Criminal Justice (CMJS)

Courses

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CMJS 2003H. Honors Introduction to Criminal Justice (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.
An introduction to the history, development, and theoretical underpinnings of the criminal justice system, including aspects such as law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Prerequisite: Honors standing. This course is equivalent to CMJS 2003.

CMJS 2023. Introduction to Criminology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Introduction to the field of criminology, including theories and patterns of criminal behavior, how criminal justice data are collected, social research methods, historical foundations of the field, and types of crimes and offenders. Provides a foundation for further criminological and theoretical studies.

CMJS 2043. Criminal Law and Society (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Explores the history of criminal law in the United States, the construction of crime and punishment, and issues facing the contemporary legal system.

CMJS 2513. Criminal Investigation (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Survey of the theories, concepts, and legal conditions concerning the techniques used in the location, preservation and presentation of evidence. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.

CMJS 3023. Criminology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Advanced survey of theories of crime causation. Examines broad sociological paradigms, as well as both individual and aggregate-level explanations of crime causation. Applies criminological theories to contemporary issues associated with crime and criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3023.

CMJS 3023H. Honors Criminology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
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CMJS 3043. The Police and Society (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Overview of origins, theories, development, practice, and current issues in policing in contemporary society. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.

CMJS 3053. Serial Crime (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Historical development of criminal profiling in serial homicide, including sex crimes, stalking, and arson. Focuses on behavioral and criminological theory and a critical examination of different profiling methodologies. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3053.

CMJS 3063. Victimology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Introduction to the scientific study of victimization. Examines conceptual boundaries of victimology research, covers theories, statistics and trends relevant to victimology, reviews the victim blaming and defending perspectives, explores practical applications of victimology, and the social, legal, and evaluates criminological issues that stem from concern over victims. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3063.

CMJS 3203. Corrections (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Overview of correctional systems and punishment. Focuses on theories of correctional philosophies, practices, and procedures, along with the historical development and modern practices of corrections, sentencing, facilities, and issues facing correctional populations. Examines principles and practices of treatment and rehabilitation. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3203.

CMJS 3413. Special Topics (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in regular courses. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CMJS 3413H. Honors Special Topics (Irregular). 3 Hours.
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CMJS 3503. Criminal Procedures (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Critical examination of how individual rights and police procedures are balanced with focus on arrests, use of force, identification, and search and seizure. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.

CMJS 3513. Criminal Evidence (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Examination of how evidence is collected, processed, and presented in court, with an emphasis on the competing interests of crime control and individual liberties. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3513.

CMJS 3723. Deviant Behavior (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Sociological overview of disconcerting conduct, its definition, theoretical understandings and research. Specific topics may include: interpersonal violence, self-destructive disorders, controversial lifestyles, substance abuse, as well as the relationship between inequality and disturbing acts. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. This course is cross-listed with SOCI 3723.

CMJS 399VH. Honors Course (Sp, Fa). 1-6 Hour.
May be repeated for up to 12 hours of degree credit.

CMJS 4003. Internship in Criminal Justice (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.
Supervised experience in municipal, county or state criminal justice agency, or any other agency which is approved by instructor. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CMJS 4013. Special Topics in Criminal Justice (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: Junior standing. May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit. This course is equivalent to CMJS 4013.

CMJS 403V. Individual Study in Criminal Justice (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.
In-depth individual or group study with a faculty member on advanced sociological readings and/or to participate in supervised research as an experience-based course. Faculty permission required in advance of enrollment. Prerequisite: Instructor consent. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CMJS 4043. Juvenile Justice (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Examination of juvenile justice system and juvenile crime, including historical development of the system and treatment of juvenile delinquents along with legal, correctional, and treatment processes and philosophies. Emphasis on current issues facing delinquents, the system, and delinquency prevention in addition to trends in juvenile crime. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.
An introduction to homeland security and the intelligence community, focusing on
how counterterrorism data is collected and used, emerging threats, and balancing
civil liberties with domestic intelligence gathering. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.

CMJS 4113. Terrorism and Social Control (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution of modern terrorism, efforts to counter its growth, temporal
and spatial patterns of precursor conduct, and the investigation, indictment,
prosecution, and punishment of terrorists in federal courts. Focuses primarily upon
American terrorist groups (ideologies, motives, group characteristics, and tactics).
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
This course is cross-listed with SOCI 4113.