

Criminal Justice (CRJ)

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CRJ 5073. Research Methods. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: CRJ 3013 or equivalent. Introduction to methodologies used in justice research. Topics include research design, sampling theory, data collection, measurement, and analysis.

CRJ 5083. Quantitative Analysis. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: CRJ 5073 or equivalent. Advanced practice in research design, quantitative techniques, and statistical software used in criminal justice research. Familiarizes students with conventions for statistical report writing and data presentation.

CRJ 5103. The Criminal Justice System. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to contemporary issues in criminal justice, including current and historical concepts of criminal justice, the different components of the system, the interrelationships among the components of the system, and the function of the criminal justice system in society.

CRJ 5123. Criminal Justice Policy. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines criminal justice policy formation, implementation, and evaluation. Familiarizes students with various criminal justice policies and their effectiveness. (Formerly titled "Justice Policy Formation and Implementation").

CRJ 5133. Justice Organizations and Administration. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examines organization and administration of justice and legal organizations. Covers organization theory and behavior as applied to justice and legal organizations. (Formerly titled "Management of Justice Organizations").

CRJ 6103. Seminar on Topics in Theory of Crime and Justice. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Consideration of selected topics related to the theory of crime and justice. Explores particular theories or perspectives of crime and its implications for justice policy. Topics may focus on traditional or emerging theories of crime and justice. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree.

CRJ 6123. Seminar on Topics in Research Methods. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: CRJ 5083 or equivalent. Study of qualitative or quantitative methods not addressed as part of the regular course offerings. Topics may include systems analysis in criminal justice, interrupted time-series analysis, and qualitative methods in criminal justice research. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree.

CRJ 6203. Seminar on Topics in Corrections Policy. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Consideration of selected topics in the field of corrections. Topics may include offender classification, case management, pretrial supervision, management of confinement facilities, juvenile justice, special needs populations, comparative corrections, offender re-entry, restorative justice, and criminal sanctions on individuals or corporations. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree.

CRJ 6213. Gender and Crime. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course uses an interdisciplinary approach to provide students with an overview of gender issues in the criminal justice system. The course integrates research design and both qualitative and quantitative methods to develop a graduate level understanding of gender and justice policy issues. Students will learn to examine issues and problems associated with changes in the representation of men and women in justice organizations, explore the internal/psychological and structural barriers to equal treatment of men and women in the justice system, as well as examine employment and policy decisions within a framework of traditional and nontraditional gender role expectations and justice system needs. (Formerly titled "Gender Issues in the Criminal Justice System").

CRJ 6233. Minorities and Crime. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course is an interdisciplinary exploration of the historical and contemporary differences and similarities in the study of minorities within the criminal justice system. The course integrates a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives used in the past to study minority issues and to empirically test the most important ideas concerning these topics. Topics for discussion may include the following: deviance, juvenile delinquency, substance use, gang membership, images of criminality, as well as involvement with police, courts, and correctional institutions. (Formerly titled "Minorities in the Criminal Justice System").

CRJ 6303. Seminar on Topics in Policing/CP. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Consideration of selected topics related to police and private sector crime control practices. Topics may include the roles, responsibilities and limitations of public and private enforcement; surveillance, use of force, minority relations, extralegal practices, labor relations, security operations, terrorism, and national security. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. (Formerly titled "Seminar in Topics in Policing and Crime Control").

CRJ 6343. Study Abroad: International Crime and Justice. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. A lecture/seminar course associated with a study abroad program related to the study of cross-cultural differences in crime and applications of criminal justice systems and practice. Involves international travel and field trips. May be repeated for credit when the destination country varies.

CRJ 6373. Criminological Theory. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Examination of theoretical perspectives on crime and their impact on justice policy. Includes progression of criminology as an interdisciplinary field, theory construction and evaluation, and approaches to preventing and controlling crime in the United States. (Formerly titled "Justice Policy Formation and Implementation").

CRJ 6383. Capstone Course. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Completion of the 15 semester credit hours of core courses and a minimum of 9 semester credit hours of electives. This course is designed to prepare students for the comprehensive examination and covers topics including but not limited to: Research Methods, Quantitative Analysis, Justice Policy Formation and Implementation, Management of Justice Organizations, and Crime Theory and Justice Policy. The grade report for the course is either "CR" (satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination) or "NC" (unsatisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination).

CRJ 6403. Seminar on Topics in Law and Society. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Consideration of selected topics related to law and society issues. Topics may include decision making by groups or individuals, criminal law and courts, international law, sentencing reforms, and history of law. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. (Formerly titled "Seminar on Topics in Law, Society and Justice Policy").

CRJ 6951. Independent Study. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not usually available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree.

CRJ 6953. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission in writing (form available) of the instructor and the student's Graduate Advisor of Record. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. For students needing specialized work not usually available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree.

CRJ 6961. Comprehensive Examination. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.

Prerequisite: Approval of the Graduate Advisor of Record to take the Comprehensive Examination. May be repeated as many times as approved by the Graduate Advisor of Record. Enrollment is required each term in which the Comprehensive Examination is taken if no other courses are being taken that term. The grade report for the course is either "CR" (satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination) or "NC" (unsatisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination).

CRJ 6983. Justice Policy Research Project. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and Faculty Advisor. A formal policy research project involving interaction with one or more justice agencies, conducted by the student under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours may be applied to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon submission and acceptance of the formal research project report.

CRJ 6986. Justice Policy Research Project. (0-0) 6 Credit Hours.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and Faculty Advisor. A formal policy research project involving interaction with one or more justice agencies, conducted by the student under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours may be applied to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon submission and acceptance of the formal research project report.

CRJ 6991. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 1 Credit Hour.

Prerequisites: Completion of the core courses (15 semester credit hours), and at least 9 semester credit hours of electives (for a total of 24 hours of graduate work), and permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and Faculty Thesis Advisor. Oral comprehensive examination, thesis preparation, and defense. May be repeated for credit but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the thesis.

CRJ 6993. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Completion of the core courses (15 semester credit hours), and at least 9 semester credit hours of electives (for a total of 24 hours of graduate work), and permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and Faculty Thesis Advisor. Oral comprehensive examination, thesis preparation, and defense. May be repeated for credit but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the thesis.

CRJ 6996. Master's Thesis. (0-0) 6 Credit Hours.

Prerequisites: Completion of the core courses (15 semester credit hours), and at least 9 semester credit hours of electives (for a total of 24 hours of graduate work), and permission of the Graduate Advisor of Record and Faculty Thesis Advisor. Oral comprehensive examination, thesis preparation, and defense. May be repeated for credit but no more than 6 hours will apply to the Master's degree. Credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the thesis.