

GRADUATE COURSES OF STUDY

CRIMNOLOGY

CRIM 620.CRISIS COMMUNICATION

This course examines communication strategies, theories, and methods needed to convey essential information during diverse crisis situations to all relevant actors and the public. Students will learn the process of developing a crisis communication plan. Case studies will be used throughout the course to analyze successes and failures of crisis communication in past events. Specific emphasis will be placed on the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) during times of crisis. Cross-listed with EMGT 620. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 625.CRISIS LEADERSHIP

This course analyzes leadership theories and approaches appropriate for a wide range of crisis management activities. Leadership during a crisis requires strong critical thinking skills, a large reservoir of intellectual creativity, an ability to remain calm in a chaotic environment, a keen sense of cultural sensitivity toward the many publics affected by a crisis, and other skill sets different from those required to be successful under routine non- critical conditions. This course will examine leadership before and during a crisis at the administrative level as well as for first responders on-scene using the Incident Command System (ICS). Cross-listed with EMGT 625. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 635.MENTAL HEALTH AND FIRST RESPONDERS

This course is designed to explore the impact of a crisis or the aftermath of a violent event on a community and individuals from a mental health perspective. Students will learn to identify the range of psychological responses exhibited by survivors and first responders. Students will develop an understanding of the risk and protective factors for both survivors and first responders and to appreciate the impact and effects of a crisis, violence, and/or trauma on these two intersecting populations. Cross-listed with EMGT 635. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 640.HUMAN TRAFFICKING

This course explores the problem of human trafficking in South Carolina in the context of the overall global phenomenon. The history of human exploitation and the social factors which contribute to this phenomenon (especially on vulnerable populations) are presented. The major forms of human trafficking are defined and discussed along with legal, law enforcement, legislative, executive, and non-profits' efforts to address the issue. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 645.ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW

This course addresses criminal law as understood through an analysis of legal processes, court systems, and correctional institutions. It details differences across populations (e.g., juveniles vs. adults), the history of law in civil rights and civil liberties at state and federal levels and teaches students about controversies and challenges related to types of evidence, collection of evidence, chain of custody, and judicial proceedings. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 650. CONTEMPORARY CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY AND POLICY

This course examines contemporary criminology theory as it contributes to the current criminal justice policies. Special attention is paid to the application of theory in the policy-making process involving executive branch implementation and the diverse effects of policies on different social groups. Current topics such as addictions, cybersecurity, domestic violence, terrorism, alternatives to incarceration to include specialty courts, juvenile justice, and re-entry programs may be covered. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 660.RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This course provides an overview of the rules of scientific methodology and teaches students about research design, data collection, and analysis. It covers a mix of relevant qualitative and quantitative research methodologies such as interviews, content analysis, participant observation, surveys, program evaluation, and the use of statistical analysis. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 665.ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This course covers advanced qualitative and quantitative research methodologies including, but not limited to statistical methods, survey design, and use of criminal justice databases. Special attention is paid to the policy implications of research projects. Students will present findings from their original research. Prerequisite: CRIM 660 or instructor permission. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 670.VICTIMOLOGY

This course examines criminal victimization in conjunction with theory and research. It also covers the patterns related to specific types of victimization and analyzes resources (government and non-profit) for victims of crime and violence with particular attention on the role of Victims' Advocates and leaders within the S.C. Department of Probation, Pardon, and Parole. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 675.ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This course examines and analyzes leadership in terms of administration of law enforcement, public safety, and/or social service agencies. It focuses upon the theory and practice of budgeting, decision-making, human resources management, and public relations. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 680.SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This course covers special topics and allows for special and contemporary topics to be addressed such as those related to commerce, emergency management, homeland security, intergovernmental relations, international affairs, public administration, public safety, social control and deviance, and technology. May be taken for additional credit as the topic changes. *Three credit hours.*

CRIM 695.CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

This course provides synthesis to the graduate program. Students will reflect upon their cumulative knowledge gleaned from their coursework. They will examine the role of law enforcement and/or criminologists in society today. And, with guidance by faculty, they will produce a professional paper on an issue which will contribute to knowledge in the field. Prerequisite: A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater in 15 hours of graduate CRIM courses. *Three credit hours.*