CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRMJ)

Courses

CRMJ 515. Crime and Society. 3 Units.
Discusses crime as a social problem and surveys its criminal justice responses. Provides an overview of criminological theory by placing crime in its cultural, social, political, and historical context. Describes the criminal justice system from an institutional perspective; and examines the intersecting roles of the police, forensic science agencies, the courts, and corrections as they aim to promote justice in the context of the social good.

CRMJ 517. Criminal Procedure and Rules of Evidence. 3 Units.
Studies criminal procedures as they are guided by the U.S. Constitution. Focuses on 4th-, 5th-, 6th-, and 14th-Amendment rights with regard to searches and seizures, confessions, due process, jury trials, assistance of counsel, and equal protection under the law. Discusses the introduction of scientific evidence in criminal trials as the point of intersection between science and law. Pretrial discovery rules, access to expert witnesses and testing, as well as federal and state rules of admissibility examined as they shape the content and process of evidence presentation in the courts by expert witnesses.

CRMJ 519. Expert Testimony: Procedure and Practice. 2 Units.
Familiarizes students with judicial procedure, and provides opportunity in a simulated trial setting for them to practice testifying as expert witnesses.

CRMJ 520. Restorative Justice. 3 Units.
Provides a new perspective on the purpose and role of the criminal justice system by examining how restorative justice attempts to forge new relationships between offenders and the people and communities they have victimized.

CRMJ 574. Criminological Theory. 4 Units.
Provides students with a detailed examination of the best-known and most influential theories of crime causation. Examines and evaluates selected theories from sociological, psychological, and behavioral perspectives.

CRMJ 588. Topics in Forensic Science. 2 Units.
Addresses current interests in specific areas of forensic science, offered at the discretion of the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology. Topics may include quality assurance, forensic chemistry and controlled substances, forensic biology, forensic toxicology, questioned documents, and others. Sections consist of lectures but may also include laboratory experience under the guidance of criminalists.

CRMJ 599. Directed Study/Special Project. 1-4 Units.
Limited to matriculating master's degree in criminal justice students who wish to pursue independent investigations in criminal justice practice or policy under the direction of a department faculty member.

CRMJ 620. Forensic Mental Health. 3 Units.
Overviews the specialized mental health and substance-abuse disorders treatment for persons incarcerated in jails, prisons, or special forensic psychiatric hospitals. Reviews effective treatment methods in forensic institutions and examines the current criminal justice system's handling of persons with mental illness and substance-abuse disorders.

CRMJ 630. Criminal Justice Planning and Administration. 3 Units.
Examines the structure, function, and effective operation of criminal justice agencies and organizations—including law enforcement, the courts, and corrections—within the overall context of the criminal justice system.