

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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Mission

The Criminal Justice and Legal Studies degree programs prepare students to pursue advanced educational opportunities and to obtain productive careers in law enforcement, corrections, security administration, forensics investigation, and the law. The programs are designed to produce knowledgeable students who possess the necessary theoretical, practical, and critical thinking skills to compete in today's job market. Faculty bring practical and academic experience to the classroom and are committed to excellence in teaching. Equity and justice are valued, and faculty are dedicated to producing ethical graduates who are prepared to succeed in their chosen profession.

Criminal Justice Fast Track Program

The Criminal Justice Fast Track Program allows criminal justice majors at Washburn University the opportunity to complete their Bachelor of Criminal Justice (BCJ) and Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) degrees in five years.

Students who participate in the Fast Track Program will be eligible to take up to 12 hours of MCJ classes and have those 12 hours count towards the program electives requirement of the BCJ degree as well as the MCJ degree requirements. Students may enroll in the Fast Track Program even if they do not plan on using all 12 hours of MCJ classes to satisfy BCJ degree requirements, but this will affect their ability to graduate with both degrees within a five-year period.

Although the Fast Track Program is primarily designed for incoming freshmen, students may participate in the program after their freshman year. Students who intend to complete the Fast Track Program must work carefully with the MCJ Program Coordinator to plan their course schedules and are required to officially enroll in the program after completing 90 hours of undergraduate coursework. Fast Track students will apply for admission to the MCJ program the last semester of their senior year.

Eligibility Requirements

- BCJ degree seeking at Washburn University
- Have completed 90 hours of undergraduate work, including all core undergraduate courses
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in the last two years (sixty hours) of college course work from accredited institutions
- Accepted into the Fast Track Program

Completion Requirements

- Maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA in both the BCJ and MCJ programs
- Complete all requirements for graduation for the BCJ and MCJ degrees
- Students who fail to comply with the grade requirements may be dropped from the Fast Track Program.

Questions concerning the degrees or eligibility for enrollment should be addressed to Amy Memmer, the department chair (amy.memmer@washburn.edu).

Student Associations & Honor Societies

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma is a National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Students must meet academic eligibility requirements to apply.

Criminal Justice Association

The Criminal Justice Association is a student organization headed by an Executive Committee of 4-5 officers and a faculty advisor. The Association was created in 1987 and maintains an annual membership of 50-100 undergraduate students who are majoring in law enforcement, forensic investigations, corrections, or security administration. CJA actively participates in WU events such as Bod Blast, Homecoming and Career Days.

KCA/ACA Student Chapter

A student organization affiliated with the Kansas Correctional Association and American Correctional Association.

Legal Studies – WPA

The Washburn Paralegal Association (WPA) is a student organization for legal studies majors. It was formed in order to promote and maintain high standards in the paralegal profession, to offer and encourage continuing education for paralegals, to provide a forum for meeting and exchanging ideas, and to assist legal studies students in realizing their career and educational goals. This organization offers students in the program opportunities to network with other students and to gain leadership skills.

Criminal Justice Core Program Student Learning Outcomes

All Criminal Justice undergraduate students at Washburn University, upon graduation, are expected to be able to:

- Critically evaluate key concepts and issues pertaining to diversity and ethics within the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate proficient communication relevant to the criminal justice field.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply criminal justice research to practices in the criminal justice field.

Major Emphasis

Students majoring or minoring in Criminal Justice must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required major or minor courses, including required program courses. A minor is required for the BCJ degree and must be approved by the Criminal Justice Department.

