

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Program Purpose: Students who complete Criminal Justice courses will utilize the Community Policing philosophy of partnerships to interact with and influence the diverse community that the Criminal Justice system serves. Students completing the Criminal Justice program will acquire the practical knowledge and skills to successfully pass the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement vocational entrance exams and academy programs.

Public concern with rising crime rates and the increasing role of law enforcement in public service work has contributed to the growth of criminal justice agencies throughout the nation. There is a broad range of employment opportunities for men and women in all components of the Criminal Justice System both public and private. This Criminal Justice program offers courses to students in the varied aspects of law enforcement, court procedures, and corrections. A foundation of knowledge is provided for those interested in becoming competitive candidates for Criminal Justice rewarding and challenging positions.

Transfer Information

Students planning to transfer need to consult with a counselor, prepare a Student Education Plan, and take advantage of the support services available in the Career Transfer Center located in Fountain Hall, (805) 378-1536.

NOTE: Some courses may have credit limitations. Refer to the **Credit Limitations** and **UC Credit Limitations** areas or see the UC Transfer Course Agreement (<http://catalog.vccd.edu/moorpark/transfer-information/transfer-uc/#uctcatext>) page for details.

CJ M01 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL M01A or ENGL M01AH

C-ID: AJ 110

Introduces the history and philosophy of criminal justice in America, reviewing system recapitulation, sub-system identification, role expectations and interrelationships. Examines crime, punishment and rehabilitation theories, and ethics, education and training issues.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Credit Limitations: Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and regular versions of a course. Credit will be awarded only for the first course completed with a grade of "C" or better or "P". Honors Program requires a letter grade.

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: None

CJ M01H Honors: Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL M01A or ENGL M01AH

C-ID: AJ 110

Introduces the history and philosophy of criminal justice in America, reviewing system recapitulation, sub-system identification, role expectations and interrelationships. Examines crime, punishment and rehabilitation theories, and ethics, education and training issues. Honors work challenges students to be more analytical and creative through expanded assignments, real-world applications and enrichment opportunities. Course Credit Limitation: Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and regular versions of a course. Credit will be awarded only for the first course completed with a grade of "C" or better or "P". Honors Program requires a letter grade.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: None

CJ M02 Concepts of Criminal Law 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ M01, CJ M01H, ENGL M01A, or ENGL M01AH

C-ID: AJ 120

Introduces the historical development and philosophy of law. Reviews constitutional provisions, definitions and classifications of crimes and their application to the criminal justice system. Examines concepts of the law as a social force. Explores crimes against persons, property and the state as social, religious and historical ideology. Defines common and statutory law and the nature of acceptable evidence and defenses to crimes. Employs legal research and review of case law methodology to introduce students to criminal law.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: CJ M02, CJ M08, and CJ M40 combined: maximum credit, 1 course

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: None

CJ M03 Community Relations 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H*C-ID:* AJ 160

Explores the complex interrelationship and role expectations among the various agencies and the public in addressing crime and conflict. Emphasizes the challenges and prospects of administering justice within a diverse multicultural population. Examines the professional image of the criminal justice system and the development of positive relationships between the system and the public. Studies the consensus and conflicting values in culture, religion and law. Focuses on community policing and its fundamentals.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: CJ M03, CJ M14, CJ M17, and CJ M41 combined: maximum credit, 1 course

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: None

CJ M04 Legal Aspects of Evidence 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 (or CJ M01H) and CJ M02*C-ID:* AJ 124

Introduces the origin, development, philosophy and constitutional basis of evidence. Includes examination of constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure; kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility; and judicial decisions interpreting individual rights.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M05 Principles and Procedures of the Justice System 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 (or CJ M01H) and CJ M02*C-ID:* AJ 122

Introduces the role and responsibilities of each segment within the criminal justice system: law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Reviews each subsystem's procedures from initial entry to final disposition as well as the relationship each segment maintains with its system members. Examines statutory law and constitutional law precedents.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M06 Criminal Investigative Report Writing 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ENGL M02

