

Criminal Justice

CRJ 700 **3 credits** **Proseminar in Criminal Justice**

Provides an introduction to graduate studies in Criminal Justice. Students are exposed to information regarding the main components of the criminal justices system, including: law enforcement, courts, and the correctional system. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice.

CRJ 701 **3 credits** **Proseminar on Theory**

History of criminological thought. Contemporary and classical theories of crime. Attention to social, cultural, and psychological perspectives. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 702 **3 credits** **Proseminar on Research Methods**

Methods and applications of quantitative and qualitative research. Relationships among theory, research, and social policy. Development and interpretation of research reports. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor and satisfactory completion of an undergraduate course in research methods.

CRJ 703 **3 credits** **Proseminar on Statistics**

Univariate and multivariate techniques. Use of computerized statistical packages in the social and behavioral sciences. Practical applications in statistical problem-solving using primary and secondary data sources. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor and satisfactory completion of an undergraduate statistics course.

CRJ 704 **3 credits** **Proseminar on Law and Social Control**

Nature of law and legal institutions. Relationships between law and other forms of social control. Theory and research on the development and implementation of law. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 705 **3 credits** **Proseminar on the Administration of Justice**

Structures, functions, and operations of criminal justice organizations. Formal and informal organizational structures and their relationships to the broader social, political, and legal institutions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 706 **3 credits** **Seminar on the Nature of Crime**

Investigation of selected theoretical perspectives and particular types of crime and criminality. Specific subject matter varies by semester. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 707 **3 credits** **Policing**

Police organization and subculture, occupational socialization, police community relations, occupational deviance, policy formation, and related issues discussed. Specific subject matter varies by semester. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 708 **3 credits** **Seminar on Law and Legal Process**

Development and implementation of criminal law. May focus on issues related to the legislative process, the criminal courts, case law, and legal reform. Specific subject matter varies by semester. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 709 **3 credits** **Delinquency and Juvenile Justice**

Historical development and current practices of juvenile courts and treatment institutions. Emphasis on the relationship between delinquency theory, research, and policy formulation, with particular attention to programs of delinquency prevention. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 710 **3 credits** **Crime and Its Control in Gambling**

Analytical approach to patterns of gambling in America, nature of organized crime involvement, and development and implementation of forms of social control of organized crime in the area. Particular attention given to patterns of crime and regulatory control in Nevada gambling. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 711 **3 credits** **Criminological Research**

Correlates of crime and theory-based research on crime causation. Implications for the major theoretical perspectives. Prerequisites: CRJ 701 and CRJ 702, graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 712 **3 credits** **Punishment and Corrections**

Philosophies and practices of punishment and corrections. Contemporary theory, the prison environment, work and rehabilitation programs, parole, overcrowding, capital punishment, and alternatives to imprisonment. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 713 **3 credits** **Victimization**

Problems confronted by victims of crime. The role of the victim in criminal offenses. Policy, advocacy issues, and victims' rights. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 714 **3 credits**
Theory Construction

Types of theory and levels of theoretical analysis. Empirical, logical, and conceptual considerations in the construction of theory. Problems and prospects for theoretical integration and the development of general theory. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice, and CRJ 701 and CRJ 702, consent of instructor.

CRJ 715 **3 credits**
Criminal Justice Policy

Contemporary policies in criminal justice. Relationships among theory, policy, and practice. Attention to public opinion, legislative process, law enforcement administration, the courts, appellate review, issues of intergroup conflict, and civil rights. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor.

CRJ 716 **3 credits**
Graduate Readings in Criminal Justice

With faculty supervision, students pursue a personalized program of readings related to specific issues in criminal justice. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor, and CRJ 701 and CRJ 702.

CRJ 724 **3 credits**
Applied Research in Criminal Justice

Survey of research and statistical methods appropriate for evaluating criminal justice programs. Nature and role of program evaluation; impact and process assessment; presentation and interpretation of statistical results, ethics and politics of evaluation research. Prerequisites: CRJ 701, 702, 703.

CRJ 796 **3 credits**
Comprehensive Examination

As part of the requirements for the Professional Degree Program, students must pass a written comprehensive examination designed to test students' ability to synthesize a body of knowledge in criminal justice. Prerequisites: CRJ 700, CRJ 702, CRJ 703, CRJ 705.

CRJ 797 **3 credits**
Master's Thesis in Criminal Justice

Development of a research design and analysis of data relating to an issue of theoretical and empirical significance. Students expected to display the ability to integrate the elements of the core courses and related program of study. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. S/F grading only. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice, consent of instructor, and CRJ 701, 702, 703, 704, and 705.

CRJ 798 **3 credits**
Applied Project in Criminal Justice

Research application in criminal justice or an evaluation of a specific criminal justice program. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prerequisites: CRJ 701-705, and 724.

CRJ 799 **3 credits**
Independent Study in Criminal Justice

Directed research on an issue of contemporary significance in criminal justice, culminating in the development of a research paper. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prerequisites: Graduate standing in criminal justice or consent of instructor, and CRJ 701 and CRJ 702.

The following 600-level courses have been approved for graduate credit. Full descriptions of these courses may be found in the *Undergraduate Catalog* under the corresponding 400 number.

- CRJ 605 History of Criminal Justice
- CRJ 611 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- CRJ 628 Women and Crime
- CRJ 636 Sociology of Law
- CRJ 641 Social Science in Law