

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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CJ V01 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL V01A

C-ID: AJ 110

This course will offer a general overview of the criminal justice system in the U.S. The history and philosophy of criminal justice will be examined. Systemic problems, such as the organization and jurisdiction of local, state and federal criminal justice components, will be discussed and possible solutions developed. Historical and current theories of crime causation and punishment in America will be explained and discussed.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

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: 4

CJ V02 Concepts of Criminal Law 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Prerequisites: CJ V01

Advisories/Rec Prep: ENGL V01A

C-ID: AJ 120

This course offers an overview of the historical development, philosophy, and content of California and federal criminal law and constitutional provisions. The course reviews constitutional rights, definitions, classification of crimes, elements of criminal offenses, and their application to the criminal justice system. Legal research, methodology, and concepts of law as a social, religious and historical force will be examined. California statutes related to laws of arrest, crimes against persons, and crimes involving property are explored in detail. Case law and current media reports will be utilized to enhance the students' understanding of criminal law.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

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: 4

CJ V03 Community Relations and Diversity 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: AJ 160

Students will explore the roles of practitioners in the criminal justice field. Through discussion and study the students will review the expectations and perceptions of the public. Principal emphasis will be placed on community-oriented policing, discretionary decision making, the use of authority, along with communications and crisis management by persons working in the criminal justice system. Students will explore the complex relationship between the community and the justice system, with emphasis on the challenges of dealing with the role of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, social class, language, and culture in shaping these relations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Field Trips: May be required

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: B2, F

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: D

IGETC: None

CJ V04 Legal Aspects of Evidence 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: CJ V02

C-ID: AJ 124

This course will review the structure of the California Evidence Code, its procedures and rules as they apply to the admissibility of evidence in criminal proceedings. Emphasis will be placed on review of statutes and case law in the areas of search and seizure, witnesses' confessions and admissions, and presentation of evidence.

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 V05 Criminal Procedures 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: AJ 122

Students will review and discuss legal processes from pre-arrest, arrest through trial, sentencing and correctional procedures. A review of the history of case and common law and conceptual interpretations of law as reflected in court decisions will be discussed. The course will use case law methodology and research to review the impact these decisions have had on the justice system.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

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 V06 Criminal Justice Report Writing 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ V02 or CJ V04 or ENGL V02

This course covers report writing for criminal justice practitioners. Emphasis will be on mastering report writing to record crime scenes, emergency response situations and routine occurrences. The goal of this course is to help the student learn how to translate observations into a succinct, yet comprehensive document, for court presentation. Focus will also be placed on the importance of information gathering techniques, and thorough, accurate, and well-written report writing, not only as a reflection of professionalism, but also to insure the ability of the justice system to prosecute the criminal case.

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 V07 Patrol Procedures 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course presents the responsibilities, techniques and methods of police patrol. It meets the objectives required by the California Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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 V08 Criminal Investigation 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 105.0 paid cooperative*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ V02 and CJ V05*C-ID:* AJ 140

This course stresses the fundamentals of criminal investigation. Topics include collection and preservation of evidence, scientific aids, modus operandi, sources of information, interviewing and interrogation techniques, follow-up and case preparation, criminal profiling, crime scene sketching, fingerprint analysis and D.N.A. A brief history of criminal investigation precedes the main course of instruction.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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 V14 Juvenile Law and Procedures in California 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* AJ 220

This course will offer an overview of the juvenile justice system in California, including the history of juvenile law and current police and probation procedures. Theories on delinquency causes and treatments will be discussed as an avenue toward understanding the juvenile offender. Child abuse/neglect and crimes against children, including sex crimes, will also be covered.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Field Trips:** Will be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ V18 Drug Investigation and Enforcement 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This is a survey course that will provide the student an opportunity to review the geopolitical history of drug trafficking and the evolution of laws regulating the distribution and use of drugs, with special emphasis on current statutes and court decisions relating to distribution and use of drugs. Information on the source, distribution and use of narcotics, cocoa products, hallucinogens and cannabinoids will be presented. Fundamentals of drug investigation techniques and treatment of drug abusers will also be discussed.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ V19 Anatomy of Murder 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ V01 and CJ V08

This course is a historical and contemporary analysis of criminal homicide. Using actual case studies, students will examine the nature and extent of murder, including serial murder and sex-crime-related murder. Victimology, suspect profiling and investigative techniques will also be assessed in relationship to current and appropriate investigative procedures for the identification, collection, preservation and presentation of evidence from a homicide crime scene.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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:** None**IGETC:** None

CJ V25 Introduction to Corrections 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* AJ 200

This course is an overview of the historical aspects of punishment and the development of contemporary correctional philosophy in the United States. The course will focus on the legal issues, general laws and general operations in correctional institutions. The relationship between correctional and other components of the criminal justice system will also be examined. The ideals of correctional philosophy are compared with the contemporary problems in corrections.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ V27 Introduction to Probation and Parole 3 Units***Formerly:* CJ 27*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course presents an overview of the history and philosophical foundations of probation and parole in the United States. The course examines the organization and operation of probation and parole agencies as particular segments of the criminal justice system. Theoretical concerns and practical aspects of probation and parole services will be discussed. Issues and problems relating to the presentence report, determinate versus indeterminate sentencing, the roles of probation and parole officers, and the legal decisions affecting the practice of probation and parole will be examined.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** Will 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 V28 Fundamentals of Criminology 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

