CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ)

CRJ 550 Research Methods and Analysis (3 credits)
The functions of concepts, hypotheses, and theories for an empirical discipline; the operationalization of theoretical variables; the principles of research design; and the problems of inference. The association between criminological theories and research methods used to study crime is explored through the utilization of a variety of related data sources. Also covered are basic quantitative techniques, relevant statistics, data interpretation, and an overview of SPSS. Required of all students unless CRJ 575 is taken.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 560 Criminological Theory (3 credits)
A systemic and critical analysis of the major theories of criminality, including an examination of both traditional and contemporary theories. Consideration will be given to conceptualizations of crime, the relationship of criminological theories to crime on the streets, and specific aspects of criminal behavior. Required of all students.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 565 Ethics and Criminal Justice (3 credits)
This course will address ethical issues in the criminal justice system at both the theoretical and applied levels. Typical theoretical issues addressed might include the following: the relationship between law and morality; theories of punishment; conditions for the moral and/or legal responsibility of individuals; notions of procedural justice. Typical applied ethics issues might include the following: search and seizure rules; the insanity defense and the “guilty but mentally ill” verdict; plea bargaining; capital punishment; mandatory sentencing; civil disobedience; limits on the use of deadly force. Required of all students.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 570 Prof Writ for Law Enforcmt (3 credits)
The course is designed to develop the cognitive and technical skills of effective writing for law enforcement. Primary emphasis will be given to the “craft of writing”, thus, learning the techniques and skills of effective communication in the law enforcement workplace. Class assignments will enhance students’ use of computer technology in the writing process. These tools are then applied to a variety of topics, including correspondence, memos, investigative reports, and presentations. Required of all students.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 575 Adv Resrch Methds & Analysis (3 credits)
In-depth coverage of data collection including questionnaire construction, advanced quantitative techniques and statistics, interpretation and drawing inferences, comprehensive use of SPSS, function of the SJU Institutional Review Board, and research report formulation. Students will select a topic, complete the literature review, and develop a research methodology that may later be used as the initial components of the master’s thesis. Prerequisite: recent coursework and present working knowledge of basic research methods. Required of students intending to complete a master’s thesis via CRJ 793. May be substituted for CRJ 550 as a core course.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 605 Criminal Justice Admin (3 credits)
This course provides present and future senior managers with the skills to achieve organizational effectiveness. Major topics include organizational design and behavior, budgeting and financial management, diversity, performance evaluation, human resources management, labor relations, and the policy process.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 607 Multiculturalism & Diversity (3 credits)
The purpose of this course is to present a conceptual framework to provide understanding of the special conditions of minorities in the context of the criminal justice system and encourage the development of culturally and gender specific compatible skills and practical approaches to more adequately meet the challenges presented by working with minority population concerns, problems and needs.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 611 Crime Analys Using GIS Mapping (3 credits)
This course will examine the role of geographic information systems (GIST) in crime analysis by covering the basic components of a GIS and examining the use of GIS in police departments throughout the US. Special attention will be given to the use of GIS at the Philadelphia Police Department and will include techniques used to analyze crime patterns as well as a review of the way crime maps influence tactical deployment decisions. Finally, a visit to the Philadelphia Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit and/or Comstat meeting will illustrate the relationship of GIS to current crime problems in Philadelphia.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 613 Technology for the Police Exec (3 credits)
This course is geared to the non-technical police manager and is designed to give students an overview of major automated systems used today throughout the United States. Topics covered include: the Internet, project management, budgeting, automation via computer including networks, dealing with vendors, maintenance agreements, grants, and applying for technical grants. The course will highlight major public safety systems such as the National Crime Information Center (NCIC2000), computer-aided dispatch, utilization of geographic information systems, and crime mapping. The course will also cover 911 systems, mobile/field communications, and vehicle mobile data terminals (MDT). No prior technical knowledge is required.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 615 Youth Cultures and Deviance (3 credits)
This course offers economic, cultural, political, and social perspectives on American youth based on sociological theory. Special attention will be paid to youth popular culture and the unique social problems facing young adults (e.g. gangs, drugs, suicide, and teen pregnancy).
