CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Criminal Justice and Criminology

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Description of Program/Major

Criminal justice professionals and criminologists have assumed a central role in researching, formulating, implementing and evaluating public policy designed to control crime. Crime transcends all geographical, social and economic boundaries, affecting all countries and demographic strata.

Controlling crime requires knowledge of individual and social factors that lead to criminal behavior, and strategies and practices to control crime. Criminal justice is the study of the administration, organization, goals, processes, practices, roles, philosophies and histories of organizations created to prevent and control crime and dilenquency.

These include the police and law enforcement agencies, courts, community-based corrections and correctional institutions. The criminal justice program at St. Mary's University focuses on the integration of liberal studies with the professional preparation of the student.

The criminal justice degree prepares graduates for a variety of employment opportunities in the private and public sectors. The program aims to develop students' critical thinking, problem solving, communications, and technology skills that will help them excel in the criminal justice field.

Degree Requirements

Core Curriculum (SMC)

St. Mary's University Core (30 Hours)
All St. Mary's Core SMC13## "Reflection" courses must be completed before registering for SMC23## "Practice" courses. "Reflection" courses can be taken in any order followed by "Practice" courses in any

order.

SMC 1301	Foundations of Civilization	3
SMC 1311	Foundations of Reflection: Self (Formerly PL 1310)	3
SMC 1312	Foundations of Reflection: Nature	3
SMC 1313	Foundations of Reflection: Others	3
SMC 1314	Foundations of Reflection: God (Formerly TH 2301)	3
SMC 2301	Foundations of Practice: Ethics (Formerly PL 2332)	3
SMC 2302	Foundations of Practice: Civic Engagement and Social Action	3
SMC 2303	Foundations of Practice: Fine Arts and Creative Process (Formerly FA 1101, FA 1102, FA 1103)	3
SMC 2304	Foundations of Practice: Literature	3
SMC 4301	Capstone Seminar: Prospects for Community and Civilization	3

School Specific Core (SSC)

School of Humanities and Social Sciences School Specific Core (30 Hours)

Speech	SE 1321 (for international students), SE 1341, SE 2333, SE 3391	3
Composition and Rhetoric (grade of "C" or better)	EN 1311, EN 1313 (for international students)	3
Mathematics	MT 1301, MT 1302, MT 1303, MT 1305, MT 1306, MT 1411, MT 2412	3
Foreign Languages	Six hours at the sophomore level (2311, 2312) in a Foreign Language previously studied for a minimum of one year; Or, 6 hours of introductory level (1311, 1312) in a Foreign Language not previously studied; Or, 12 hours of CLEP credit for a language previously studied.	6
History	HS 1301, HS 1302, HS 1303, HS 1351, HS 1352, HS 3312 (or any HS courses pending AC approval)	3
Science	BL 1301, BL 1302, BL 3311, BL 3312, CH 1303, CH 1304, CH 1401, CH 1402, EG 2300, ES 1300, ES 1303, ES 1304, ES 1373, PY 1300, PY 1310, PY 1401, PY 1402	3
Theology	Advanced Theology 33XX, HU 3303	3
Fine Arts	AR, DM, MU	3
Literature	EN 23XX	3

Four Year Degree Plan

Sample 4-year degree plan

Department Courses and Descriptions

Intro to Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 2300

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Survey of the philosophy, history, and practices of the American criminal justice system. Empha sis is given to current needs, ethics, duties, and diverse opportunities in various local, state, and federal agencies. This course is a prerequisite for all Criminal Justice courses.

Criminal Justice Admin (3)
CJ 2304
Study of the nature, organizational structures and administration of criminal justice agencies.

Police Role in Crime&Delinquen (3)
CJ 2308
Study of police strategies and practices in the prevention and control of crime among juveniles.

Criminal Procdure and Evidence (3)
CJ 2310
Study of legal rules governing the procedures for gathering and admitting criminal evidence in court proceedings.

Police-Community Relations (3)
CJ 2312
Study of the role of the police officer in achieving and maintaining positive relations with the general public.

Substantive Criminal Law (3)
CJ 2314
Jurisprudential philosophy and historical development of common law and statutory crimes; classi fication of crimes; elements of specific crimes, defenses and penalties.

Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 2350
Study of ethical issues confronted by the criminal justice profession.

Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 2399
Topics in Criminal Justice (for elective credit only)

Adjudication of Social Issues (3)
CJ 3300
Issues vary from semester to semester as our society faces new developments and challenges. Examples of offerings include sanctity of life, euthanasia, AIDS, environment, genetic research, ob scenity, privacy, conscience, consumer rights, the family, suicide, religious freedom, freedom of the press, victimless crimes, family abuse, affirmative action and reverse discrimination, equality, and justice.

Process & Policy Amer Courts (3)
CJ 3302
Study of the structure, organization, and procedures of federal and state courts.

International Justice system (3)
CJ 3303
A cross-na tional study of crime and crime control.

