

Criminology & Criminal Justice

Courses

CRIMIN 1100 Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Introduction to the basic concepts and approaches in the study of criminology and criminal justice. The major components of the criminal justice system are examined.

CRIMIN 1101 Crime and Criminal Justice Today: 1-2 semester hours

This course provides students insight into crime and the criminal justice system in contemporary America. All students, whether enrolled for one or two hours, will complete the same core course requirements. Those students enrolled for two hours will complete additional course work as outlined in the course syllabus.

CRIMIN 1110 Theories of Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Introduction to major theoretical approaches to the study of crime and justice.

CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Analysis of substantive criminal law, evidence and judicial procedure.

CRIMIN 1150 Violence in America: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 or consent of instructor. Overview of patterns and correlates of violence in America. Emphasis on the variety of forms of violent crimes, such as murder, assault, robbery, rape, and gang violence. Includes an examination of violence as a response to lawbreaking.

CRIMIN 1200 Foundations of Law: An Introduction to Legal Studies: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 1200. As a broad liberal-arts approach to the study of law, this course is designed to familiarize students with legal ideas, legal reasoning, and legal processes. It also provides comparative and historical perspectives on law that will help explain legal diversity and legal change. Finally, it offers opportunities to explore some of the persistent issues in law and legal theory: for example, issues about the sources of law, the responsibilities of the legal profession, or the relative merits of the adversary system.

CRIMIN 2130 Criminal Justice Policy: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Introduction to criminal justice policy making, planning and implementation.

CRIMIN 2180 Alcohol, Drugs and Society: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 2180. Prerequisite: SOC 1010 or PSYCH 1003. This course examines the medical, legal and social aspects of alcohol and drug use. Medical aspects considered include treatment approaches and the role of Physicians in controlling such behavior. In the legal realm, past and present alcohol and drug laws are explored. Cultural and social influences on alcohol and drug use are discussed.

CRIMIN 2210 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Examination of basic methods of research design, measurement and data collection in criminology and criminal justice.

CRIMIN 2220 Statistical Analysis In Criminology And Criminal Justice: 4 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 2210 (may be taken concurrently) and the university math proficiency requirement. This course is an introduction to techniques of quantitative data analysis. Both descriptive and inferential statistics are applied to problems in criminology and criminal justice. Includes a one hour lab.

CRIMIN 2240 Policing: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Overview of current and historical perspectives on the function of American policing. Emphasis on the management of police organizations and relationships with the community.

CRIMIN 2250 Courts: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. This course provides an overview of current and historical perspectives on the function of the American courts. Emphasis on the dynamics of courthouse justice, with special attention placed on the roles of the prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, defendants, victims, and jurors regarding the decisions that impact the adjudication process.

CRIMIN 2251 Youth Gangs: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 or consent of instructor. This course provides an overview of research and policy concerning youth gangs. Definitional and methodological issues will be examined, along with both qualitative and quantitative research. Topics include: the causes of gangs and gang involvement; and variations by race, gender, time period, and geography.

CRIMIN 2252 Crime and Punishment: 3 semester hours

Same as PHIL 2252. This course will address fundamental conceptual, ethical, and moral issues that arise in the context of the legal system. Topics may include punishment, pre-trial detention, the death penalty, acquittal of persons who are legally guilty, plea bargaining, moral obligation to obey the law, and laws restricting civil liberties.

CRIMIN 2260 Corrections: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Examination of correctional philosophies and practices. Emphasis on the history of corrections, the formal and informal organization of correctional facilities, inmate rights, and correctional alternatives.

CRIMIN 3043 History Of Crime And Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as HIST 3043. Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor. The analysis development, and change in philosophies and responses to crime. Emphasis on major forms and definitions of crime, the emergence of modern policing, the birth of the prison and the juvenile court.

CRIMIN 3209 Forensic Anthropology: 4 semester hours

Same as ANTHRO 3209. Prerequisites: ANTHRO 1005 or BIOL 1102 or consent of instructor. Students learn basic human dental and skeletal anatomy and the methods used by biological anthropologists and archaeologists to collect and analyze human skeletal remains, including how to age and sex skeletal remains, identify ethnic markers, determine stature and handedness, and identify the presence of trauma and/or pathology. Also covers the role of the forensic anthropologist in crime scene investigations and human rights issues. In the weekly lab section students will have an opportunity for hands-on application of techniques to skeletal remains.

CRIMIN 3230 Crime Prevention: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Junior standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Examination of situational, social, and legislative approaches to the prevention of crime and delinquency. Emphasis on theories, implementation, and consequences of these approaches.

CRIMIN 3270 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Examination of formal and informal responses to juvenile delinquency. Emphasis on theories of delinquency and the decision-making processes of police, court and probation officials.

