

Course Descriptions

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Corrections, Law Enforcement)

CRMJ 1110 Introduction to Criminal Justice 4 Credits

This course surveys the complexities and diversity of the U.S. Criminal Justice system, providing an overview of historical and contemporary legal issues, legislative policy, law enforcement, court and correctional theories, goals, strategies, and ethical practices. (4 contact hours)

CRMJ 1117 Community Policing 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course introduces students to the historic and cultural relationships between individuals, communities, and policing in the United States. The course includes policing roles, duties, styles, subculture, and discretion, and their impact on ethical police practices relating to prejudice, perception, discrimination, deviance, labeling, conflict, communication, specific subcultures, the homeless, physically and mentally challenged individuals, alternative lifestyles, and victims of violence. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 1130 Crisis Intervention 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110 or HMSV 1115 or permission of instructor

This course introduces students to the relationship between precipitating events, crises and effective intervention and coping methods. Students will examine models of crisis intervention and address practical and ethical strategies for coping with suicides, family, ethnicity, vulnerable subgroups, grief/loss, AIDS and HIV, substance abuse, PTSD, domestic violence, and sexual assault. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 1211 Community Corrections 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course examines historical, current, and future correctional alternatives to incarceration for both juvenile and adult offenders. It introduces students to various topics, including model institutional systems and programs; such community-based interventions as probation, community correction centers, community treatment centers, and house arrest; required community resources; ethical and legal issues; and problems associated with the supervision of inmates with special needs. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 1230 Introduction to Forensic Science Technology 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110 or permission of instructor

This course introduces students to the forensic sciences and competencies relative to the field. The course provides an overview of the foundation, history, disciplines, and specialties of the forensic science field and their interaction and impact on the United States Criminal Justice System. It also introduces career opportunities and practical applications. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 1240 Criminal Justice Research 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course introduces basic research methods used in social science. Working with actual crime data, students will learn to formulate and test hypotheses about crime and analyze data through the use of techniques such as scatterplots, cross-tabulation, and multiple regression. Students will also discover sources of criminal justice data and perform research on the Internet. (4 contact hours: 2 lecture, 2 lab)

CRMJ 2210 Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1117 or CRMJ 1211

This course provides students an in-depth review of the fundamentals of ethical decision making within the U.S. criminal justice system, including ethical theory; doctrines; dilemmas; and principles common to the police, courts, and correctional subsystems. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2212 Criminal Law 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course provides an in-depth examination of criminal law, including sources of law, capacity to commit crimes, defenses, and elements of select statutes. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2213 Criminal Investigation 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course reintroduces basic methodologies used to legally and ethically investigate a wide variety of crimes. Students will learn techniques for gathering information; processing crime scenes; and collecting, recording, and preserving physical evidence. Students will learn how to use deductive reasoning in solving crimes through the use of practical problems. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2214 Patrol Operations 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1117

This course provides an in-depth examination of the line functions of police agencies including the historical evolution of policing; ethical, legal, and political principles of police organizations; strategic planning and staffing; patrol delivery methods; and innovative programs. Students will learn how to apply principles and methods of line functions through the use of practical exercises and hands-on exercises. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2216 Criminal Procedure 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 2212 or permission of instructor

This course provides an in-depth examination of applicable Supreme Court decisions, Ohio Rules of Procedure, Ohio Rules of Evidence, and Ohio case law to acquaint students with the procedures used by police to prosecute criminals, from initial investigation through trial. Students will also learn what criminal and civil penalties may be incurred for failure to follow established guidelines. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2219 Correctional Practices and Challenges 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110, CRMJ 1211

This course provides an in-depth examination of contemporary issues facing U.S. correctional staff and administrators. It provides students with the opportunity to research and discuss such ethical and current challenges as correctional theory, privatization, inmate medical needs, services and programming, special population needs, staff health-wellness, civil liability, and correctional technology. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2231 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course provides an in-depth survey of the historical and contemporary structure and operation of the juvenile justice system. Students will examine major theories of delinquency causation and explore problems of law, politics, philosophy, and sociology as they relate to delinquency prevention, control, and reform. Case studies provide students with an opportunity to apply theories to practical situations. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2239 Criminal Justice Practicum 3 Credits

Prerequisite: 48 semester credits towards a Criminal Justice degree, CRMJ 2210; or permission of instructor

This course helps students explore criminal justice careers and prepare for the hiring process in the criminal justice field. Students will identify personal skills and values relative to criminal justice careers. Students will learn the steps in the hiring process, and have the opportunity to work with experienced professionals in an agency setting. Students volunteer to work seven hours per week in an agency which is representative of their program of study and attend weekly two-hour, class sessions. Students must obtain approval from the host agency and may be required to undergo a background investigation. Students should obtain agency approval prior to the start of the semester in which they take the practicum. (9 contact hours: 2 lecture, 7 lab)

CRMJ 2244 Criminology 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110, SOCY 1150

This course provides an in-depth survey of the historical and theoretical development of the disciplines of criminology, the sociology of criminal law, and patterns of criminal behavior, and measurements of crime. The course reintroduces students to the complexities and difficulties associated with the enforcement and administration of criminal law, the social reactions to crime and public policy, and the issues and challenges to future crime control in U.S. society. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2250 Current Issues in Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Prerequisite: 48 credits towards a Criminal Justice degree, CRMJ 2210; or permission of instructor

This course provides students with the opportunity to research, present, and discuss current problems and issues which face the criminal justice system. It provides information on topics that are subject to current debate in criminal justice. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2260 Interview and Interrogation 3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

This course helps students develop skills necessary to elicit information from witnesses and confessions from offenders. Students will learn to interpret body gestures and establish environments conducive to effective communications. Lab exercises provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate these skills in a realistic setting. (3 contact hours)

CRMJ 2900 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 1-3 Credits

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1110

These specialized courses provide in-depth examinations of criminal justice topics and contemporary issues not covered in detail elsewhere in the curriculum.