Criminal Justice (CRJU)

CRJU 1100. Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
An introduction to the structure, functions, and operations of criminal justice agencies, including the police, the courts, and corrections.

CRJU 2500. Written Communications in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
The practice of writing the various types of reports used in the criminal justice system. Producing accurate and complete documents for use in court and other administrative, investigative, and procedural processes will be emphasized.

CRJU 3300. Criminal Law. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or 2500 or permission of the instructor. A study of the source and development of criminal law, its application, interpretation, and enforcement, and an analysis of Supreme Court decisions to emphasize problems in due process.

CRJU 3310. Criminal Procedure. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or 2500 or permission of the instructor. A study of the nature and function of the law with relation to the criminal processes, and policies and procedures in the administration of criminal justice. Special attention will be given to United States Supreme Court decisions that govern criminal procedures.

CRJU 3401. Criminal Justice Data Analysis. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or 2500 or permission of the instructor. An introduction to criminal justice data analysis including the logic of science, operationalization, sampling, coding, data entry, data file management, and microcomputer processing of research information. Will be taught in an electronic classroom, as facility availability permits.

CRJU 3402. Criminal Justice Research Methods. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 and 2500 or permission of instructor. An introduction to criminal justice research methodologies with an emphasis on firsthand data collection. Project work introduces students to issues in research design, ethical concerns, conceptualization, sampling, data analysis, interpretation of research results, report writing, and application of research findings. Students will use computer applications in the development of their projects.

CRJU 3600. Criminology. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or 2500 or permission of the instructor. A study of the nature and scope of crime and delinquency in society with an emphasis on criminological theories. Study will include the application of theory as a foundation for conducting research.

CRJU 3700. Ethics in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or 2500 or permission of the instructor. Standards of conduct in law enforcement, the court system, and corrections. An examination of traditional and non-traditional criminal justice practices such as fidelity to office, discretion, covert operations, deadly force, affirmative action, political involvement, sentencing, incarceration, and the death penalty.

CRJU 4010. Comparative Justice Systems. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: Area F Criminal Justice courses or permission of the instructor. A study and comparison of the world’s major justice systems.

CRJU 4100. Seminar in Law Enforcement. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 and CRJU 2500 or permission of the instructor. An in-depth study of policies and procedures which govern law enforcement and major contemporary problems in law enforcement.

CRJU 4110. Forensic Criminalistics. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: Area F Criminal Justice Courses or permission of the instructor. The scientific investigation of crime with emphasis on the collection, analysis, comparison, and identification of physical evidence.

CRJU 4200. Seminar in Corrections. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1000 and CRJU 2500 or permission of the instructor. An in-depth study of laws, policies, and procedures which govern corrections and major contemporary problems and issues in corrections.

CRJU 4400. Seminar in Juvenile Justice. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 and CRJU 2500 or permission of the instructor. An in-depth examination of current issues surrounding the juvenile justice system in the State of Georgia and nationwide. Topics include treatment strategies and alternative rehabilitation programs.

CRJU 4500. Classification of Criminal Behavior. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. A study of the methods of identification and classification of specific criminal behavior types with an emphasis on violent offenders, sexual deviants, the anti-social personality, and the criminally insane.

CRJU 4610. White-Collar Crime. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. A forum for students to explore the nature and extent of white-collar crime in the U.S. and abroad. Students will critically review several explanatory models of the elite criminality, construct a typology of offenses, evaluate current criminal justice responses, and explore policy options for criminal justice administration.

CRJU 4620. Criminal Victimization. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. An introduction to the study of victims of crime. The course will examine different areas related to the study of crime victims, including different types of crime victims, the role of the crime victim within the criminal justice system, reporting and data collection methods used to assess crime victims, and how crime victims are identified, confronted, and treated, both historically and in today’s criminal justice system.
CRJU 4630. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. Basic concepts of crime prevention theories and techniques, with a special focus on the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Model. Students will study past and current techniques and programs to determine their effectiveness and how these can be used to establish crime prevention in today’s society.

CRJU 4640. Organized Crime. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. An examination of the history, nature, scope, and typologies of organized crime. Students will apply several theories in order to better understand the development of organized crime. In addition, students will critically evaluate the criminal justice system response to the problem of organized crime.

CRJU 4650. Sex Crimes. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. A study of sex offenses, including nuisance and dangerous sex crimes, theoretical explanations for sex crimes, identification of and treatment for sex offenders, and the role of the criminal justice system in identifying, punishing, and preventing sex crimes.

CRJU 4660. Issues in Cybercrime. 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: CRJU 1100 or permission of the instructor. An examination of the extent of illegal activities occurring in cyberspace. The course reviews the varieties of cybercrime and discusses legal issues in the investigation and prosecutions of cybercrimes.

CRJU 4670. Terrorism. 3 Hours.
An analysis of the various forms of terrorism and the organizations that carry out terrorist activities. Students will use a criminological framework to review the theoretical causes and historical development of terrorist organizations. Students will also examine the criminal justice system’s response to terrorist activities.

CRJU 4680. Native American and Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
Also offered as NAIS 4100. An examination of the Native American experience in terms of the American criminal justice system. Cultural conflict, poverty, colonization, forced assimilation, and deculturalization will be examined as possible sources of crime in the Native American community. Further, the subject of victimization, as well as that of the importation of crime patterns and behaviors, will be explored.

CRJU 4690. History of Crime in the United States. 3 Hours.
An overview of the historical development of crime and the criminal justice system in the United States. This course examines the development of law enforcement, courts, corrections, and criminal behavior.

CRJU 4700. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. 3-6 Hours.
Prerequisite: Area F Criminal Justice courses or permission of the instructor. An intensive study of a topic relevant to criminal justice.

CRJU 4800. Seminar in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
Prerequisites: CRJU 3300, CRJU 3310, CRJU 3401, CRJU 3402, CRJU 3600, CRJU 3700, CRJU 4100, CRJU 4200, CRJU 4400 and senior status or permission of the instructor. An application and integration of core and related criminal justice courses to contemporary criminal justice issues.

CRJU 4900. Directed Study in Criminal Justice. 3-6 Hours.
Prerequisites: major in Criminal Justice; permission of the student’s advisor, the instructor, and the Criminal Justice coordinator or Department Head. Graded “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.” A study in an area not covered in other criminal justice courses; allows the student to explore in more detail a topic which is normally covered in criminal justice courses. May be taken for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

CRJU 4910. Internship in Criminal Justice. 3-6 Hours.
Prerequisites: major in Criminal Justice; minimum of 60 credit hours, permission of the Criminal Justice internship coordinator, and application forms must be submitted prior to midterm of the semester before internship. Graded “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory.” Supervised, practical experience in an appropriate criminal justice agency; an opportunity for students to demonstrate maturity and judgments to discover the integration between theory and practice.