

CRJU • CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CRJU 105 • Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credits

This course provides students with an introduction and overview of the system of criminal justice operating in the United States today. Emphasis will be placed on the definition and enforcement of law, policing strategies, judicial systems, sentencing strategies and correctional practices. Additionally, career opportunities and orientation will also be covered.

CRJU 280 • Crime and Criminology 3 Credits

This is an introductory course in the study of crime and criminal behavior. Crime typology, concepts of crime, law, and criminology. Theories of crime causation are also examined.

CRJU 290 • The Police Function 3 Credits

This course explores the profession of the police officer. It includes the organization of law enforcement systems, the police role, police discretion, and police-community interaction. This course also considers crime prevention and control, and major problems and needs of law enforcement.

CRJU 300 • Criminal Justice Research Methodology 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the basic techniques and procedures used in the process of criminal justice research. Topics include basic methods of research design, data collection, data analysis, and reporting of results within the field of Criminal Justice.

Prerequisite: STAT 280.

CRJU 320 • Criminal Law, Substantive 3 Credits

This course addresses basic elements and concepts of substantive criminal law, including defining crimes and developing criminal laws; considering legal issues affecting punishment, and how criminal law impacts victims of crime.

CRJU 330 • Crime and Delinquency 3 Credits

This course considers the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency and the forces that impact delinquency. Lastly, this course takes a critical view of juvenile justice and explores how law making, law enforcement, and social change influences delinquency.

CRJU 340 • Critical Issues in Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Examination of current issues that impact the criminal justice system. Students investigate human trafficking, issues in diversity, public policy implications, comparative criminal justice, international law, media and crime, and cybercrime. The course also explores the practical implications of theoretical models applied to criminal justice issues.

CRJU 350 • Criminal Justice Ethics 3 Credits

Analysis of the intricate intersection of morality, law, and professional conduct in the criminal justice system. Students delve into the complexities of decision-making, moral reasoning, and the practical application of ethical principles in various criminal justice contexts from a Christian worldview perspective.

CRJU 370 • The Adjudication Function 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the law and American court systems. Topics include the adjudication of conflict, the structure and functions of trial and appellate courts, civil and criminal procedure, judicial remedies, judicial decision making, and the limits of judicial relief. The course also considers the roles of participants in the legal system, including judges, attorneys, and citizens.

CRJU 380 • Professional Writing 3 Credits

This course provides students opportunities to practice the skills necessary for effective written communication in the field of criminal justice. Examples of writing include crime reports, electronic communications, business memoranda and proposals, staff reports, and public relations communications.

CRJU 390 • Criminal Investigation 3 Credits

This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of criminal investigation. Topics cover the general and specific aspects of crime detection and investigation, including managing criminal investigations and collecting and reporting information from the crime scene, victims, witnesses and suspects. Rules of evidence, trial testimony, and other processes are also addressed.

CRJU 410 • Corrections 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the history and background of American corrections and the fundamental theories of punishment and treatment. Correctional law, policies, practices, issues, and controversies within the correctional system will be considered. The incarceration of various populations in jails and prisons, probation and parole, capital punishment, and public policy issues surrounding the expansion of community-based corrections will also be discussed.

CRJU 420 • Terrorism and Homeland Security 3 Credits

This survey course provides a comprehensive look into terrorism and homeland security. It explores the relationship between terrorism and homeland security, the origins and criminology of modern-day domestic and international terrorism, and the impact of terrorism on national security policy. Cyber terrorism, terrorism and the media, civil liberties and the bureaucracy of federal, state and local governments are also considered.

CRJU 430 • Principles of Public Administration 3 Credits

This course is a survey of the major concepts and ideas shaping the field of public administration today, emphasizing public management, bureaucratic processes and politics, budgetary activities, legal dynamics, and administrative responsibility, with an emphasis on the field of criminal justice.

CRJU 440 • Constitutional Law 3 Credits

This course covers basic principles of American constitutional law, with a focus on governmental powers and the role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the Constitution as it pertains to the criminal justice system addressing search and seizure, obtaining information legally, due process and punishment.

CRJU 450 • Forensics 3 Credits

This course serves as an overview of the principles, procedures, and concepts of forensic and investigative sciences. Students will receive instruction in the definitions, scope, and use of tools, techniques and protocols in forensic applications used to resolve social, regulatory, and legal disputes. Topics discussed include analyses of physical evidence, principles of serology and DNA analysis, identification of human remains, ballistics, fingerprint analysis, facial reconstruction, drug analysis, and forensic entomology.

CRJU 460 • Risk Analysis and Security 3 Credits

This course considers concepts and methodology that information officers in public and private enterprises can use to analyze and mitigate the impact of security threats to their organizations. This course also identifies and assesses critical vulnerabilities, compares quantitative and qualitative risk analysis, and utilizes risk assessment tools in the decision-making process.

CRJU 490 • Criminal Justice Capstone/Senior Project 3 Credits

The capstone course for the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice gives students the opportunity to demonstrate professional competency required in the field, effective written and oral communication skills, critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills in the context of a biblical worldview by applying the knowledge they have acquired throughout the program to a case study. Criminology, criminal law, corrections, ethics in criminal justice, constitutional law, juvenile justice and homeland security will be integrated into the course.