Trends in crime and delinquency will be investigated; major types of criminal behavior will be explored; the major theories of the causes of criminality will be discussed and critiqued; crime control theories and programs will be discussed; and, classifications of crimes and their relationship to criminal behavior will also be explored.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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:** 4**CJ V30 Victimology 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course presents an overview of traditional and emerging legal, psychological, and sociological perspectives in the field of victimology. While this course will address the consequences of victimization, and methods of recovery, students will also consider the broader legal policies and program implications of the victims movement in the United States.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** B2**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** D**IGETC:** None**CJ V35 Introduction to Forensic Science 3 Units***Same-As:* ANTH V35*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANTH V35L or CJ V35L or concurrent enrollment*C-ID:* AJ 150

This course is an introduction to forensic science. The techniques and methods used by forensic scientists to collect and evaluate biological and physical evidence in the modern forensic laboratory will be presented through demonstrations and guest presentations. Emphasis is placed on applied forensic methods, evaluation of the limitations of current techniques and interpretations, and how to pursue a career in a particular specialty area of forensic science.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Credit Limitations:** See counselor.**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** A1, B2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ V35L Introduction to Forensic Science Laboratory 1 Unit***Formerly:* ANTH V89B*Same-As:* ANTH V35L*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANTH V35 or CJ V35 or concurrent enrollment*C-ID:* AJ 150

This course is an introduction to forensic science lab procedures and crime scene investigation. Students will practice the techniques and methods used by crime scene investigators and forensic scientists to evaluate, document, and collect biological and physical evidence.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Credit Limitations:** See counselor.**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** A1, B2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None

CJ V36 Forensic Anthropology 3 Units*Same-As:* ANTH V36*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* ANTH V01L or ANTH V35 or CJ V35

This course explores the application of standard, scientific, anthropological techniques to identify human remains and to assist in the detection of a crime. It introduces a basic overview of the fields of forensic anthropology and human osteology. Focus is on the techniques used to make estimates of age, sex, ancestry, and stature; recovery techniques; and the procedures used in the medico-legal framework.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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:** None**IGETC:** None**CJ V37 Introduction to Digital Forensics 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*C-ID:* ITIS 165

This course addresses how to conduct digital assessments by discussing what digital forensics are, what crucial tactical concepts are used, and what tools are needed to perform complete and accurate examinations. Details on digital forensics for computers, networks, cell phones, GPS, the cloud, and the Internet are also discussed, as well as how to lawfully collect evidence, document the scene, and recover deleted data.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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 V49 Ethics for the Criminal Justice System Professional 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Advisories/Rec Prep:* CJ V01

This course addresses ethical issues in the three components of the Criminal Justice System; law enforcement, judicial, and corrections. It explores ethical dilemmas, value definitions, and their application to decision making; by police, court, probation, parole, corrections, and private security personnel. Remediation strategies relating to unethical behavior by individuals and groups will also be addressed. It provides the student with ethical standards and guidelines as well as philosophical and theoretical issues relating to frequent ethical violations throughout the criminal justice system. It is designed to provide basic coverage of morality, ethics, and human behavior. Topics covered include the key elements of ethical guidelines, individual aspects of ethical codes, courtroom testimony and admissibility issues, and ethical standards for all written reports, and procedural and substantive law issues. Additionally, the course considers how character and personal values influence the training, supervision, management, and leadership of successful criminal justice system organizations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**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 V85 PC 832: Arrest, Search, and Seizure 2.5 Units***Formerly:* CJ 85*In-Class Hours:* 43.75 lecture

This course will cover the fundamentals of law enforcement embracing all those subject areas that will enhance an officer's ability to perform as a member of a police or allied agency. Subjects covered will be: criminal law; laws of arrest, search and seizure; moral, legal and safety aspects in use of firearms; and, community relations. Required for state certification under Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) guidelines.

Catalog Notes: Offered on a pass/no pass basis only.**Grade Modes:** Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**CJ V86 PC 832: Firearms 0.5 Units***Formerly:* CJ 86*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 laboratory*Prerequisites:* CJ V85 or concurrent enrollment

Enrollment Limitations: Minimum age of 18. No felony convictions per California Penal Code.

This course will cover the fundamentals of firearms, including the information necessary for the student to perform as a member of a police or allied agency. Topics will include safety aspects in use of firearms and practical application of firearms on range. Completion of this training is required for state certification under P.O.S.T. (Peace Officers Standards and Training) guidelines.

Catalog Notes: Offered on a pass/no pass basis only.**Grade Modes:** Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**CJ V90 Direct Study: Criminal Justice 1-6 Units***Prerequisites:* varies with topic

This course offers specialized study opportunities for students who wish to pursue projects not included in the regular curriculum. Students are accepted only by a written project proposal approved by the discipline prior to enrollment.

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 V95 Criminal Justice Internship I 1-4 Units

Corequisites: enrolled in a minimum of 7 units to include internship.
 Enrollment Limitations: Students cannot have been convicted of a felony offense; must be 18 years old at the time of registration; must possess a valid California driver's license; and must be currently enrolled in a criminal justice course. Offered on a pass/no pass basis only
 This course offers students who are volunteers (unpaid) an opportunity to obtain work experience related to their field of study. Students are accepted as a result of consultation with a designate faculty member in the discipline and the acceptance of an approved work proposal.

Grade Modes: Pass/No Pass Grading

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

Field Trips: Will be required

Credit Limitations: see counselor.

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

CJ V96 Criminal Justice Internship II 1-4 Units

Corequisites: enrolled in a minimum of 7 units to include internship.
 Enrollment Limitations: students cannot have been convicted of a felony offense; must be 18 years old at the time of registration; must possess a valid California driver's license; and must be currently enrolled in a criminal justice course. Offered on a pass/no pass basis only
 This course offers students who are employed in the field an opportunity to expand their work experience related to their field of study. Students are accepted as a result of consultation with a designated faculty member in the discipline and the acceptance of an approved work proposal.

Grade Modes: Pass/No Pass Grading

Field Trips: Will be required

Credit Limitations: see counselor.

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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