



minimum of six (6) must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.

### **Course Descriptions**

#### **CRJ 101 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Three hours**

This introductory course is designed to introduce students to the criminal justice system in the United States. The major components of the system, including the police, the courts, and the prisons, are reviewed and analyzed.

#### **CRJ 201 CRIMINOLOGY: Three hours**

This course addresses the nature, the extent, and the causes of crime from the standpoints of both the criminal and the victim. Six theoretical explanations of crime are considered. The efforts of criminologists to integrate various theories are also covered.

#### **CRJ 202 JUVENILE JUSTICE: Three hours**

This course examines a peculiarly American institution, the juvenile justice system. The response of the 19th Century reformers to problems of juvenile delinquency will be explored. The evolution of the juvenile court as an institution will be considered.

#### **CRJ 301 PRISONS AND PENOLOGY (CT): Three hours**

This course examines the history of punishment with emphasis on the changing place of the penitentiary in the criminal justice system. The purposes of punishment, including deterrence, incapacitation, rehabilitation, and revenge, will be considered within the context of correctional institutions.

#### **CRJ 302 POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT: Three hours**

This course examines the history of law enforcement in the United States and emphasizes recent changes in policing. Consideration will be given to the effects of the inclusion of greater numbers of women and other minorities in police forces. Community-based policing and other innovative crime control measures will be addressed. The appropriate role of law and order in a democratic society is considered.

#### **CRJ 303 COURTS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: Three hours**

This course describes the nature and structure of the Alabama and Federal judiciary. The proper roles of the principal actors in a criminal trial will be

considered. Controversies regarding bail, exchange relationships, plea bargaining, pre-trial publicity, and mandatory punishments will be discussed.

**CRJ 401                    CRIMINAL LAW:** Three hours

This course explains the substantive criminal laws of the United States. The course will explain the general principles of criminal law, the elements of major offenses against persons and property, and the defenses which may excuse an offender from criminal responsibility.

**CRJ 402                    CRIMINAL PROCEDURE:** Three hours

This course explains the concepts of criminal procedure in the United States, including the right of persons to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, to be indicted by a grand jury for capital offenses, to be informed of the nature of any charges, to be represented by counsel at appropriate times, to enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, to be confronted by witnesses, and to have a compulsory process for obtaining favorable witnesses.

**CRJ 403                    CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:** Three hours

This seminar examines the role of the Supreme Court of the United States in our Federal system of government. Key decisions of the Court will be analyzed in an historical context.

**CRJ 404                    ETHICS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:** Three hours

This seminar examines the criminal justice system in the United States in terms of right and wrong. The values, morals, and standards of the primary actors in the system will be evaluated. The actions of police, lawyers, judges and prison guards will be considered.

**CRJ 405                    DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Three hours

This seminar provides an opportunity for a specialized study of the causes and effects of family violence. Topics include spousal, child, and elder abuse. Consideration will be given to alternative methods of assessing and treating offenders.

**CRJ 406                    HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE LAW (CT):**

Three hours

This seminar provides an opportunity for a specialized study of the

function and limitation of law as an instrument of social control. The historical and philosophical bases of legal systems will be examined and evaluated. Consideration will be given to the law in literature.

**CRJ 411                    SPECIAL STUDIES:** Three hours

A course for upperclassmen seeking to complete requirements in their major or minor disciplines. Subjects may be taught that do not appear in the College catalog but are of value to a student in her career objectives and/or graduate studies.

Prerequisite: Approval by the Department Head

**CRJ 412                    SPECIAL STUDIES:** Three hours

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**CRJ 413                    SPECIAL STUDIES:** Three hours

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**CRJ 414                    SPECIAL STUDIES:** Three hours

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**CRJ 449, 450            INDEPENDENT STUDY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** Three to Six hours

This course allows students to conduct individualized research or do specialized readings in designated areas related to criminal justice. The course will be tailored to the specific program developed by the student. The course will allow significant latitude to the student but will be closely supervised by the principal instructor.

Prerequisite: Approval of the Department Head

**CRJ 471, 472      CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP:** Three to Six hours

This course provides an opportunity for further study in criminal justice by participation as an intern with law enforcement, correctional, judicial, legal, and juvenile agencies. Daily journals and a final written evaluation will be required of each student.

Prerequisite: Approval of the Department Head and Academic Dean