

# UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OF STUDY

## CRIMINOLOGY

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### **CRIM 101.INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course is an introduction to the discipline of criminology and criminal justice, its concepts, institutions, processes, and theories, as well as an exploration of the relationships between communities and criminal justice agencies. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 210.CORRECTIONS, PROBATION, AND PAROLE**

This course explores the broad spectrum of the systems, processes, and people that constitute the field of corrections and examines the history of the emergence and development of prisons and jails, probation, parole, and community-based corrections. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, POLS 101, and SOCI 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 214.AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

This course examines law enforcement systems and the practice of courts, police discretion, and the methods of dealing with suspects. Emphasis on criminal justice processes and the implication of criminal law in American society. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, POLS 101, and SOCI 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 221.UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH IN CRIMINOLOGY**

In this course students engage in a faculty-directed research project or assist with faculty research. This course may be repeated for additional credit as the topic of the research changes. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. Graded pass/fail. *One credit hour.*

### **CRIM 235.HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

This course explores the global phenomenon of human trafficking. The history of human exploitation and the social factors which contribute to this phenomenon are presented. The major forms of human trafficking are defined and discussed along with legislative efforts to address the issue. Prerequisites: CRIM 101, SOCI 101, POLS 101, and either PSYC 101 or PSYC 102. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 250.COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICING**

This course exposes students to the historical and current perspectives of the role of police in American society. Critical and controversial issues in modern policing will be explored. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, POLS 101, and SOCI 101. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 271.TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course provides exploration of topics and issues not currently included in the criminology curriculum. This course is designed as an experimental course covering in-depth studies of interest. It may be taken for additional credit as the topic changes. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and POLS 101, and SOCI 101, or departmental approval. *One to three credit hours.*

### **CRIM.301.INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS**

This course is an introduction to the comprehension and practice of criminal justice research, the rules and limitations of scientific methodology, the formulation of research questions, and research design. Prerequisites: Minimum of a "C" or better in the following courses: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, POLS 101, and SOCI 101, or departmental approval. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 307.JUVENILES AND CRIMINAL LAW**

This course addresses the laws, court system, and correctional institutions that deal with the special characteristics of the juvenile population. Prerequisites: CRIM 101, SOCI 101, POLS 101, and either PSYC 101 or PSYC 102, and 6 additional hours of CRIM courses. *Three credit hours.*

### **CRIM 328.VICTIMOLOGY**

This course examines criminal victimization in conjunction theory and research. It also covers the patterns related to specific types of victimization. Prerequisites: POLS 101, SOCI 101, and either CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and 6 additional hours of CRIM courses, or approval of the department chair. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 345.CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH**

This course examines the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system. Particular emphasis is placed on the deinstitutionalization movement that has shifted the mentally ill away from hospitals and into correctional facilities. Prerequisites: POLS 101, SOCI 101, and either CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and 6 additional hours of CRIM courses, or approval of the department chair. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 350.ETHICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course addresses current and future ethical and moral issues facing criminology and criminal justice. It includes exploration of how these issues are influenced by political and social policies as well as personal values. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101 and 3 additional hours of CRIM or CJ coursework. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 366.RACE AND ETHNICITY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course examines the history of Jim Crow laws in shaping the criminal justice system as well as current laws that impact civil rights and civil liberties. This course examines these issues at both the U.S. federal and state levels. Prerequisites: POLS 101, SOCI 101, and either CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and 6 additional hours of CRIM courses. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 371.SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course is an exploration of topics and issues not currently included in the criminology curriculum. This course explores emergent areas within criminology as informed by theory. It may be taken for additional credit as the topic changes. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and POLS 101, and SOCI 101, or departmental approval. *One to three credit hours.*

**CRIM 373.CRIMINAL EVIDENCE**

This course is an introduction to the types of evidence, collection of evidence, the chain of custody, and procedures relating to its introduction of evidence into judicial proceedings. Special attention is given to Fourth Amendment constitutional issues. Cross-listed with LEG 373. Prerequisite: CRIM 101 or POLS 101. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 386.VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

This course examines vulnerable populations in the United States criminal justice system. The specific needs of each population are addressed in addition to the legal and ethical issues related to their treatment within the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: POLS 101, SOCI 101, and either CRIM 101 or CJ 101, and 6 additional hours of CRIM courses, or approval of the department chair. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 390.CURRENT POLICY ISSUES IN CRIMINOLOGY**

This course examines policy issues in contemporary criminology. Instructors may focus on one or more topics such as addictions, alcohol and drugs, cybersecurity, domestic violence, gambling, human trafficking, victims and victimization, alternatives to incarceration, policing practices and procedures, and court rulings. May be taken for additional credit as the topic changes. Prerequisites: CRIM 101 or CJ 101 and 3 additional hours of CRIM or CJ coursework. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 399.CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY**

This course explores classical through contemporary criminological theory. Areas of exploration include, but are not limited to rational choice, biosocial, cultural, control, critical, interactionist, green, and cyber theories. Prerequisites: CRIM 101, SOCI 101, and 6 additional credit hours of CRIM courses. *Three credit hours.*

**CRIM 407, 408, 409.RESEARCH IN CRIMINOLOGY**

These courses involve students engaging in a student-directed research project on a topic of criminological interest and are offered on demand to qualified students. Students may count a maximum of three credit hours of Research in Criminology (CRIM 407, CRIM 408, or CRIM 409) toward major requirements. Prerequisite: Instructor permission. *One to three credit hours.*

**CRIM 499.CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE**

This course provides an opportunity for students to synthesize the knowledge they have learned as a criminology major, examine the role of criminology and criminologists in society today, and learn strategies for putting a criminology degree to work in a post-collegiate context. Prerequisite: Successful completion of 12 hours of CRIM courses and a "C" or better in SOCI 398. *Three credit hours.*