CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIM)

CRIM 150 The Criminal Justice System 3 cr.
This course is an introduction to the philosophy of justice, identification of the various subsystems, and significance of their interrelationships. It examines the past, present, and future expectations of the criminal justice system to include law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. This course further explores the responsibilities of each profession comprising the distinct components of the criminal justice system with particular emphasis on ethics and professionalism.

CRIM 151 Police Organization and Administration 3 cr.
This course examines the managerial framework, authority structures and major functions of police organizations. General principles of administration and modern management techniques will be explored. Other areas of concentration include leadership, communications, planning and decision making, discipline, and legal aspects of police administration.

CRIM 152 Introduction to Law Enforcement 3 cr.
The evolution of modern policing is traced from England through contemporary American society. All aspects of policing are examined from law enforcement, order maintenance, and various police services. Internal police functions from patrol to criminal investigations are evaluated. Current police practices, policies, and enforcement strategies are explored with the emphasis on the role of the police officer in society.

CRIM 155 Introduction to Corrections 3 cr.
The primary focus of this course addresses the major segments of the corrections component of the criminal justice system, along with the theory and practice of corrections institutions. Historical perspectives of corrections are examined with emphasis on prisons and jails, along with analysis of probation, parole, institutional corrections, and community based corrections programs. Corrections philosophy, theory, and practice are explored with particular emphasis on constitutional rights of those convicted. Further, prisoner rights, victimization, and the death penalty will be studied.

CRIM 236 Criminology 3 cr.
This course is an analysis of the scientific study of crime and an examination of the varied and changing theories and methods of dealing with its perpetrators. Consideration is given to the biological, psychological, and sociological factors in crime and the basic ideas of American criminology.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 181

CRIM 253 Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 cr.
This course explores ethical theories and dilemmas pertaining to the American criminal justice system, including those in law enforcement, courts, adjudication, punishment, and corrections. It examines the fundamentals of ethical decision making through the perspectives of virtue ethics, formalism, and utilitarianism. Specific moral principles and choices that must be made by the criminal justice professionals today will be discussed.

CRIM 254 Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence 3 cr.
This course is an analysis of the historical development of the constitutional relationship between the individual, the states, and the Federal government and of the application of the Bill of Rights to the states through a study of the leading Supreme Court decisions. The second half of the course is devoted to a study of the rules of evidence, with particular emphasis upon judicial notice, presumptions, the nature of real and circumstantial evidence, burden of proof, province of court and jury, documentary evidence, hearsay evidence, confessions, admissions and witnesses.

CRIM 255 Criminal Law and Procedure 3 cr.
This course is a comprehensive analysis of the criminal law statutes with an emphasis on the crimes under federal and state jurisdictions, statutes as to the classification, elements of proof, intent, conspiracy, responsibility, parties and defense. The second half of the course deals with machinery by which justice is administered. Typical criminal proceedings, from institution to enforcement of judgment are examined in detail, including the jurisdiction, organization and constitution of the several tribunals, administrative as well as judicial.

CRIM 280 Criminal Investigation 4 cr.
The nature of criminal investigation is explored as a timeless and dynamic field of scientific study. It examines all aspects and fundamentals of criminal investigation. A major focus of this course is on the responsibility of conducting investigations within the framework of the Constitution. Students must apply knowledge learned in lectures to "crime scene" labs. This course serves as the capstone for the Criminal Justice concentration. Students can only receive credit for one of the following courses: CRIM-280 or CRIM-281 Code 3 course fee.

CRIM 281 Criminal Investigation Theory 3 cr.
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