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 616 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency (3 credits)
This course provides a contemporary overview of theoretical and programmatic issues and concerns in juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system, including a review of recent research. The course also focuses on a critical review of the trends in problem solving and delivery of services to this population.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 617 Mental Health and the Law (3 credits)
The purpose of this course is to acquaint criminal justice professionals with the mental health field and to serve as a primer for understanding mental health and mental health professionals. In addition, particular areas of interplay between mental health and criminal justice will be emphasized to provide a historical and up-to-date factual background.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 618 Therapeutic Strat Crim Justice (3 credits)
An examination of the application of basic counseling principles to varied criminal justice settings, from adult correctional institutions to post-release situations. Special emphasis is given to innovative methods and programs.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
CRJ 619 Fnds of Addiction:CRJ Profess (3 credits)
The course is designed to meet the needs of the criminal justice professional in dealing with the human and social consequences of addiction. The course will provide an understanding of substance abuse problems and addiction in American society. It is designed to provide a framework for exploring the effects of these problems on the many aspects of American culture including: the individual, family, criminal justice system, healthcare system, and the workplace. Course content will also include a critical analysis of current and past treatment interventions.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 620 Evid Bas Prac Subt Ab/Beh Hlth (3 credits)
Increasingly the Substance Abuse/Behavioral Healthcare field is being asked to prove that it offers a valuable treatment service for the funds it receives. This course will explore "best practices" including practice guidelines, treatments that are efficacious and evidence based treatments for substance abuse/addiction. The course will look at the level of energy needed and the complexities to transport "Evidence Based Scientific Knowledge" into a "real" clinical environment.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 628 Victimology (3 credits)
The course focuses on the contemporary concept and status of the victim, juxtaposed with their historical evolution in terms of compensation, retribution, and vengeance. Current victim assistance programs are evaluated. The definition of the victim is broadened to include currently undervalued categories. Other issues addressed are child abuse, environmental casualties, and controversies over recovered memories.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 629 Violence and Victims (3 credits)
This course is designed to explore the serious problem of violence in our society from a sociological perspective. Violence is prevalent in homes and on the streets of the United States. This course will address a variety of types of violence, its causes, consequences, and theories for prevention. Topics which will be addressed include wife abuse, rape, child abuse, gang warfare, street violence and serial murder. An emphasis will be placed on understanding the structural causes of violence such as gender, race, and social class inequality as well as the effect of pornography, the media, and drugs/alcohol on violence. Particular attention will be given to the consequences of violence for both individual victims and society as a whole.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 632 Crime and Urban Communities (3 credits)
This course examines crime and delinquency at the level of the urban neighborhood. This course takes an in-depth look at the theories and research that has emphasized the community level factors that lead to crime and delinquency, and examines the topic of what neighborhoods can do to prevent crime. The course will also consider policies that aim at alleviating neighborhood problems and reducing crime. The course has a practical component that requires students to apply what they learn in class to specific problems of crime and disorder in local communities.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 633 Federal Criminal Justice (3 credits)
This course will examine the criminal justice at the federal level. The main areas are the role of each branch of government; how agencies are funded; the major investigation, prosecution, probation, and correction elements; and individual investigative agencies including Inspector General. The course will cover the mission of and interrelationships among individual agencies.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 634 Fed Criminal Law & Prosecution (3 credits)
This covers federal criminal law and its enforcement. Major areas include an overview of federal crimes, elements of the United States Code, origin and scope of federal criminal law, and the role of federal agents in the support of prosecutions. Specific topics include mail and wire fraud, the Hobbs Act, official bribery and corruption, organizational crime, drug enforcement, money laundering, criminal civil rights violations and remedies, interference with witnesses, federal versus state prosecution, sentencing guidelines, and asset forfeiture.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 635 White Collar Crime (3 credits)
