

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ)

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

### Requirements for the Criminal Justice Major (B.A. and B.S.)

The **Major in Criminal Justice** consists of the following 30 hours:

- A. CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)  
CRJ 201 Criminology (3 hours)  
CRJ 401 Criminal Law (3 hours)
  
- B. One (1) of the following:  
CRJ 301 Prisons and Penology OR (3 hours)  
CRJ 302 Police and Law Enforcement OR (3 hours)  
CRJ 303 Courts and the Criminal Justice System (3 hours)
  
- C. One (1) of the following:  
SOC 208 Social Problems OR (3 hours)  
SOC 308 Minorities OR (3 hours)  
Other approved sociology course (3 hours)
  
- D. PSY 201 General Psychology (3 hours)
  
- E. Twelve (12) hours of departmentally approved electives of which a minimum of six (6) hours must be courses numbered 300 or higher.

### Requirements for the Criminal Justice Minor

The **Minor in Criminal Justice** consists of the following 21 hours:

- A. CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)  
CRJ 201 Criminology (3 hours)  
CRJ 401 Criminal Law (3 hours)
  
- B. One (1) of the following:  
CRJ 301 Prisons and Penology OR (3 hours)  
CRJ 303 Courts and the Criminal Justice System (3 hours)
  
- C. Nine (9) hours of departmentally approved electives of which a minimum of six (6) must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.

### Course Descriptions

#### **CRJ 101 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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): 3 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: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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): 3 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: 3 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 of the Department Head*

**CRJ 412            SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 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.

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**CRJ 413            SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 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.

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**CRJ 414            SPECIAL STUDIES: 3 hours**

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**CRJ 416            VICTIMOLOGY (CT): 3 hours**

A course that recognizes and examines the other half of the crime-victim dyad: the experience of crime from the victim's perspective. Throughout the course, various types of criminal victimization will be studied by exploring the characteristics, causes, and consequences of such victimization.

**CRJ 449, 450        INDEPENDENT STUDY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE: 3—6 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: 3—6 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*