

Criminal and Justice Studies (CJS)

CJS 1200: Criminal Justice

(same as SOC_WK 1200). This course provides an introduction to the history and development of criminal justice in our country and includes policing and law enforcement, and the adjudication and court process as well as the terminology associated with each system. Theories on crime, prison, community corrections and reentry discussions for both juvenile and adult systems will be addressed. Emphasis will be placed on an overview to the major sociological and psychological perspectives on variations from normative individual and group behaviors prevalent in the U.S. society while providing a strengths perspective in which to understand them. Finally, this course will evaluate the delicate balance between community interest and personal freedom that criminal justice decision-making requires.

Credit Hours: 3

CJS 4101: Topics in Criminal and Justice Studies

Special and emerging topics in criminal and justice studies. Subject, content and credit varies depending on available faculty and student interest. May be repeated for credit.

Credit Hour: 1-6

Prerequisites: Departmental consent required

CJS 4355: Study Abroad: Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Justice

(same as SOC_WK 4355; cross-leveled with SOC_WK 7355). This course explores issues of criminal and juvenile justice through a brief survey of the US approach to dealing with people involved in the criminal-legal system and a 10-day visit to Costa Rica to see correctional institutions, meet with justice officials and criminologists, and explore agencies engaged in community-based efforts to address crime and delinquency. This course provides an overview of the justice process and the criminal justice system and provides students an opportunity to consider different approaches to dealing with offending and rehabilitation. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

CJS 4370: Delinquency, Corrections and Social Treatment

(same as SOC_WK 4370). Focuses on problems and causative factors in developing and maintaining delinquent and criminal behavior and attitudes: addressing critical and comparative understanding of social change strategies employed in this field.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: Junior Standing