The course provides an understanding of the accounting and financial bases of embezzlement, fraud, corruption, and misapplication of funds. Legislation and regulation in government and business are examined. Consumer protection and corporate responsibility are discussed.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 636 Federal Search and Seizure (3 credits)
This course is designed to teach the law of search and seizure as it is defined and applied in federal court. Instruction will focus on the requirements of the Fourth Amendment and the proper means by which a federal agent may obtain evidence through searches and seizures. This course will address legal and evidentiary issues associated with search warrants, exceptions to the warrant requirement, warrantless searches, frequent problems that confront federal agents, as well as emerging trends in the law of search and seizure.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 637 Forensic Financial Analysis (3 credits)
This course covers the detection of illegal financial transactions. Major topics include money laundering, fraud, embezzlement, and illicit accounting practices. Students will learn data gathering and analysis techniques for financial transactions, records, legitimate businesses, illegal organizations, and individuals. The course will include preparation for trial. Prerequisite: a basic course in accounting or permission of the instructor.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 638 Drugs: Threats, Laws & Stratg (3 credits)
This course covers illegal drugs and narcotics including prescription medication diverted for illicit use. Major topics include drug types, brief history, emerging trends, relevant federal and state laws, typical domestic and foreign sources, production and distribution methods. A strategy overview includes the National Drug Control Policy; agencies involved; the role of education, interdiction, investigation, prosecution, treatment and rehabilitation; and coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 639 Org Crime:Targets & Strat (3 credits)
This course will investigate the social, economic, and political impact organized crime has on our society. We will target specific industries where organized crime has influence/control (e.g. construction, waterfront, garment, trucking, and convention centers). The course will explore criminal, civil, and administrative strategies to control and/or remove the influence of organized crime in those industries.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
CRJ 640 Terrorism: Threats and Strateg (3 credits)
This course is designed to give the student an understanding of the concepts of terrorism, both domestic and international. Lecturer will address the causes and effects of terrorism as they relate to political structures from both religious and historical perspectives; noting its impact on the world today.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 641 Homeland Security (3 credits)
This course focuses on the consolidation of responsibilities and functions across agencies, at various jurisdictional levels, that have the charge of mitigating hostilities, threats, hazards, and consequences. Further, this course incorporates the pillars of robust response systems. This course is designed to develop analytical skills that will prepare students to identify, evaluate and resolve complex policy issues and initiate practical actions. Though the range of relevant issues extends from local matters to national security, this course will concentrate on preparedness strategies for state, urban and local areas.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 642 Law Enforc Intel Analysis (3 credits)
This course pursues the deliberative and cognitive activities and methodologies that surround the production of intelligence information, in support of decision-making at the strategic, tactical, and operational levels of law enforcement. Also examined are the structure and supervision of the intelligence analysis unit at various levels of law enforcement, and the role of the analyst.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 643 L.E. Intelligence:Policy & Pro (3 credits)
This course provides insights into the contemporary functions of law enforcement strategic, tactical, and operational intelligence and its influence upon crime prevention policy. The discussion will include the intelligence process in the context of intelligence unit structure and supervision, operating procedures, and resources. The course will examine how law enforcement intelligence relates to organizational relationships, planning, and decision-making.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 644 Elec Intelligence Analysis (3 credits)
This course will use the latest computer technology to train students in the use of Analyst Notebook 7, an electronic version of link analysis, telephone toll analysis and flow charts. Analyst Notebook 7 is the program currently being used by the CIA, FBI, NSA, US ARMY, INS, CUSTOMS, SECRET SERVICE, HOMELAND SECURITY, DEA, and more than 1500 other National, State and Local Law Enforcement agencies throughout the world, to combat Terrorism, Drug Smuggling, Money Laundering and Organized Crime. It is a hands-on training course and is limited to twenty-five students.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 645 Sociology of Disasters (3 credits)
This course is designed to provide the graduate student advanced knowledge and understanding of the sociological issues and concerns related to both man-made and natural disasters. The purpose is to present the current research pertaining to community resilience and the effects on individuals who witness, become victimized, or are otherwise affected by disasters. Each student will be expected to increase their capacity in both oral and written communication through their individual and group participation. The course will also improve the student’s analysis of the sociological implications related to disasters.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 646 Risk Assessment (3 credits)
