

CJus (Criminal Justice)

Undergraduate Courses

CJus 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 FS)

Overviews the criminal justice institutions involved in the operations of criminal law including the police, the attorney, the bail system, the trial. The guilty plea, sentencing, corrections and an analysis of criminal law in terms of why certain kinds of conduct are criminal in our society.

CJus 203 Policing in a Free Society (3)

Presents the role of law enforcement within the criminal justice system, including law enforcement organizations and functions of separate operational units. Also examines the role of the police in a democratic society, covering concepts such as police services, crime deterrence, discretion and enforcement policies.

CJus 331 Civil Rights and Liberties (3 S)

Individual First Amendment guarantees, constitutional right of the accused in the criminal process and equal protection of the law as interpreted through U.S. Supreme Court decisions. P, PolS 100 (or 101) or consent. Cross listed with PolS 331.

CJus 412 Criminal Prosecution and Defense(3)

Presents a behavioral and legal analysis of criminal case concepts, such as initial appearance, bail, preliminary hearing, grand jury, arraignment, suppression hearings, trial and sentencing, emphasizing bail reform, plea bargaining, screening, diversion, speedy trial, insanity defense, discovery, and the role of the defense attorney, prosecutor, and judge. The court system is examined as a social institution of human actors, exercising discretion within the boundaries of the law.

CJus 431 Criminal Law(3) (on demand)

Examination the substantive criminal law exploring the larger issues concerning the relationship of the individual to the state through analyzing such topics as the nature of criminal liability and the functions and justifications of or criminal punishment, legal limitations upon criminalization, the general principles of criminal liability such as the “ACT” and “State of Mind” requirements, specific offenses against persons and property, the law of attempt, the law of complicity, and conspiracy.

CJus 433 Criminal Procedure(3) (on demand)

Constitutional analysis of the criminal procedure that focuses primarily on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments; respectively the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure, the privilege against self-incrimination, and the right to counsel. Examines the need to protect individual defendants from abuse at the hands of the state while enhancing law enforcement efficiency.

CJus 436 Juvenile Justice(3) (on demand)

Examines the separate system created in our society to handle juvenile justice, tracing the historical and philosophical development of the juvenile justice system and inspecting the various stages of the juvenile justice process as well as critical issues currently facing the system.

Dual Numbered Courses

CJus 491-591 Independent Study.....(3)

An examination of selected contemporary problems in the administration of criminal justice. Topic will change each semester. May be repeated for credit. Course descriptions available prior to term course is offered. Instructor's consent required.

CJus 492-592 Topics.....(3)

An examination of selected contemporary problems in the administration of criminal justice. Topic will change each semester. May be repeated for credit. Course descriptions available prior to term course is offered.