Programs

- BCJ, Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/criminal-justice-bcj/>)
- BCJ, Corrections Emphasis (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/corrections-bcj/>)
- BCJ, Forensic Investigations Emphasis (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/forensic-investigations-bcj/>)
- BCJ, Forensic Investigation Sciences Emphasis (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/forensic-invest-sciences-bcj/>)
- BCJ, Law Enforcement Emphasis (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/law-enforcement-bcj/>)
- BCJ, Security Administration Emphasis (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/security-administration-bcj/>)
- Criminal Justice, AAS (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/criminal-justice-aas/>)
- Criminal Justice, AA (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/criminal-justice-aa/>)
- Criminal Justice, Minor (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Legal Studies (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/>)
 - Legal Studies, BLS (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-bls/>)
 - Legal Studies, AAS (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-aas/>)
 - Legal Studies, AA (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-aa/>)
 - Legal Studies, AA - Program Option with Washburn Institute of Technology (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-program-options-washburn-institute-technology/>)
 - Legal Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-minor/>)

- Legal Studies, Certificate (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/legal-studies/legal-studies-certificate/>)
- Military & Homeland Security Studies (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/undergraduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-legal-studies-department/military-homeland-security-studies-minor/>)

Please see the Graduate (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/graduate/school-applied-studies/>) catalog for additional information regarding the department's graduate programs:

- Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/graduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-graduate-programs/master-criminal-justice-mcj/>)
- Dual Juris Doctor - Master of Criminal Justice (J.D./MCJ) (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/graduate/school-applied-studies/criminal-justice-graduate-programs/dual-juris-doctor-master-criminal-justice-jd-mcj/>)

Course Offerings

CJ 100 Crime & Justice in America (3)

This is an introductory course in the field of criminal justice. It introduces the student to the nature and extent of crime in America and provides a detailed description of the components of the American criminal justice system: police, courts and corrections. In the second portion of the course, the role of the crime victim and the principal functions of criminal justice agencies are considered.

CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)

This course examines the history and major functions of modern law enforcement agencies and personnel. Special attention to career opportunities and alternatives in the field of law enforcement.

CJ 115 Introduction to Forensic Investigations (3)

This course introduces students to forensic science and is a primer to more advanced courses in the field of forensic science. The history of forensic science is explored, with particular emphasis on forensic investigations, as well as the developing and changing nature of the field. The role that forensic science plays within the American Criminal Justice System is a focus of study. The various technologies used are reviewed as are the limitations of forensic science. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 116 Applied Intro to Forensic Investigations - Lab (3)

Applied Introduction to Forensic Investigations provides a more practical application of materials and information learned in Intro to Forensic Investigations (CJ 115). Students will use real-world tools and resources in a hands-on lab setting to gain a better understanding of topics covered in CJ 115.

CJ 120 Introduction to Corrections (3)

Contemporary correctional activities and the functions performed by correctional agencies and personnel. Includes an overview of the functions performed by correctional institutions and agencies for juveniles and adults.

CJ 130 Public & Private Security (3)

History and philosophy of security, goals and measures of businesses, security firms, military services, and governmental agencies.

CJ 210 Criminal Law (3)

Review of substantive criminal law theory and specific elements common to index offenses will be presented. Course will offer a brief synopsis of the historical development of penal codes, as well as application of the Model Penal Code. Special emphasis will include a review of established defenses to criminal liability such as the insanity, self-defense and diminished mental capacity defenses.

CJ 220 Criminal Justice Communications (3)

Methods of gathering and reporting information essential to effective criminal justice operations are reviewed, discussed, and practiced. Emphasis is on developing effective interviewing skills and accurate reporting of information gathered by criminal justice practitioners.

CJ 225 Jail Workshop (3)

This course provides the student an overview of the history, functions, design and operation of the American jail.

CJ 230 Principles of Investigation (3)

Gathering information; principles and procedures used for crime scene protection and search; collection and preservation of evidence; interviewing and interrogation of complainants, witnesses, suspects, and victims; and scientific applications to a variety of investigations conducted in criminal justice setting.

CJ 235 Traffic Law & Investigation (3)

Provides a basic introduction to the traffic regulation function in modern society with particular emphasis on the impact on technology, judicial decisions, Federal mandates and societal expectations on the enforcement of traffic laws and the investigation of related violations.

CJ 245 Officer Survival (3)

Comprehensive police officer survival seminar designed for basic and in-service police training. Includes examination of the laws regarding use of force, civil and criminal liability, mental conditioning, post shooting trauma, the dynamics of lethal force and other special topics, including biomedical hazards, dealing with gangs and plainclothes and off-duty officer survival. Strenuous physical activity expected. Advise instructors of any medical condition that would prevent involvement in the training.

