

JUSTICE STUDIES (JS)

Courses

JS-103 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE 3.00 Credits

An account of the purpose, function, and history of the agencies dealing with the administration of justice, providing a survey of criminal law, criminal procedures, organizations and law enforcement agencies, courts, and corrections.

JS-190 DIRECTED STUDY IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-12.00 Credits

JS-193 SERVICE LEARNING 1.00-12.00 Credits

JS-201 POLICE IN AMERICA 3.00 Credits

This course reflects the commitment to the ideal of a professional police force in a free society. That means the police should be responsive to the needs of the public, as indicated through an open political process, and responsive to the rule of law. These ideals will be conveyed to the student by a focus on major contemporary issues affecting our societal order.

JS-202 CORRECTIONS IN AMERICA 3.00 Credits

A survey of the historical, philosophical, and legal bases of correctional procedures and institutions and an examination of current problems and innovations.

JS-225 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 3.00 Credits

An examination of the procedural aspects of criminal law. Specific applications of procedures by actors in the criminal justice process including police, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and corrections officials. This examination will provide a basic understanding of state and local legal codes, as well as current applications of law in both arrest and search and seizure.

JS-275 PRINCIPLES OF INTERVIEWING AND CASE STUDIES 3.00 Credits

The application of behavioral theory in interviewing and case study analysis is shown in this course by examining interpersonal behavior, symbolic interaction, nonverbal behavior, and levels of communication involved in the interviewing process.

JS-280 PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS 3.00 Credits

The principles guiding criminal investigation, such as deductive/inductive reasoning, managing criminal investigations, preliminary investigation at the crime scene, and specific duties and identification techniques, are outlined.

JS-290 DIRECTED STUDY IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-12.00 Credits

Written permission must be secured from the supervising instructor and the Chairperson of the Social Sciences Division prior to enrollment. May be repeated.

JS-291 WORKSHOP IN JUSTICE STUDIES 3.00 Credits

JS-292 SPECIAL TOPICS IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-3.00 Credits

JS-295 PRACTICUM IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-12.00 Credits

Criminal Justice majors obtain field experience supervised by officials of law enforcement, court, and/or corrections agencies.

JS-299 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1.00-12.00 Credits

JS-302 COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS 3.00 Credits

This course provides an overview of the purposes and goals of community-based corrections and its various components, including probation, parole, and intermediate sanctions. Topics addressed include the historical and theoretical foundations of community-based corrections, pre-sentence investigations, sentencing, managing/reducing risk in the community, and emerging trends in the field.

JS-310 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE 3.00 Credits

Students study behavior in the justice system as influenced by organizational structure, technology, managerial policies, supervisory patterns, individual need, and group relations. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or instructor's permission.

JS-320 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY 3.00 Credits

The theories of causation, prevention, control, and treatment of delinquency in contemporary society are studied. Included in this survey are modes of treatment, methods of diverting youth-related problems from the juvenile courts to other community resources, and post-treatment adjustment. Cross-listed with SOC-320.

JS-325 CRIMINAL LAW 3.00 Credits

A course dealing with the substantive law of crimes which examines the rights and duties of persons to each other and to society in general. It emphasizes historical development, criminal responsibility, and defenses. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or instructor's permission.

JS-333 WHITE COLLAR CRIME 3.00 Credits

The costs, causes, and control of crime by and against businesses and other organizations; the relationship between trust and white collar crime; and the impact of the media in shaping perceptions of white collar crime will be studied. Pre-requisites: JS-103 or SOC-101 or SOC-102 and ENGL-102 or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with SOC-333.

JS-345 CRIMINOLOGY 3.00 Credits

Students study crime and society, theories of criminality, types and trends of crime, characteristics of criminals, social control, and criminological controversies. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or SOC-101 or instructor permission. Cross-listed with SOC-345.

JS-390 DIRECTED STUDY IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-12.00 Credits

JS-392 SPECIAL TOPICS IN JUSTICE STUDIES 1.00-3.00 Credits

JS-399 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1.00-3.00 Credits

This course is an opportunity for students to conduct applied research for criminal justice agencies. Pre-requisite: Lower core complete and permission of instructor.

JS-401 COMMUNITY POLICING 3.00 Credits

This course is an examination of the philosophy, tactics, problems and solutions encountered when the community and police engage in the teamwork of community policing. The course contains a service-learning component that combines community service with structured learning and reflection, connecting the needs of the community with coursework and our roles as citizens. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or permission of instructor.

JS-402 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS 3.00 Credits

This course examines the programs designed to reduce the likelihood that released prisoners will re-offend. Programs that aim to change criminal thinking, education, job training, and substance abuse programs will be studied. Program evaluation strategies will be explored. The course will include a field trip to a correctional facility in the area.

JS-403 COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS 3.00 Credits

The functions, institutions, and operations of US and foreign criminal justice systems are compared. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or permission of instructor.

JS-422 RACE, CLASS, GENDER & JUSTICE 3.00 Credits

This course explores the effects of race, class and gender on the criminal justice system. Patterns of offending and victimization associated with the categories of race, class and gender will be studied. Students will study topics such as profiling, disparities in sentencing and the death penalty, minority overrepresentation in prison, responses to battering, and criminal justice system employment practices. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or SOC-101 or instructor permission. Cross-listed with SOC-422.

JS-423 JUSTICE ISSUES AND PUBLIC POLICY 3.00 Credits

Students study and discuss major issues, professional ethics, and policy analysis. Pre-requisite: Senior Justice Studies majors or instructor's permission.

JS-425 VIOLENCE AND GENDER 3.00 Credits

This course will provide an overview of gender-based violence. Crimes such as domestic violence, stalking, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment will be analyzed within a broader social context. Special attention will be given to how these crimes affect women and men, and how societal institutions (e.g., the criminal justice system, the health care system, employers, and social service providers) may better address the needs of victims and offenders. The course will be based on information gathered through current research, guest lectures, and scholarly and media resources. Pre-requisite: ENGL-102 or ENGL-109. Cross-listed with SOC-425.

JS-475 CRIME, JUSTICE AND ETHICS 3.00 Credits

This course addresses the ethical implications of decision-making and policy development in the criminal justice field, including the police, court, and corrections systems. Prerequisite: JS-103 and Junior or Senior standing; or permission of instructor.

JS-480 VICTIMOLOGY 3.00 Credits

This course involves the scientific study of crime victims and focuses on the physical, emotional, and financial harm people suffer at the hands of offenders. Emphasis is placed on victim-offender relationships, interactions between victims and the criminal justice system, and connections between victims and other social groups and institutions. Theories, history, research, legislation, and policy implications related to the social construction of "the victim" are explored. Pre-Requisites: ENGL-102 or ENGL-109; and a total of 24 credit hours in the General Education Core or instructor permission. Cross-listed with SOC-480.

JS-484 CYBERCRIME 3.00 Credits

This online course will examine the history, typologies, trends, and causes associated with computer crimes such as hacking, virus writing and cyberterrorism. The course will also address the legislation and law enforcement practices designed to prevent, investigate and prosecute computer crimes. Pre-requisite: JS-103 or permission of instructor.

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JS-499 RESEARCH PROJECT AND SEMINAR IN JUSTICE STUDIES 3.00 Credits

In this course, students will use the skills and knowledge they have developed during their undergraduate tenure to design and complete a research project in Justice Studies. Graded P/F only. Pre-requisite: PSYC-385 or SS-385 or permission of instructor.