This course is designed to provide the graduate student advanced knowledge and understanding in the area of risk assessment and management. The focus is on the recognition of real and perceived threats, sharing information between communities and agencies, the collaboration of resources, and the management of risk. Students will examine the concepts of risk assessment, risk analysis, and the impacts of actual and suspected threats.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 647 Prob Contemporary Corrections (3 credits)
The major problems of adult corrections, including prison and jail overcrowding, population forecasting, judicial intervention in correctional operations, prison disturbances, mental health and incarceration, pretrial and post-conviction alternatives to traditional incarceration, ethics and corrections, and the death penalty. Case study materials are employed, and current and ongoing correctional issues are discussed.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 648 Con Prob Probation & Parole (3 credits)
This course is designed to analyze the current legal, managerial, and political factors which impact upon the probation and parole system. It will examine organizational innovations, caseload management techniques, and technological advances used to confront such problems.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 649 Invest, Interv, Hum Intel Gath (3 credits)
This class is a unique opportunity to explore issues of crime and justice from inside a correctional facility, where the classes take place throughout the semester. The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program brings together students from universities and adult students who are incarcerated to learn about and discuss topics such as the causes of crime, victims, the rationale of the criminal justice system, and restorative justice. Through the readings and dialogue, inside and outside students will be able to integrate their theoretical knowledge with lived experiences. It is through this exchange that we hope to critically analyze and challenge the current system in the U.S. that has resulted in a higher incarceration rate than other similar countries.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
CRJ 656 Criminal Justice System (3 credits)
Provides a foundation and overview of the criminal justice system and process. The major components are discussed including crime, law, criminology, law enforcement, adjudication by the courts, corrections, juvenile justice, current issues and policies. This course is designed for students with only limited prior study in American criminal justice and little or no professional Criminal Justice experience in the United States. Permission of the Program Director required.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 658 The Wire (3 credits)
Although journalists and media critics around the world have heaped deserved acclaim on The Wire, many people do not recognize its contribution to social science. Students in this seminar will watch, critique, and discuss selected episodes of The Wire along with assigned readings on urban inequality, crime, and violence that relate to these episodes. The assigned readings will feature academic books and research articles that describe and analyze life and experiences in inner city neighborhoods, as well as the social, economic, political, and cultural factors that shape or influence these experiences.

CRJ 659 Rest Justice: Theory Practice (3 credits)
Restorative justice is a new movement in the fields of victimology and criminology. Acknowledging that crime causes injury to people and communities, it insists that justice repair those injuries and that the parties are permitted to participate in that process. This course will provide the student with a strong foundation in restorative justice through the use of text, supplemental readings, videos and guest speakers. Students will also gain an understanding of how restorative justice differs from our traditional justice process.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 770 Spec Topic/Independent Study (3 credits)
An opportunity to conduct extensive literature review or research project under the supervision of the Graduate Director. Such work must be preceded by a proposal that must be approved by the Director of the Graduate Criminal Justice program.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 789 Criminal Justice Internship (3 credits)
An opportunity to carry out supervised field experience under the supervision of a subject matter expert and facilitated by the Graduate Director. Such work must be preceded by a proposal that must be approved by the Director of the Graduate Criminal Justice program.
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 790 Internship in Behv Analysis I (3 credits)
CRJ 791 Internship in Behv Analysis II (3 credits)
CRJ 792 Internship in Behv Analysis III (3 credits)

CRJ 793 Thesis Supervision (3,6 credits)
An integrative course in which the student is expected to complete a research paper utilizing the research methods and subject matter competence obtained in previous courses. Prerequisites include CRJ 575 and 570. Thesis courses may only be taken near the end of a student's curriculum, will be scheduled over a fall/spring sequence, and will be continued until the research is completed. Encouraged far students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. Permission of the Director required.
Prerequisites: CRJ 570 and CRJ 575
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.