CRIMIN 3280 Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Internship under faculty supervision in criminal justice setting. May be repeated for one credit.

CRIMIN 3290 Special Readings: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Individualized study, under regular faculty supervision, designed to meet particular educational needs of selected students.

CRIMIN 3305 Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of crime and criminal justice systems in selected cultures. Emphasis on the ways in which these cultures define and respond to criminal behavior. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 3310 Computers in Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100; or consent of instructor. This course will critically examine computer crime, cyber-criminology, and the ways in which technology and the Internet facilitate criminal and deviant behavior. Discussion will focus on the types of crime using computer technology, theories addressing digital criminals, and an overview of the criminal justice response to these issues.

CRIMIN 3320 The Death Penalty: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. An examination of the history, application, and attitudes toward the death penalty.

CRIMIN 3345 Rights of the Offender: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of the objectives of criminal law regarding the rights of persons suspected or convicted of crime. Emphasis on rights regarding the police, the court, and in correctional settings.

CRIMIN 4300 Communities and Crime: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4300. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the sources, consequences, and control of crime within communities. Emphasis on social and ecological theories of crime, and on population instability, family structure, and the concentration of poverty as causes of crime.

CRIMIN 4320 Forms of Criminal Behavior: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4320. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Examination of major types of criminal behavior including violent, property, public order, and organizational offenses. Emphasis on theories of and responses to these crimes.

CRIMIN 4325 Gender, Crime, and Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4325 and GS 4325. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220 and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the role of gender in crime and in the justice system. Emphasis on gender differences in crime commission, criminal processing, and the employment of women in criminal justice agencies. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 4330 Violence Against Women: 3 semester hours

Same as GS 4330. Prerequisites: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. This course examines the nature, extent, causes and consequences of various types of violence against women, including rape, sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence. Criminal justice policy and practice regarding violence against women are also examined.

CRIMIN 4335 Probation and Parole: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, CRIMIN 2260, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of alternatives to incarceration and postincarceration supervision. emphasis on diversion, restitution, and community reintegration.

CRIMIN 4340 Race, Crime, and Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4340. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the involvement of racial minorities in crime and the criminal justice system. Emphasis on group differences in offending, processing, victimization, and employment in criminal justice agencies. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 4345 War Crimes, Genocide, and Justice in the 20th and 21st Centuries: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4345, POL SCI 4345, and MVS 4345. Prerequisite: ENGL 3100. This course provides advanced undergraduate and Master's level students a comprehensive overview of the subject of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and legal responses to these crimes in the modern era. The goal of this course is to engage students in sustained, critical thought about these issues and to foster a deeper understanding of both the causes and consequences—legal, social and human—of these egregious crimes.

CRIMIN 4350 Victimology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of major perspectives on victimization. Emphasis on patterns of victimization, the role of victims in the generation of crime, and the experience of the victim in the criminal justice system.

CRIMIN 4360 Sociology of Law: 3 semester hours

Same As SOC 4362. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. The interaction of legal, political and social forces in the US is explored. Course examines historical developments in law and politics in the US, including law and economics, crime policy, socioeconomic inequality, race relations, and state sanctioned punishment. The course considers how America's federalist structure shapes law, politics and social relations. Examines how legal and political institutions establish and shape power relations between social groups.

CRIMIN 4370 Crime, Justice, and the Media: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: ENGL 3100. This course provides a fresh take on issues of crime and justice through the exploration of media, such as *The Wire*, and its role in shaping the public's perception of crime and justice. Students will learn to synthesize ideas and perspectives about crime and justice as well as critically assess popular media images of crime.

CRIMIN 4380 Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in criminology and criminal justice.

CRIMIN 4390 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. In this capstone course, students demonstrate the ability to work independently, integrating theory and research in criminology and criminal justice in a major paper supervised by the instructor.

CRIMIN 4487 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours

Same As PHIL 4487. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 and 3 hours of philosophy and/or consent of instructor. An intensive study of recent philosophical debate about such issues as the authority of law, legal equality and justice, legal responsibility, self-determination and privacy, and legal punishment.

CRIMIN 5415 Foundations of Criminological Theory: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of the history of criminological thought incorporating the major works of such theorists as Bentham, Beccaria, Marx, Durkheim, Lombroso, Sutherland and Merton.

CRIMIN 5533 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours

Same as PHIL 5533. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of origins of law and the basis for legal obligation. Specific consideration of the justification of punishment, morality and law, and legal reasoning.

CRIMIN 6400 Proseminar: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Must be taken in the first Semester). A critical examination of theoretical, methodological and policy issues in criminology and criminal justice. Focus is on the nature of crime, policing, pretrial processes, adjudication and corrections.

