

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJUS)

CJUS 500 Criminal Justice Integration 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses on the interdependency of organizations and agencies in the criminal justice system. Specifically, the course will examine the competing roles of law enforcement, courts, prosecution, defense counsel, etc., in the pursuit of justice.

Offered: Online

CJUS 520 Administration of Justice Organizations 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the theoretical and practical management perspectives embraced by the American criminal justice system. This will address the nature of criminal justice organizations, individual and group behavior within those organizations, processes inherent in those organizations, and areas of criminal justice reform.

Offered: Online

CJUS 530 Human Resource Management in Criminal Justice Organizations 3 Credit Hour(s)

This class will emphasize applying the theoretical knowledge discussed in class lectures to "real world" situations and events important to human resources management in criminal justice. The student will be expected to demonstrate their knowledge of human resources management in a criminal justice setting through various reading and written exercises. General objectives for students are to learn and be able to apply general management principles and techniques in a public agency office setting. The role of personnel manager in a criminal justice setting is stressed throughout the course, to define and clarify responsibilities, areas of authority, decision-making, and technical knowledge of services, systems, and procedure. While the subject primarily targets personnel managers, all supervisors and managers benefit from effective personnel management skills, knowledge of services, systems, and procedures. While the subject primarily targets personnel, managers, all supervisors and managers benefit from effective personnel management skills, knowledge and abilities.

Offered: Online

CJUS 534 Human Resources and Civil Rights for Law Enforcement Leaders 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses on the key legal issues facing law enforcement leaders as related to specific HR strategies and best practices and the evolving civil rights issues facing law enforcement. Students will be introduced to historical and current legal precedent, including the ramifications of legal issues on the practices of effective leadership in the law enforcement context.

Note: Course offered beginning in Spring 2020

Offered: Online

CJUS 535 Strategic Intelligence for Law Enforcement Leaders 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course examines best practices for law enforcement leaders in the gathering, assessment and implementation of strategic intelligence. It is critical for law enforcement leaders to have strategic intelligence for planning, decision-making and threat assessment. This intelligence must be comprehensive, relevant for key stakeholders, and gathered ethically. Moreover, it must be interpreted and applied in a cohesive manner that leads to sound implementation of strategy and tactics.

Note: Course offered beginning in Spring 2020

Offered: Online

CJUS 536 Perspectives in Law Enforcement Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course provides a summary of key leadership trends, best practices, controversies and debates, particularly as applied to the law enforcement context. Students will be challenged to research, synthesize and articulate leadership best practices as related to the administration of law enforcement members, groups and agencies.

Note: Course offered beginning in Spring 2020

Offered: Online

CJUS 540 Cybercrime Law and Public Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course provides an overview of the emerging challenges related to cybercrime, and their related major legal and public policy impacts. Relevant court cases and public policy initiatives will be discussed, as well as major trends in the cybercrime field.

Offered: Online

CJUS 542 Advanced Cybercrime Investigation 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses on latest trends and best practices associated with cybercrime investigation contexts, processes, and procedures. Key legal, technological, and procedural challenges will also be addressed.

Note: Course offered beginning in Spring 2020

Offered: Online

CJUS 550 Topics and Trends in Criminal Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses upon contemporary topics and trends in the criminal justice arena. Topics will include: substantive and procedural changes in criminal law from a federal perspective utilizing case law, professional law enforcement organization reviews, and law review articles. Additionally, the course will identify and evaluate research trends of the National Institute of Justice, i.e., corrections, technology development, homeland security, and white collar/financial crime.

Offered: Online

CJUS 601 Criminal Justice Program Evaluation 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: CJUS 500 and CJUS 520 and CJUS 530 and CJUS 550

This course has two primary focuses. First, in today's environment of Evidence Based Policing, proper program evaluation is necessary. This class builds the student's skill set to conduct and understand criminal justice program evaluation. Second, as a sub-component of program evaluation and as a major component of CompStat, statistical analysis should be understood by the criminal justice leader. This course addresses the understanding of the measurement of crime.

Offered: Online

CJUS 610 Leadership, Ethics and Policing 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: CJUS 500 and CJUS 520 and CJUS 530 and CJUS 550

Ethical Leadership is a foundational principle in building an excellent organization and developing and maintaining public trust. This class focuses not only on ethical principles; it focuses on ethical leadership with a Christian Worldview.