CJ 250 Patrol Procedures (3)

Provides a comprehensive study of police patrol procedures, beginning with a historical overview of local policing and moves into current patrol practices. Includes presentations of old training films, as available, to allow students to critique early methods with techniques learned. Includes legal issues and their impact on police methods.

CJ 260 Independent Study (1-3)

Criminal Justice majors may pursue an independent research project approved by faculty in consultation with the Department Chair. Independent Study may not be used in place of any courses required of the criminal justice major. Independent Study courses must meet equivalencies to Federal definition of a credit hour. Prerequisites: 6 hours of CJ course work.

CJ 290 Special Topics (1-3)

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester for variable credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

CJ 303 Diversity in American Culture (3)

This course is designed to explore the relationship between culture and the criminal justice system. Emphasis is given to understanding the historical, theoretical, and structural perspectives of racial/ethnic and minority groups in society.

CJ 305 Crime & Justice in Film (3)

The course is intended to survey modern America's attitudes about our criminal justice system through analysis of several motion pictures dealing with various facets of the system.

CJ 310 Police Problems & Practices (3)

Analysis of police functions and problems commonly encountered in the performance of those functions. Problem-solving methods and techniques are reviewed, discussed, and practiced. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 315 Drug Abuse & Criminality (3)

Societal reaction to drug abuse in terms of legal sanctions, treatment alternatives, and the criminal justice response (law enforcement, the courts, corrections). How substance abuse and criminal behavior are interrelated.

CJ 318 Juvenile Justice (3)

This course provides an overview of the American Juvenile Justice System, including theories and measurements of juvenile offending; the roles and relationships of law enforcement, courts, probation and parole, diversion programs, service agencies, and correctional institutions. Prerequisites: CJ 100.

CJ 320 Correctional Treatment Strategies (3)

Treatment strategies employed in adult and juvenile corrections programs, focusing on classification, types of institutional programming, as well as community and aftercare facilities. Prerequisite: CJ 120 or consent of instructor.

CJ 323 Serial Killers (3)

This course will review the methods used by criminal justice agencies to identify and track serial killers, examine various aspects of this particular criminal profile and review the impact of such criminal activity on our society. Case studies of convicted serial killers will be used to demonstrate the various factors that influence the development of this abnormal criminal mind. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 324 Evidenced Based Corrections (3)

This course is designed to explore best practices in corrections that are based on research. Emphasis is given to studying the findings from program evaluations to better understand EBP that have reduced recidivism and enhanced public safety. Prerequisites: CJ 120.

CJ 325 Applied Criminology (3)

Applied criminology will examine various criminological theories including delinquent subculture, differential association, and conflict theories, and their application by criminal justice professionals. In addition, the student will understand and practice the application of criminological theory in dealing with an individual offender.

CJ 330 Judicial Process (3)

Historical development and contemporary structure of state and federal trial courts and courts of appellate review will be presented. Constitutional and statutory authority for courts, court procedure, and defendant rights in the judicial process will be reviewed to include due process, public and speedy trial, jury composition, self-incrimination, punishment and state and federal post-conviction relief and/or appellate review. Other statutory and administrative/regulatory laws will be reviewed pertaining to the Code of Professional Responsibility as it applies to respective judicial officers. Close analysis is offered of the respective roles, duties performed, and career paths for judicial officers such as judges, prosecutors and defense counsel.

CJ 332 Law of Corrections (3)

This course is designed to explore the law of corrections by providing an in-depth examination of the court system with particular focus on prisoners' post-conviction rights. Topics covered include the various sources of correctional law, prisoners' statutory and constitutional rights, potential liability for corrections employees, and other controversial legal issues in corrections. Prerequisites: CJ 120.

CJ 337 Sex Offenders (3)

This course concerns sex offenders, sexual offending behavior and the policy responses of this type of crime. The course will cover "typical" sex offender characteristics, at least as much as the behavior can be typified. It will investigate the nature and procedure of sexual offending behavior. Policy targeted toward preventing or curbing behavior will also be explored. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 340 Crime Prevention (3)

Situational crime prevention, environmental design, physical security measures, defensible space, opportunity theories, crime displacement, rational choice theory, and crime prevention studies. Prerequisite: CJ 130 or consent of instructor.