CRIMIN 6405 Methods: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of basic methods for research design and data collection. Topics include participant observation and interviewing, survey research, aggregate data analysis, and experimental design.

CRIMIN 6410 Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 6405. Examination of elementary principles of quantitative analysis and their application to crime and justice problems. Topics include univariate, bivariate and multivariate procedures for discrete and continuous data, and a comprehensive introduction to ordinary least squares regression.

CRIMIN 6420 Contemporary Criminal Theories: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 5415. Examination of contemporary explanations of crime and criminal justice. Theories covered include strain, control, cultural, labeling, conflict, as well as more recent attempts at theoretical integration and multidisciplinary integration.

CRIMIN 6422 Law Courts, and Public Policy: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 6422. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An analysis of the role of courts as policymaking institutions and the law as policy. We will explore the role of judges as policymakers, consider the attributes of courts, (both trial and appellate), that make them appropriate yet limited targets for advocates of reform, and the implementation and impact of court decisions. We will consider recent examples of judicial involvement in state and national policymaking. In addition, we will examine the role of lawyers and interest groups in selecting litigation rather than alternative political processes for policy change.

CRIMIN 6430 Law And Social Control: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of the relationship between law and other social institutions, the values and interests that are expressed in law and shaped by legal structures and processes, and law as an instrument of public policy, social control and social change. Same as Sociology 5461.

CRIMIN 6436 Comparative Criminology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. Examination of crime and criminal justice systems in world perspective.

CRIMIN 6440 Nature of Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of patterns and correlates of crime at the individual, situational, and aggregate levels. Topics include definitions of crime, offending topologies, and criminal careers.

CRIMIN 6441 Juvenile Delinquency: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of youth crime and juvenile offenders. Topics include definitions of juvenile crime, and theories of juvenile crime causation in the U.S.

CRIMIN 6442 Communities and Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the trends and sources of crime and social disorder across communities. The course emphasizes relationships among crime, neighborhood change, neighborhood responses to crime, and public policies.

CRIMIN 6443 Violent Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the sources and patterns of violent offending across time and space. Topics include conceptions and typologies of violent crimes and offenders, victim-offender relationships, and efforts to predict and control violent offending.

CRIMIN 6448 Victimization: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the risks and consequences of crime for its victims. Issues considered include victim-offender relationships, characteristics of victims, the nature of the injuries they experience and criminal justice procedures that involve them.

CRIMIN 6450 Criminal Justice Process and Policy: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing. An analysis of criminal justice as a network of decisions and complex organizations. Topics include sources of criminal justice policy, policy agendas, implementation and evaluation.

CRIMIN 6452 The Police: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Historical, social and political analysis of policing in America. Examination of federal, state, county and municipal agencies.

CRIMIN 6454 Corrections: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the history, forms, and functions of correctional philosophies, institutions, programs and policies. Topics include the structure and functions of prisons and jails, community corrections, intermediate sanctions, and the growth of correctional control in modern society.

CRIMIN 6465 Qualitative Research Design: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405. Examination of participant observation and informant and respondent interviewing. Topics include gaining access, sampling, data collection and analysis, and legal and ethical concerns.

CRIMIN 6470 Quantitative Research Design: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405, CRIMIN 6410, and CRIMIN 6480.
Examination of experimental, longitudinal, and cross-sectional designs. Sources of data, sampling procedures, operational definitions, and issues of reliability are also discussed.

CRIMIN 6471 Evaluating Criminal Justice Interventions: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405 and CRIMIN 6410. This course examines a broad range of interventions designed to prevent crime or improve some aspect of the criminal justice system. The validity reliability, and feasibility of differing intervention designs are addressed. Several major criminal justice evaluations are discussed.

CRIMIN 6480 Multivariate Statistics in Criminology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405 and CRIMIN 6410. Introduction to the general linear model with applications to multivariate problems in criminal justice and criminology. Topics include advanced ordinary least squares, causal modeling, time series analysis, simultaneous equations, and analysis of limited dependent variables.

CRIMIN 6485 Directed Readings/Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Directed reading and research, under faculty supervision, designed to meet particular educational needs of selected students.

CRIMIN 6495 Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Supervised placements with criminal justice agencies. Designed primarily for students with limited field experience.

CRIMIN 6498 M A Thesis Research: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

CRIMIN 6550 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and CRIMIN 5415, CRIMIN 6400, and CRIMIN 6405 or consent of the instructor. Research and policy approaches to the study of criminology and criminal justice. Class may be repeated for credit when the subject matter is different.

CRIMIN 7499 Ph.D. Dissertation Research: 1-6 semester hours

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