Emphasizes the practical aspects of gathering, organizing, and preparing written reports for criminal justice activities on local, state and federal levels. Introduces techniques of communicating facts, information, and ideas effectively in a simple, clear and logical manner for various types of criminal justice system reports, letters, memoranda, directives and administrative reports appropriate for court presentation.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M07 Principles of Civil Law 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H

Introduces students to the principles of the primary areas of American Civil Law, providing an overview of Civil Tort Law, Contracts, Real Property, Corporations, Community Property, Family Law, Wills, Trusts and Estate Law. Explores and exposes students to the general principles of United States Civil Law with emphasis upon current issues relating and impacting both the criminal and civil systems of justice. Provides a strong foundation in statutory and case law with a focus upon practical application.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M08 Introduction to Constitutional Law 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H and CJ M02 and CJ M05

Introduces the critical study of landmark cases as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Interprets the historical context, processes, and modern application of policy utilized by the U.S. Supreme Court in reaching its decisions. Emphasizes the protection of individual rights and privileges as set forth in the Bill of Rights. Explores the formal and informal processes applied to judicial interpretation and precedent.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: CJ M02, CJ M08, and CJ M40 combined: maximum credit, 1 course

CSU GE-Breadth: D, US-2

IGETC: 4

CJ M09A Bujinkan Fundamentals-Practical Self-Defense 2 Units

Formerly: CJ M09

In-Class Hours: 17.5 lecture, 52.5 laboratory

Presents the art, history, philosophy and practice of Bujinkan, one of the oldest martial arts system in Japan, and its application to the personal safety and survival of modern career professionals working in the fields of criminal justice, healthcare, mental health and related emergency services. Emphasizes self-defense survival principles and techniques stressing non-violent, safe control of physical and mental conflict situations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: E2

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: E

IGETC: None

CJ M09B Bujinkan Intermediate - Practical Self-Defense 2 Units

In-Class Hours: 17.5 lecture, 52.5 laboratory

Prerequisites: CJ M09A

Presents intermediate-level art, history, philosophy and practice of Bujinkan, one of the oldest martial arts system in Japan, and its application to the personal safety and survival of modern career professionals working in the fields of criminal justice, healthcare, mental health and related emergency services. Emphasizes self defense survival principles and techniques stressing non-violent, safe control of physical and mental conflict situations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: E2

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: E

IGETC: None

CJ M10 Tactical Patrol Procedures 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ M01 or CJ M01H

Introduces responsibilities, procedures, philosophies, techniques, and methods of police patrol. Includes patrol preparation, field observation, field interviews, handling of complaints, mechanics of arrest, police ethics and professionalism.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M11 Criminal Investigation 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ M01 (or CJ M01H) and CJ M02

C-ID: AJ 140

Introduces the fundamentals of investigation. Includes crime scene search and recording; collection and preservation of physical evidence; scientific aids and modus operandi; sources of information; interviews and interrogation; surveillance; follow-up and case preparation.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M12 Introduction to Conflict Resolution 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ M01 or CJ M01H

Introduces practical approaches to resolving common human conflicts arising in interactions related to community, labor, law, business and criminal justice. Examines practical theory and methodology focusing on constructive communication, ethics, cultural awareness and sensitivity with the goal of resolving conflicts in ways that are beneficial to all parties in conflict.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M14 Juvenile Procedures 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ M01 or CJ M01H

C-ID: AJ 220

Focuses upon the organization, functions, and jurisdiction of juvenile agencies. Covers the processing and detention of juveniles; juvenile case disposition; and juvenile statutes and court procedures.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: CJ M03, CJ M14, CJ M17, and CJ M41 combined: maximum credit, 1 course

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M15 Legal Aspects of Cyber Investigation 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M05, CJ M08, and CJ M11