CJ 342 Capital Punishment in America: The Death Penalty (3)

An overview of capital punishment in America with specific application to Kansas. The course covers different philosophical and religious positions on the death penalty; pro and con arguments related to retribution, deterrence, and incapacitation; the relative costs of the death penalty vs. permanent incarceration; innocent people on death row, discrimination, and arbitrariness in the application of the death penalty; and the role of judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, juries, and witnesses in death penalty cases. Prerequisite: CJ 100 or consent of instructor.

CJ 345 Homicide (3)

An in-depth examination of homicide investigation and the tools required to bring the case to a successful completion. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or CJ 115, or consent of instructor.

CJ 350 Legal Issues in Security and Safety (3)

Civil and criminal liability of security officers and employers, security laws of arrest/search/seizure, security regulations, security licensing and training, OSHA standards and legal requirements, and case studies. Prerequisite: CJ 130 or consent of instructor.

CJ 351 Legal Issues in Cybersecurity (3)

This course will provide students exposure to the key legal and policy issues related to cybersecurity in a wide variety of areas in both the government and private sector. The course will examine federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and cases related to surveillance, data breaches, and privacy and civil liberties matters. Students will explore the intersection of law, technology, and policy in the midst of current events involving cyber attacks and best practices in effective responses to those attacks.

CJ 352 Firearms Decision Making (3)

Firearms decision making provides students with the opportunity to examine the legal aspects of police use of force incidents. During the course students will learn about firearms and the proper safety, usage and storage of weapons. Each student will be provided the opportunity to use the Firearms Training System (FATS) and the simmunitions weapons system and experience split second decision making in a use of force incident. Finally, student will study the basic preparation for dealing with critical incidents and the aftermath of a shooting incident. An additional fee is associated with this course. Prerequisite: CJ 100 or consent of instructor.

CJ 355 Women in Criminal Justice (3)

An overview of the theories and facts on female criminality, employment practices and on-the-job problems that affect female criminal justice workers, and factors relative to female victims of crime.

CJ 360 Independent Study (1-3)

Criminal Justice majors may pursue an independent research project approved by faculty in consultation with the Department Chair. Independent Study may not be used in place of any courses required of the criminal justice major. Independent Study courses must meet equivalencies to Federal definition of a credit hour. Prerequisites: 6 hours of CJ course work or consent.

CJ 362 Human Trafficking (3)

An advanced undergraduate course that focuses on contemporary human trafficking and slavery. Types of trafficking and slavery to be covered include sex trafficking, bonded labor, forced labor, child soldiers, chattel slavery, and domestic servant slavery. The contributing roles of the state, organized crime, the media, culture, and corruption will be examined. Debates about defining trafficking and the connection between sex trafficking and prostitution will be reviewed. Course materials may include testimonies and autobiographies by survivors, research reports, theoretical essays, policy statements, expert testimonies, podcasts and videos. Prerequisite: Junior Standing or permission of the course instructor.

CJ 364 Homeland Security (3)

This course will provide an introduction and general overview of homeland security in the United States. The course will focus on helping students understand the key elements of homeland security strategies and operational policies. The role and purpose of homeland security strategy will be evaluated in regard to its implementation in a contemporary democratic society. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 365 Police & the Community (3)

Relevant literature and the scope of the problem, psychological and sociological considerations; and viable programs that effectively improve communications between the police and the public. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 366 Advanced Criminal Investigations (3)

This course will build on principles learned in CJ 230 Principles of Investigation. Students will examine more in-depth issues related to the investigation of crime scenes. The course will review the constitutional protections offered by the Fourth Amendment and consider the role they play in maintaining the integrity of the crime scene, search, and any evidence seized. Students will also experience hands on application of these principles, through use of mock crime scenes, simulated investigations, and mock interviews and interrogations, as well as discuss the various parties they may encounter at crime scenes. Prerequisites: CJ 110 and CJ 230

CJ 367 Firearms and Tool Mark Examination (3)

This course will provide an understanding of the history and scope of firearms and toolmark examination as well as introducing students to basic methods of firearms and tool mark identification and examination. An emphasis will be placed on the use of this type of evidence as a means of facilitating effective crime scene investigations. The theory of firearms and tool mark evidence identification will be discussed as students are able to develop a better understanding of the scientific method and how it is applied to criminal investigations. Prerequisite: CJ 115 or consent of instructor.