Offered: Online

CJUS 620 Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will introduce the student to an understanding of psychology's use in assisting the law with clinical forensic cases. Focus will involve both practical and research applications in clinical and social-cognitive psychology. Additional topics will include admissibility of psychologists to provide expert testimony in the courts; assessment of various mental states to meet legal requirements for competency, insanity, abuse syndromes, and various other psychological harm; working in the criminal justice system; and child custody and dependency issues.

Offered: Online

CJUS 630 Crisis Intervention in Law Enforcement 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will introduce the student to crisis theory, concepts, intervention and strategies required for criminal justice first responders. The student will learn how to develop and implement organizational programs for crisis intervention including: recognition of threat levels, active listening, effective mediation strategies and negotiation strategies of mentally unstable persons.

Offered: Online

CJUS 640 Psychology & the Legal System 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course applies the methods and theories of psychology to the criminal justice (legal) system. Specifically, students will gain and understanding of how the field of psychology and psychological research has been applied in law enforcement, the judicial process, and the corrections process. Issues of morality, the criminal personality, eyewitness testimony, the use of psychological evaluation, jury selection, criminal profiling, child custody evaluation, police, and inmate counseling are among topics covered. Since this course focuses on the criminal justice system, it will not include civil litigation.

Offered: Online

CJUS 644 Corrections Policy and Procedure 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses on the importance of correctional policies and procedures and their need to be grounded in defensible rationale. This course will examine the role of policy development within a correctional setting and the need to ensure a legitimate correctional outcome. This course will also examine the procedures regarding how policies should be instituted within a correctional setting.

Offered: Online

CJUS 645 Introduction to Restorative Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses upon assisting students in understanding philosophical and practical underpinnings of the restorative justice movement and its role within the criminal justice system. The course will discuss and assess various strategies for the implementation of restorative justice within a criminal justice setting with a focus on identifying the root causes of inequalities that may occur within the criminal justice system.

Offered: Online

CJUS 646 Community Corrections 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course focuses upon the deinstitutionalization of the prison industry through the development and utilization of alternatives such as probation and parole as well as other elements that impact criminal justice reform. This course will review and examine various alternatives that may present plausible options to incarceration, such as academic and vocational programs that improve opportunities for education and employment.

Offered: Online

CJUS 647 Restorative Justice in the Community 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course is designed to explore the impact of crimes against individuals within the community and how they affect the community collectively. This course will also consider the role of the community in the restorative justice process and the impact that restorative justice may have upon the community and the offender.

Offered: Online

CJUS 648 Management of Correctional Facilities 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course examines the options available to correctional facility managers and the impact of these various options and alternatives. Additionally, this course will focus on the role of the manager within the correctional setting and the various roles and responsibilities that a correctional facility manager might encounter such as staffing, health of inmates, security of the facility and the impact of public policy upon these facilities.

Offered: Online

CJUS 649 Victimology 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will study the concept of victimization and the prevailing theories that are found within the field of victimology. This course will also examine and review the role that victims play within the criminal justice system as well as the impact of various responses by the criminal justice system upon the victim. Additionally, this course will explore how victims are impacted psychologically, emotionally, and financially following victimization.

Offered: Online

CJUS 650 Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Offenders 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will introduce the student to the historical, philosophical, legislative, and societal overview of offender rehabilitation and reintegration in corrections settings and in community-based settings.

Offered: Online

CJUS 688 Thesis Proposal 3 Credit Hour(s)

Students will collaborate with a faculty advisor to develop their thesis proposal. It is expected that the proposal for the thesis project will be relevant to the student's studies in their master's degree program and will direct their research to make an academic contribution to the body of knowledge in criminal justice. At the completion of this course, the student will be ready to begin data collection and research.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of 30 hours of coursework toward the degree program with a GPA of 3.0. No more than two grades of C may be applied to the program.

Offered: Online

CJUS 689 Thesis Research 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: CJUS 688

This course is designed to help students complete their master's thesis in Criminal Justice. It is expected that research for the thesis project will be relevant to the student's studies in the master's degree program and will make an academic contribution to the body of knowledge in criminal justice.

Offered: Online

CJUS 690 Thesis Defense 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: CJUS 689

Intended to demonstrate a student's ability to carry out original research. Thesis may be designed to answer practical research questions, or address theoretical or ethical issues of interest to scholars and professionals in the field of criminal justice. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

Registration Restrictions: Consent of instructor

Offered: Online

CJUS 695 Directed Research 3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Online

CJUS 697 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)