

# CCJ: Criminology and Criminal Justice Courses

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## Courses

### **CCJ 2002 Survey of Crime and Justice**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Provides an introduction to the study of crime and justice in the United States. Discusses the complexities of studying crime, criminal behavior, and the many explanations for crime. Evaluates the role of various criminal justice agencies, the underlying philosophies, and preventative strategies of these subsystems. Meets General Education requirement in Social Sciences.

### **CCJ 3014 Criminology**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Examines the causes, types, and patterns of crime in society. Major schools of thought and current research are introduced, compared, and contrasted in the study of crime and its social context.

### **CCJ 3024 Criminal Justice System**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Introductory analysis of the American criminal justice system. Structure, organization and process of the criminal justice system, the roles and responsibilities of criminal justice professionals, and the dynamics of the justice system in a democratic society. Additional focus will be on academic writing, APA formatting, searching and using scholarly references. Meets College-Level Communication Skills Requirement.

### **CCJ 3060 Ethics and the Justice System**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Identification and analysis of ethical issues in the American justice system.

### **CCJ 3193 Mental Health and Criminal Justice**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

This course will explore the relationship between mental health and the criminal justice system. It will cover a variety of topics ranging from prevalence of mental illness in the correctional population, criminal justice professionals' interaction with individuals with mental illness, treatment programs and the mental health of criminal justice actors.

### **CCJ 3450 Criminal Justice Management and Organization**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Acquaints student with the basic management processes affecting criminal justice agencies, develops the student's ability to analyze management problems and apply effective interventions to those problems in police departments, courts, and corrections agencies.

### **CCJ 3553 Family Violence and Crime**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the various forms of violence and abuse that manifest within family environments. Students will delve into the nuanced definitions of the various types and forms of family violence, examining how cultural contexts shape these definitions and the challenges they present. The course will also address the legal, social, and policy implications of family violence.

### **CCJ 3651 Drugs, Crime, and Criminal Justice**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Explores the interactions between drugs, crime, and society. Relevant history, theory, and research related to drug use, prevention, rehabilitation, and the drug-crime link will be explored critically. Additionally, this course will examine the pharmacology of drugs and the prevalence of usage. As such, this course aims to provide a foundation for a better understanding the relationship between drugs, crime, and the criminal justice system.

### **CCJ 3666 Victimology**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

The study of the interrelationships between crime, criminals, victims, and the criminal justice system. Areas of emphasis include victim's rights, restorative justice, as well as the psychological, financial, and medical needs and problems of the victim.

### **CCJ 3691 Sex Offenses and the Offender**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Comprehensive overview of psychological, sociological and legal issues related to sex offenses. Additionally, the sexual offenders and different typologies of the sex offender will be discussed.

### **CCJ 3905 Directed Study**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

### **CCJ 4026 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Examines the nature and extent of crime in modern Western society. Emphasis placed on issues selected from, but not limited to, emerging patterns of violence, organized crime, white-collar crime, victimless crime, corruption, and those crime strategies deemed appropriate in a democracy.

### **CCJ 4141 Restorative Justice**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Introduces the philosophy of restorative justice. Students critically analyze and compare retributive justice with restorative justice. Explores various restorative justice methodologies and evaluation of those methodologies. Hands on instruction in the use of restorative practices will be given.

**CCJ 4641 Organized Crime**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

An exploration of major issues related to organized crime. Topics include historical aspects, theoretical perspectives, and criminal actions commonly associated with organized crime activities.

**CCJ 4644 White Collar Crime**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

An exploration of major issues related to white collar crime. Theoretical explanations for white-collar crime are also discussed.

**CCJ 4700 Research Design in Criminal Justice**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Designed to give students an understanding of the basic principles and practices of empirical research as they are practiced in criminal justice and to enhance students' critical thinking skills with respect to criminal justice programs and proposals. Meets College-Level Communication Skills Requirement.

**CCJ 4905 Directed Study**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

**CCJ 4931 Special Topics in Criminal Justice**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may be repeated for up to 18 sh of credit)

The study of special issues in criminal justice. Subject matter will vary each semester to reflect an in-depth study of particular issues (e.g. gangs) or fields of criminology (e.g. corrections and theories of punishment) being examined. This includes grounding course content in criminological theory, as well as related theoretical frameworks.

**CCJ 4939 Criminal Justice Seminar**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Prerequisite: ((CCJ 2002 AND CCJ 3014 AND CCJ 4700)) AND (CJC 4010 OR CJE 4110 OR CJL 3510)

This seminar is a comprehensive and critical review of the criminal justice curriculum with a focus on contemporary issues. Students are provided the opportunity to explore current criminal justice issues and criminal justice careers through an integration of knowledge gained in the criminal justice curriculum.