CJ 368 Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (3)

This is the first of two courses in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA). Each course will cover different aspects of BPA. In combination, the two courses will meet all the requirements of the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (IABPA) Basic BPA Course. BPA is an investigative tool utilized by forensic scientists, crime scene technicians and investigators to identify bloodstain patterns at a crime scene, which may assist in reconstructing events. This course will introduce students to bloodstain pattern identification and analysis. Attention will be focused on how bloodstain analysis can be used to help facilitate criminal investigations. Prerequisite: CJ 115 or consent of instructor.

CJ 369 Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (3)

This is the second part of two courses in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA). Each course will cover different aspects of BPA. In combination, the two courses will meet all the requirements of the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (IABPA) Basic BPA Course. BPA is an investigative tool utilized by forensic scientists, crime scene technicians and investigators to identify bloodstain patterns at a crime scene, which may assist in reconstructing events. Prerequisite: CJ 368.

CJ 370 Fire Investigation and Prevention (3)

Examines the principles of fire investigation, burn patterns, arson, fraud, industrial and commercial fire prevention, hazard recognition, fire control and suppression methods. Prerequisite: CJ 115 or consent of instructor.

CJ 371 Intro to Forensic Photography (3)

This course introduces students to both basic and more advanced techniques in forensic photography to include overall, midrange, and close up photography composition as well as low light photography and comparison quality photography. Prerequisite: CJ 115

CJ 372 Intro to Fingerprint (3)

This is an introductory course on the surface of the skin referred to as friction ridge skin. This course examines the role of fingerprints in forensic investigations as well as focuses on fingerprint classification, orientation, and collection of known fingerprint impressions. Prerequisites: None

CJ 373 Fingerprint Development Lab (3)

This intermediate course will introduce students to different chemical and physical development processes that are utilized in the latent fingerprint laboratory. Students will gain a better understanding of the factors that affect latent print deposition, along with the proper processes utilized to search for, document, and preserve latent fingerprints on different surfaces. Prerequisite: CJ 372

CJ 374 Intro to 3-D Scanner (3)

This course enhances students sketching and mapping skillsets by introducing them to scanning equipment that allows for complete 360-degree documentation of a crime scene. Students will learn more about proper measuring and sketching methods, along with how to operate the scanning equipment and using the associated software to enhance and utilize the scan data. Prerequisite: CJ 115

CJ 375 Forensic Psychological and Criminal Profiling (3)

This course introduces students to the diverse ways in which the forensic psychologist participates in the legal system. Particular attention is given to the role of the forensic psychologist in criminal proceedings as it relates to the state of mind of the offender. The course also introduces students to basic theories of criminal profiling and ethical considerations in the use of profiling. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or CJ 115, or consent of instructor.

CJ 380 Terrorism (3)

An exploration of the incidence and threats of terrorism and an investigation of the security and law enforcement measures needed to combat it. Topics such as assassination, kidnapping, hijacking, extortion, sabotage, bomb threats/searches, hostage negotiations, victims' survival, and medical/tactical reaction teams will be discussed as they relate to executive protection and terrorism.

CJ 382 Security Technologies (3)

This course provides an overview of the technologies used by security professionals and criminalists working in public safety. Emphasis is given to methods of assessing public and private security threat and managing security protection in government and industrial agencies, and digital, cyber and protective services. Prerequisites: CJ 130.