Law and Society (3)
CJ 3305
Study of the interaction between the U.S. legal and social cultures.

Qualitative Research Methods (3)
CJ 3306
An introduction to the methods used to conduct qualitative research in natural social settings. An examination of the methods of ethnography, participant observation/non-participant observation, focus group, interview, and use of documentary sources included. Students may have the opportunity to engage in hands-on research. Additional topics include data coding, data analysis, and research ethics.
Prerequisites: Junior standing

Issues in Policing (3)
CJ 3307
Study of current issues affecting police management and administration.

Corrections in the Community (3)
CJ 3310
Study of probation, parole, and other community-reintegration procedures.

Correctional Counsel&Treatment (3)
CJ 3312
Study of the scope and purposes of correctional treatment and techniques of correctional counsel ing.

Correctional Institutions (3)
CJ 3313
Study of the philosophy, organizational structure and practices of correctional insitutions.

Substance Abuse (3)
CJ 3314
Introduction to chemical dependency and the factors associated with the abusive use of chemicals; factors associated with helping the chemically dependent person.

Social Stratification (3)
CJ 3320
An analysis of social stratification utilizing social class as the unit of study. The course will focus on the structure of social classes in the U.S. as a ma jor factor influencing individual and group life chances with regards to education, crime, health, and disease, world views and life styles.

Victimology (3)
CJ 3323
Study of crime victims and their interaction with offenders, criminal justice officials, and the public.

Juvenile Delinquency (3)
CJ 3324
An examination of juvenile delinquency in the U.S.: its nature, extent, causes, effects, prevention and rehabilitation. Sociological approaches to delinquency are em phasized, but psychological and legal approaches are also considered.

Criminology (3)
CJ 3325
An overview of the study of crime and the development of criminology. The nature, extent, causes, effects, rehabilitation and prevention of crime are examined from a sociological perspective. Psychological, legal, and philosophical approaches to crime are also considered.

Interviewing Techniques (3)
CJ 3326
An introduction to principles, strategies, techniques and practical skills involved in interviewing. Ma jor types of interviews are considered, including information-gathering, information-providing, and counseling. Personal involvement and experience in conducting and evaluating actual interviews.

Mediation Techniques (3)
CJ 3327
Study of methods and techniques of conflict resolution, communications, mediation, and diversity awareness. Upon completion of CJ 3327, students wishing to receive a Certificate of Training as a mediator must complete either CJ 4303 (Internship) or 100 hours of volunteer service as a media- tor in an appropriate setting approved by supervising faculty.

Research Methods Crim Justice (3)
CJ 3330
Study of methods and techniques of social research with an emphasis on criminology and criminal justice.

Computer Tech in Criminal Just (3)
CJ 3331
In tegrating computer application and research methods. Prerequisite: CJ 3330 or concurrently enrolled in CJ 3330.

Social Psychology (3)
CJ 3351
Theories and research on social factors in behavior, including such topics as attitudes, perception, leadership, and attraction.

Urban Sociology (3)
CJ 3361
An analysis of cities, their historical development and social organization. Topics include urbanization in developed and developing societies, urban stratification and lifestyles, and urban, metropolitan and regional planning.

Demography and Ecology (3)
CJ 3362
The demographic study of human populations, including fertility, mortality, migration, age, sex, class composition. The ecological study of relations between human societies and their environments. Analysis of environmental problems and proposed solutions.

Minority Relations (3)
CJ 3371
A study of ethnic, religious and racial relations in the U.S. and other countries. Topics include power relationships, prejudice, discrimination, ethnic stratification, migration, assimilation and pluralism. Minorities to be considered include Blacks, Mexican-Americans and Native Americans.

Legal Topics in Crim Justice (3)
CJ 4301
Study of a special topic and the law. Emphasis given to legal reasoning, of case briefing, historical evolution of the law, and critical thinking. Prerequisite: CJ 3300 or instructor approval.

Senior Seminar in Criminal Jus (3)
CJ 4302
Capstone course designed to evaluate knowledge and skills acquired by criminal justice and crimi nology students about their discipline. Students will design, analyze, write, and present a re search project. The student must demonstrate knowledge of computer applications to research methodologies. In addition, the student must demonstrate critical thinking, problem-solving, oral and written communication skills, and the ability to effectively work within groups.

Internship in Crimi Just&Crimi (3)
CJ 4303
The student must acquire a minimum of 160 hours of practical experience in an approved criminal justice or social service agency. Unless an exception is made, this course is to be taken between the junior and senior years.

Independent Study in Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 4304
Based on the student's professional and academic interest, the instructor will design an individuall ized reading course for the student.

Special Topics in Criminal Jus (3)
CJ 4305
Selected topics in criminal justice or criminology.

Constitutional Law II (3)
CJ 4325
Analyses of the constitutional system, including political and civil rights such as speech, press, assembly, religion, race discrimination, criminal procedure, and privacy.

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