**CCJ 4940 Criminal Justice Internship**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

1-6 sh (may be repeated for up to 9 sh of credit)

Prerequisite: (CCJ 2002) AND (CCJ 4700) AND (CCJ 3014 OR SOW 3650) AND (CJC 4010 OR CJE 4110 OR CJL 3510 OR CJJ 4010 OR DEP 3103 OR SOW 4111 OR SOW 4242)

Internship in field of criminal justice intended to give field observation and experience. This internship is a cooperative effort between the criminal justice program at the University of West Florida and public or private community agencies. The purpose of the internship is to give students the opportunity to apply their education to actual work situations. The student works under the supervision of an agency professional. A 3 credit hour internship may be used to satisfy the capstone experience in the criminal justice core requirements.

**CCJ 4955 Inside-Out Prison Program**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

The course examines the intersections of criminology, criminal justice, and the law. Students will engage in critical discussions and readings focused on justice policies within the United States. Student enrollment is at the instructor's discretion following an application, background check, and interview process. Students enrolled in the course will be required to attend weekly course meetings at a prison.

**CCJ 5018 Crime and Public Policy**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Applies elements of criminological theory and research methods to critically evaluate the effectiveness of policies designed to reduce the level of crime.

**CCJ 5905 Directed Study**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

**CCJ 6006 Criminal Justice Administration**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

This course focuses on the principles of organization, administration, and function of criminal justice agencies. These agencies include law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. The course includes an examination of management approaches and problems in criminal justice, including the planning and evaluation techniques and the use of information systems.

**CCJ 6008 Criminal Justice Theory**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Analyzes the theoretical perspectives associated with the policies, organizations, decisions, and operations of criminal justice systems, agencies, and individuals. Examines classical and contemporary research in criminal justice.

**CCJ 6061 Criminological Theory**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Examines criminological theories with emphasis on the origins and applications of relevant theoretical approaches to crime and criminally deviant behavior. Addresses theoretical concepts and propositions of most (though not all) of the major criminological theories, the related empirical research that has tested these theories, and the corresponding policy implications.

**CCJ 6704 Research Methodology**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Covers issues related to research methods and data analysis as they are applied in the field of criminal justice and criminology. Explores scientifically acceptable inquiry and how to conduct empirical research in criminology and criminal justice. Evaluates methodological and ethical issues related to crime and criminal justice research.

**CCJ 6705 Analysis of Quantitative and Qualitative Data**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Prerequisite: CCJ 6704

Methods and techniques for diagnostics, management, and analysis of criminological and criminal justice data in both quantitative and qualitative nature. Statistical theory and research design issues specific to criminological and criminal justice analyses are covered along with hands-on computer experience using computerized statistical programs such as SPSS.

**CCJ 6715 Issues in Contemporary Criminal Justice**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

An in-depth study of issues confronting 21st Century criminal justice systems. Topics include those associated with current events and controversies.

**CCJ 6745 Policing and Society**

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3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Analysis of classical and contemporary readings designed to examine the unique position, organization, and challenges of policing a complex society. Also explores the future of policing.

**CCJ 6905 Directed Study**

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1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)

**CCJ 6910 Criminal Justice Area Paper**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Under the direction of the faculty, the student prepares a comprehensive analysis of a topic within criminal justice. The paper will include a critical and comprehensive review of the literature related to the chosen topic. The paper may include a research proposal and/or presentation of research findings.

**CCJ 6946 Criminal Justice Internship**

Col of Arts, Soc Sci and Human, Department of Criminal Justice

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Internship in field of criminology and criminal justice intended to give field observation and experience. This internship is a cooperative effort between the criminal justice program at the University of West Florida and public or private community agencies. The purpose of the internship is to give students the opportunity to apply their education to actual work situations. The student works under the supervision of an agency professional. Course requirements include a research component.

**CCJ 6950 Criminal Justice Leadership Portfolio**

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1 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

The Criminal Justice Leadership Portfolio is the capstone course for the Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership. This course provides students with an opportunity to synthesize and showcase their learning and achievements throughout the program. Students will compile a portfolio that includes two key projects completed during their coursework, accompanied by a reflective paper. This reflective piece will articulate the student's personal and professional growth, insights gained, and how they plan to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership roles within the criminal justice system. Through this portfolio, students will demonstrate their readiness to take on advanced leadership challenges and contribute meaningfully to their organizations and the broader field of criminal justice.