Courses in Criminal Justice

R Crj 202
Introduction to Law & Criminal Justice (4)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Students will study judicial decisions involving constitutional and other legal issues relevant to criminal justice, including the government’s power to define conduct as criminal, procedural rights, defense, the rights of juveniles, and punishments. (1659) Malatesta, Joanne
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 203
Criminology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to the study of crime, including the development of criminal law, the relationship between crime and social structure, and the individual and social causes of crime. Only one of A Soc 203; A Soc 381; R Crj 200 or R Crj 203 can be taken for credit. Prequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z. (2308) Herman, Shaina
6 Week 3: July 9-August 17
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 282
Introduction to Research Design in Criminal Justice (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The practical aspect of doing theoretically informed criminological research. The course should provide students with 1) the methods of research available to criminologists, 2) the connection between theory and data, and 3) how to make criminological sense out of a body of data. It will cover a variety of design issues, methodological issues and analytic techniques. The techniques provide a springboard for the discussion of important methodological issues: the relationship between theory and data, the logic of inference, causality, data collection, model specification, standardized versus unstandardized data and many others. Prerequisite(s): R CRJ 281. (2302) Hickert, Audrey
6 Week 2: June 25-August 3
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 302
Punishment and Correction (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Interdisciplinary review of the history of criminal punishment, analyzing the main changes that have occurred and their causes. Examines the dominant justifications used for punishing offenders, such as deterrence, retribution and rehabilitation. Special attention is given to the implications of the different justifications of punishment for current penological practice such as prison, jail, probation, parole, other alternative ways of dealing with offenders and sentencing. Reform is then discussed within this historical and interdisciplinary context. Prerequisite(s): R Crj 200 or 201. (1859) Schall, Victoria
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 353
American Criminal Courts (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Examines the organization and operations of state and local criminal court systems from the perspective of social science research and public policy analysis. Major issues include: the role of courts in American society; bail and pre-trial procedures; the roles and decisions of prosecutors, judges and the defense bar; selection and operation of grand juries and trial juries; sentencing of criminal defendants; and others. The operations of juvenile and adult courts are compared, and efforts directed toward court reform are assessed. Prerequisite(s): junior or senior class standing.

(2083) Kordzek, Andrea
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 399
Seminar in Criminal Justice: Women and Crime (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Gender is an important social construction that is built into our daily life. Like other human activities, crime and victimization are shaped by gender. Criminologists have recognized that without gender, the study of criminology is remiss. In this class, we learn both theories and empirical research regarding gendered crime and victimization. By the end of the course, students should have a comprehensive and clear understanding of the following topics: (1) Gendered pathways to criminal offending; (2) Intersectionalities: gender, race, poverty, and crime; (3) Women as victims of violence and restorative justice; (4) Women’s fear of crime.

(2277) Shi, Luzi
4 Week 1: May 29-June 22
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 399
Seminar in Criminal Justice: Plea Bargaining (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course provides an introduction into the history, development, framework, operation, and organization of the criminal justice system as it pertains to the plea bargaining process. We will discuss the difference between “law on the books” and “law in action,” the advantages and disadvantages of plea bargaining, and the roles and responsibilities of the major participants in the criminal courthouse and the different perspectives each brings to the plea process. The course is divided into three parts: (1) Criminal courts overview and an introduction to the plea process; (2) Getting to know the players and the roles they play: defendants, defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, victims, and the street level bureaucrats (e.g., probation and parole officers, social workers, investigators); and (3) Problem-solving courts, special topics, and an international perspective.

(2279) Shteynberg, Reveka
6 Week 1: May 29-July 6
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 413
Victims Of Crime (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Examination of the multifaceted problem of crime victimization. Focuses on the incidence of criminal victimization, social characteristics of crime victims, the treatment of the victim in the criminal justice system, and efforts designed to alleviate the consequences of criminal victimization and provide support to victims. Prerequisite(s): R Crj 200.

(2309) Kennedy, Megan
4 Week 2: June 25-July 20
Online course in Blackboard

R Crj 417
Cross-National Crime (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The purpose of this course is to describe and understand geographic and temporal variations in the amounts and types of crime across countries. Students will critically examine the data, methods, and theories used to measure and explain crime across nations and over time.
R Crj 495
Special Topics in Criminal Justice: International Criminal Justice Systems (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course will entail an exploration of justice systems around the world. Students will learn about different legal traditions, and will examine international perspectives on and practices in law enforcement, courts and corrections.
Prerequisite(s): R Crj 200 or 201 and junior or senior class standing; or permission of instructor.