

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES (CJS)

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Chairperson: Brent Teasdale**Programs Offered**

M.A., M.S. degree in Criminal Justice Sciences

Program Requirements

The Department offers both thesis and culminating research options for completion of the master's degree.

All master's degree programs require a minimum of 50 percent of the non-thesis credit hours applied to the degree to be 400-level courses or above.

Option I—Thesis: This 33 hour option requires:

- 15 hours: 401, 440, 497, 499 (6 hours)
- 18 hours of electives selected with the cooperation of the student's mentor and the approval of the graduate advisor. The electives will be selected from appropriate graduate course offerings in Criminal Justice Sciences, Sociology, Politics and Government, and other departments. Courses at the 300 level may be taken only with the approval of the graduate advisor.

Option II—Culminating Research Project: This 36 hour option requires:

- 12 hours: CJS 400, 401, 440, 497
- 24 hours of electives from appropriate graduate course offerings in Criminal Justice Sciences, Sociology, Politics and Government, and other departments. Courses at the 300 level may be taken only with the approval of the graduate advisor.

Internship in Criminal Justice Sciences

Each student working toward a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Sciences may enroll in the internship course (CJS 498). The student will be required to work in a criminal justice agency throughout the semester. The internship provides the student with the opportunity to integrate classroom theory with practical experience. The program is designed to acquaint the graduate student with managerial principles and problems, so that he or she will be better qualified to assume management positions in criminal justice. Students will normally not be approved for enrollment in an internship prior to completion of sixteen graduate hours. The department has a full-time internship coordinator who arranges placement, provides supervision, and evaluates student performance.

Criminal Justice Sciences Courses**300 RESEARCH METHODS****3 sem. hrs.**

Assesses basic components of how research is conducted in criminal justice inquiries. Examines criteria for social scientific research in the criminal justice field. Prerequisites: CJS 101; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

305 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE**3 sem. hrs.**

Law of criminal procedure, types of evidence, and legal requirements relating to the admissibility of evidence in court.

Formerly RULES OF EVIDENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

306 EXPERIENCES IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE**3 or 6 sem. hrs.**

The course involves an exploration of a foreign country. Students will have exposure to cultural, political, social and criminal justice issues. Multiple enrollments are allowed if content is different; maximum of 12 hours. Travel fees apply. Prerequisite: Freshman standing (12 hours completed).

307 FAMILY VIOLENCE: CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES**3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of family violence in the U.S. and other countries. Emphasis on police and judiciary response, solutions, and treatments. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

308 RACE, ETHNICITY, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

Historical and contemporary perspectives of race, ethnicity, crime, and justice relations in the United States. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

310 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS**3 sem. hrs.**

An intensive analysis of correctional institutions and jails focusing on management issues, inmate subcultures and prisonization. Prerequisites: CJS 200; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

311 CRIMINALIZING MENTAL ILLNESS**3 sem. hrs.**

Historical precedents and new innovations to deal with the rising number of mentally ill in the criminal justice system. Formerly CJS 389.22 CRIMINALIZING THE MENTALLY ILL. Prerequisites: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

312 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS**3 sem. hrs.**

A broad study of criminal behavior analysis and investigative techniques as they apply to predatory and frequently violent offenders. Formerly CJS 389.21. Prerequisites: Completion of 45 hours. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

322 CONFLICT RESOLUTION, COMMUNICATION, AND MEDIATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

Conflict resolution, communication, and mediation skills are applied to different areas of professional practice and restorative justice throughout communities. Formerly COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

337 SEX OFFENDERS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of sex offender prevalence and typologies. Emphasis on assessment, treatment, and management within the community. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

338 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND CRIME**3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of the impact of alcohol and drugs on crime and criminal justice system. Prerequisites: CJS 101; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

339 WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

Historical and theoretical perspectives and contemporary trends concerning women and crime, and processing of women by the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

342 VICTIMOLOGY**3 sem. hrs.**

Examination of victim's role in the criminal event; process of victimization; patterns, trends, theories, and victim-offender relationships. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

360 ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**1-4 sem. hrs.**

A critical and analytical study of a contemporary issue or controversy in the field of criminal justice. Multiple enrollment allowed once if content is different for maximum of six hours (see topics below). Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

360A18 TERROR AND COUNTERTERRORISM**3 sem. hrs.**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the ideology, motivation, and methods of the numerous terrorist groups in existence over the last two centuries in order to provide a basis for an understanding of contemporary terrorist organizations and their impact on the national security of the United States. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major/minor only or consent of department advisor.

369 WORLD CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS**3 sem. hrs.**

Explores the nature of crime and justice around the world. Provides a comparison of varying systems of justice in selected countries. Prerequisite: 45 hours completed or consent of the department advisor.

400 INDEPENDENT STUDY**1-4 sem. hrs.**

Refer to General Courses. Majors only.

401 CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY**3 sem. hrs.**

An intensive study and critical analysis of criminological theories and their contribution to the field of criminal justice. Prerequisite: Majors only.

402 ISSUES IN JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

A critical review of major contributions to the literature of criminal justice with an emphasis on analysis of problems. May not be repeated. Prerequisite: Majors only.

403 CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**3 sem. hrs.**

An examination of the social, historical, and political contexts that influence the creation, application, and transformation of criminal justice policy. Formerly CJS 489.01. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

412 CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS**3 sem. hrs.**

Critical review and analysis of institutional and community-based corrections as impacted by the political, social, and economic systems. Prerequisite: Majors only.

415 POLICING AND SOCIETY**3 sem. hrs.**

Organizational and operational policing from comparative and historical perspectives which have been derived through statistical, observational and survey methodologies. Prerequisite: Majors only.

421 MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**3 sem. hrs.**

An examination of selected criminal justice system management issues and problems focusing specifically on law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Prerequisite: Majors only.

440 STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

Application of statistical analysis to criminal justice data for purposes of policy analysis and theory testing. Quantitative analysis using SPSS. Prerequisite: CJS 497.

467 LAW AND SOCIETY**3 sem. hrs.**

Theories of law and research on law in society. Attention to judicial and jury decision-making, legal structures, legislation, power, beliefs, conflict, and social change. Public, civil and criminal law included. Formerly SOCIOLOGY OF LAW. Also offered as SOC 467.

470 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**3 sem. hrs.**

A study and critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues in international justice, human rights, and conflict resolution. Prerequisite: Consent of the graduate advisor.

490 QUALITATIVE METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH**3 sem. hrs.**

Qualitative research methods in criminal justice sciences.

497 GRADUATE RESEARCH METHODS**3 sem. hrs.**

Selection of a research problem, collection of data, types of research, the research report, and use of the library in connection with the research problem. Emphasis on understanding and interpreting frequently used statistical concepts. Provides a background for the preparation of the thesis. Enables the student to become an intelligent consumer of the products of educational research. Formerly INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH. Prerequisites: CJS 300 or an equivalent undergraduate research/statistics course. Majors only.

498 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**3 sem. hrs.**

Refer to General Courses.

499 MASTER'S THESIS**1-6 sem. hrs.** Refer to General Courses.**499A90 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR THE MASTER'S THESIS FINAL TERM****1 sem. hr.** Refer to General Courses.