of criminal behavior among minority groups in the U.S.

404 Capital Punishment (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300, junior or senior standing. Issues relating to the use of capital punishment in the U.S., and arguments in support of and opposition to the death penalty. (Same as POSC 404)

405 Criminal Justice Policy (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300, 330. Not open to students who have studied Criminal Justice policy as CRJU 475T. Evolving purposes and practices associated with the development of criminal justice policies, principally in the United States. Topics include sentencing legislation, illustrate the development, adoption and impact of public policy on criminal justice systems.

406 Crime and Popular Culture (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300, 330. How the prevalence of crime and violence in popular culture reflects on contemporary society. Materials and readings argue that images of crime are not only entertaining; they also perform deep social and political functions.

422 Human Resources Management (3)
(Same as POSC 422)

425 Juvenile Justice Administration (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Definitions of “delinquency” and the related responses of the interested institutions (police, courts and correction); the juvenile court (past and present), and prevention and correction programs (practicing and proposed).

430 Women and Crime (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300 or PHIL 302. Women as criminals and victims, gender differences in criminal behavior and the role of women as professionals in the criminal justice system.

435 Civil Disobedience and Social Justice (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300, POSC 100. The violation of law as protest. Definitions and types of disobedience and the policing and punishment of dissent. Analysis of protest as a strategy for social justice. (Same as POSC 435)

440 Correctional Rehabilitation (3)

450 Organized Crime and Intelligence Analysis (3)

455 Gangs and Criminal Justice System (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300. Causal factors of, and legal solutions to, gang-related crime in the United States. Relevance of sociological, psychological, economic and educational deviance theories to justice intervention strategies.

462 Crime Analysis (3)
Prerequisites: CRJU 300, 340. Crime analysis function within the law enforcement organization; how to develop, implement and operate a crime analysis unit, and discuss the nexus between crime analysis, field and investigative operations, and administrative bureaus.

465 Law, Punishment and Justice (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Theoretical scholarship in criminal justice is increasingly concerned with law in relation to delivery of justice and practices of punishment. Examines rule of law, questions whether justice is different from law and reviews the role punishment plays.

470 Sex, Crime and Culture (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Rationale for law’s concern with sexual conduct, developed via discussion of selected offenses and offenders. Lectures and guest speakers also present opposing perspectives regarding the role of law enforcement, courts and correction. Research and reform.

471 Moot Court: Legal Practicum (3)
(Same as POSC 471)

472 The Judicial Process (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300 or POSC 375. Nature, functions and roles of courts. Roles of major participants in the American legal system, including judges, attorneys and citizens. Administration of justice as a system. (Same as POSC 472)
475T Topics in Administration of Justice: A Seminar (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Current social, legal and practical problems confronting police, courts and corrections. Variable topic class with specific subjects to be announced each semester. May be repeated for credit with different content up to a maximum of 9 units.

480 Courtroom Evidence (3)

485 Search, Seizure and Interrogation I (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Analyzes laws that apply in common street search-and-seizure and interrogation situations in California; how they have evolved, and what developments are anticipated.

486 Search, Seizure and Interrogation II (3)
Prerequisite: CRJU 300. Analyzes laws that apply in some search-and-seizure and interrogation situations, such as those involving the border patrol and college officials.

492 Pre-law Internship (3)
(Same as POSC 492)

495 Internships (3)
Prerequisites: senior standing and consent of instructor. Criminal justice professions; eight to 20 hours per week as a supervised intern in a public agency or related organization. In addition to the job experience, interns meet in a weekly three-hour seminar. May be repeated once for credit.

499 Independent Study (1-3)
Prerequisites: at least 12 units of criminal justice and consent of adviser. Student selects an individual research project, either library or field. Conferences with adviser as necessary, culminating in one or more papers. May be repeated for credit.