Provides an overview of the legal aspects of computer investigations and the criminal justice system, as it applies to investigating computer crimes. Analyzes evolving search and seizure requirements and exceptions with emphasis on constitutional law, criminal law and procedural law as they apply to investigating computer crime. Discusses how to anticipate defenses to computer crimes and how to effectively communicate findings in reports and in courtrooms.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ M17 Anatomy of a Murder 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H or CJ M11

Examines the historical and contemporary analysis of criminal homicide. Uses case studies to examine the nature and extent of murder, including serial murder and sex crime related murder. Includes victimology, suspect profiling and investigative techniques and procedures for the identification, collection, preservation and presentation of evidence from a homicide crime scene.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** CJ M03, CJ M14, CJ M17, and CJ M41 combined: maximum credit, 1 course**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ M18 Narcotics Investigation 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 (or CJ M01H), CJ M04, and CJ M11

Reviews identification of marijuana, opiates, dangerous drugs, hallucinogens, and their paraphernalia. Includes principles of identifying and dealing with the "user;" laws and court decisions relating to the offender; fundamentals of search and arrest strategies; report writing and court testimony; and prevention and control of drug abuse within society.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ M40 Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

Examines ethical issues in the three components of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, judicial courts, and corrections. Explores the various ethical dilemmas, value definitions, and their application to decision-making by police, court, probation, parole, and corrections. Reviews the key elements of ethical guidelines, individual aspects of ethical codes, courtroom testimony and admissibility issues. Includes ethical standards for all written reports, procedural and substantive law issues.

Grade Modes: Student Option- Letter/Credit, Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** CJ M02, CJ M08, and CJ M40 combined: max credit, one course**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ M41 Introduction to Probation, Parole and Corrections 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H*C-ID:* AJ 200

Introduces an overview of the historical aspects of punishment and the development of contemporary correctional philosophy in the United States. Focuses on legal and practical aspects, practices and procedures of probation, parole and the correctional institutions. Examines rehabilitation issues, legal issues, general laws, and operations of correctional institutions, and the relationship between corrections and other components of the criminal justice system.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Credit by exam, license etc., Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** CJ M03, CJ M14, CJ M17, and CJ M41 combined: maximum credit, 1 course**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ M43 Criminal Justice Employment Preparation 2 Units***Formerly:* CJ M60B*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 lecture, 26.25 laboratory*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ M01 or CJ M01H

Assists students in identifying areas of training and knowledge necessary to qualify for employment in the criminal justice field. Focuses on the skills necessary to pass the law enforcement entry-level physical agility test.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None

CJ M80 Internship in Criminal Justice 1-4 Units

In-Class Hours: 60-240 unpaid cooperative, 75-300 paid cooperative

Prerequisites: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in one course in the discipline and instructor approval. **Course Credit Limitation:** To take this course, contact the Career Transfer Center. Requires orientation session. Students receive one unit of credit for each 60 hours unpaid or 75 hours paid work. May enroll in up to 4 units a semester with a maximum of 16 total units of any type of work experience. Provides on-the-job learning to develop effective work habits, attitudes, and career awareness in paid or unpaid internships that are related to the discipline. Involves the development and documentation of learning objectives and the completion of an internship paper, presentation, or project. Includes both workplace supervisor and faculty adviser feedback and/or written evaluations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Repeatable for Credit: Course may be taken up to 3 times for credit.

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ M122 Independent Study - Criminal Justice 0.5-3 Units

Formerly: CJ M22A

In-Class Hours: 26.25-157.5 laboratory

Prerequisites: Completion of one course in Criminal Justice and instructor approval

Allows independent study for students who wish to extend their knowledge of a particular area of Criminal Justice through research and study. Utilizes an approved independent project. Includes one-on-one work with instructor. Interested students should contact a Criminal Justice instructor for assistance in developing a contract for learning about a specific topic.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

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