CJ 386 Footwear and Tire Tracks (3)

This is an introductory course on footwear and tire track impressions. This course examines the role of track impressions in forensic investigations with a specific focus on outsole and tire tread characteristics. Students will demonstrate, through hands-on practicals, how to properly search for, document, and collect all types of tread evidence. Prerequisites: None

CJ 387 Digital Enhancement (3)

This course introduces students to the capabilities and functions of digital enhancement through the use of Adobe Photoshop as well as proper collection, tracking, and storage of digital images. Prerequisites: None

CJ 388 Shooting Incident Reconstruction (3)

This course will give students a better understanding of ballistics and the amount of information that is available when handling a shooting incident. Students will learn proper documentation practices for shooting incidents as well as learn tools and resources that are needed for reconstructive purposes. Prerequisites: None

CJ 390 Special Topics (1-3)

Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be announced in advance. May be taken for more than one semester for variable credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

CJ 395 Seminar in Metropolitan Criminal Justice (3)

An overview of the functions, interrelations and problems of metropolitan law enforcement, judicial and correctional agencies is provided through lectures, assignments and agency visitations. Usually conducted in the Kansas City metropolitan area over a five-day period. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

CJ 400 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3)

This course allows students to learn and demonstrate knowledge of research methodology within the criminal justice system and become acquainted with the range and scope of quantitative and qualitative tools available to the criminal justice researcher. Prerequisite: 12 hours Criminal Justice or consent of instructor.

CJ 401 Criminal Justice Ethics (3)

An advanced exploration of the field of ethics as specifically applied to the criminal justice field. Theoretical ethics will be examined alongside a pragmatic and applied focus on the application of these ethical principles in a contemporary criminal justice professional environment. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 410 Criminal Procedure and Evidence (3)

Advanced analysis of the constitutional statutory foundations of modern criminal procedure will be emphasized, with particular focus on the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments. The law of search and seizure, interrogations and confessions, warrants, indictment/information, pretrial suppression and exclusionary rule applications will be presented. Rules pertaining to obtaining, qualifying and admitting evidence will be discussed, to include direct and cross examination, application of the hearsay rule, recognized privileged communications, and common evidentiary objections will be offered in the criminal prosecution/defense perspective.

CJ 415 Advanced Forensic Investigations (3)

Examines the role of forensic science in the investigation and solution of crime. Each type of physical evidence normally encountered in criminal investigation is studied with regard to collection and packaging techniques which maximize evidentiary value, the current types of scientific analyses available, and the significance and limitations of the scientific results. The history of forensic science is also briefly examined. Prerequisite: CJ 115 or consent of instructor. Corequisite: Must be taken at the same time as CJ 416.

CJ 416 Forensic Applied Science Laboratory (3)

This skills application course is designed to complement CJ 415 Forensic Investigations in Criminal Justice. Emphasis is given to the application of forensic investigation techniques and practices related to the preservation of evidence and the processing of crime scenes, including: processing latent prints, gathering trace evidence, documenting firearms and toolmarks evidence, and the collection of illicit drugs. Preparations for court testimony and presentation of evidence in court proceedings are covered. This course must be taken the same semester as CJ 415. Prerequisite: CJ 115 or consent of instructor. Corequisite: CJ 415

CJ 417 Probation, Parole and Community Based Corrections (3-6)

Crime scene investigation internships are created for CSI students to put their classroom-learned skills to real-life applications. Moreover, having an on-the-job training under a crime scene investigation unit will expose you to different specializations of your career choice such as photography skills at crime scenes; this way, you can choose which aspect of a CSI job to concentrate on. This internship requires summative reflection, serving as a culminating experience for Bachelor's degree students. Prerequisites: CJ 115, CJ 415, and Consent of Instructor.

CJ 420 Probation, Parole and Community Based Corrections (3)

Probation and parole, including the administration, procedures, and techniques used in the treatment and supervision of offenders. Also, the history and trends of probation and parole, and professional training in these fields. Prerequisite: CJ 120 or consent of instructor.

CJ 425 White Collar Crime (3)

Occupational crime, fraud, theft, computer crimes, environmental crimes, business and governmental crimes, and prevention measures. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 435 Death Investigations (3)

An accurate death investigation is a critical piece of information in any homicide case. Students will learn more in depth information about the importance of proper death investigation in a homicide as well as different manners of death. This course will cover different aspects of a death investigation from the crime scene to the autopsy. Prerequisites: CJ 115 and CJ 116

CJ 436 Applied Death Investigations (3)

Applied Death Investigation provides a more practical application of materials and information learned in Death Investigations (CJ 435). Students will be given the resources to critically think through different situations encountered at a death investigation. Prerequisites: CJ 415, CJ 416, and permission of the course instructor.

CJ 440 Enforcement Administration (3)

For those interested in police administration. Students are required to participate in field & classroom experiences designed to expose & prepare them for an administrative role in the criminal justice system. Students demonstrate through exams, assigned papers, reports, & classroom participation their knowledge of administration principles & practices. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 445 Drug Enforcement Policies and Programs (3)

The role in establishing alcohol and other drug policy and the development of regulation for the implementation of federal policy. Officials from federal, state, and local agencies describe agency functions and effects at addressing the drug problem. The course will also examine the impact of federal drug policy at the local level. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 455 Criminal Justice Administration (3)

This course provides an overview of the basic functions of criminal justice agency management and administration, including activities such as planning, forecasting, budgeting, organizing, training, evaluating and directing personnel. The special requirements for the administration of criminal justice agencies and facilities such as building public support, communicating results, informing policy decisions, maintaining transparency, and interacting with other criminal justice agencies are explored. Case studies from a variety of criminal justice settings including law enforcement, corrections, and courts are analyzed to enhance understanding of management and administrative complexities. Prerequisite: None.

CJ 465 Criminal Justice Planning (3)

Criminal Justice planning, including analysis of crime data and systems interrelations, forecasting, problem identification, establishing goals and objectives, and developing plans for implementation and evaluation.

CJ 470 Internship in Security (3-6)

Supervised practical internship in a security setting. May be taken for 3 hours in two semesters or 6 hours in one semester. Placement requires agency approval. This internship requires summative reflection, serving as a culminating experience for Bachelor's degree students. Prerequisite: CJ 100, CJ 110, CJ 220, CJ 340, CJ 400, and CJ 450 (or consent of instructor).

CJ 475 Police Experience (3)

Travel to law enforcement agencies, guest lectures and class discussion. Prerequisite: CJ 110 or consent of instructor.

CJ 484 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)

Supervised observation & participation in the functions of a federal, state, or local criminal justice agency. Assignment supervision is received from experienced agency personnel and an orientation to agency operations is provided. Students may participate in specific law enforcement, corrections, forensic investigation, or security administration activities. Experience may be concentrated in one agency or divided among more than one agency. Placement and continuation in the internship require approval of the criminal justice agency where the student completes their internship experience. This internship requires summative reflection and serves as a culminating experience for criminal justice students. Prerequisites: Permission of the course instructor.

CJ 485 Internship in Criminal Justice (3-6)

Supervised observation & participation in the functions of a federal, state, or local criminal justice agency. Assignment supervision is received from experienced agency personnel and an orientation to agency operations is provided. Students may participate in specific law enforcement, corrections, forensic investigation, and/or security administration activities. The criminal justice internship may be taken in one semester or over the course of two semesters. Experience may be concentrated in one agency or divided among more than one agency. Placement and continuation in the internship requires approval of the criminal justice agency where the student completes their internship experience. This internship requires summative reflection and serves as a culminating experience for criminal justice students. Prerequisite: Permission of the course instructor.

CJ 486 Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)

This course provides an opportunity for students to examine more in-depth an area or aspect of the criminal justice system, including problems or challenges for policy or practices. Students will select an area of interest and complete an original research project or a research paper under the supervision of a department faculty member with related experience. Prerequisites: Permission of the course instructor.

CJ 495 Correctional Experience (3)

Impact course designed to provide the student with the opportunity to "experience" the correctional institution and draw a unique insight into corrections. Students visit correctional institutions, observe their operations, and interact with correction practitioners and confined offenders. Institutions have been chosen for visitation to provide the student with as broad a correctional experience as possible, beginning with juveniles through adults, including county, state, and federal institutions. Prerequisite: CJ 120 or consent of instructor.

CJ 499 International Travel Experience in Criminal Justice (1-3)

This course will provide students with an opportunity to earn course credit for participation in educational travel opportunities. These opportunities will incorporate elements of both travel and education, providing students with an applied opportunity to learn as they explore different locations. Prerequisite: Permission of the course instructor.