Criminology, Law, and Justice

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The Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice offers work leading to the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology, Law, and Justice. The Master of Arts is organized into four curricular areas that include: the nature and development of rules, rule-breaking behavior, rule application, and research methodology. It is designed for careers in research, evaluation, and criminal justice administration. Interdepartmental concentrations in Gender and Women’s Studies and Survey Research Methodology are available to students in this program. Building on the above general curricular areas, the Doctor of Philosophy degree offers additional course work in theory, substantive specialties, and research methods. Concentrations are offered in Law and Society, Criminology, and Organizations and Administration. Interdepartmental concentrations in Gender and Women’s Studies and Survey Research Methodology are available to students in this program.

The department cosponsors the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies with the Jane Addams College of Social Work. This concentration is available to students in the department's graduate programs. See Violence Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/vios-conc) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section or the Jane Addams College of Social Work section.

Admission and Degree Requirements

- MA in Criminology, Law, and Justice (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/clj/ma)
- PhD in Criminology, Law, and Justice (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/clj/phd)

Courses

CLJ 402. Trial Interaction. 3 or 4 hours.
Language use, culture, and law in the trial process. Analysis of qualitative methods applied to legal processes and change. Course Information: Same as LING 402. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 261 and CLJ 350; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 405. The Problem of Justice. 3 or 4 hours.
Premodern and modern views of justice and their practical utility in analyzing legislative, executive, and judicial programs for enhancing or restricting justice. Course Information: Same as POLS 405. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101, plus two 200-level courses in criminology, law, and justice or two 200-level courses in political science.

CLJ 421. Youth, Crime, Law and Justice in Society. 3 or 4 hours.
Theories of juvenile delinquency and rule-breaking; juvenile rights; organization and administration of the juvenile justice system in the U.S. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 210 and CLJ 220.

CLJ 422. Victimization. 3 or 4 hours.
Survey of criminal victimization theory and research. Examination of causes, consequences, and prevention of violent crime and of victims’ experiences in the criminal justice system. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level criminology, law, and justice courses.

CLJ 423. Violence. 3 or 4 hours.
Explores how men and women have experienced violence historically and in modern times. Students examine how violence is perpetrated through words, pictures, physical harm, and silences. Course Information: Same as ANTH 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and CLJ 200.

CLJ 424. Gender, Crime, and Justice. 3 or 4 hours.
An in-depth examination of the etiology of female crime and the involvement of females in the criminal justice system as offenders, victims, and workers/professionals. Course Information: Same as GWS 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and CLJ 220; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 435. Organized and White Collar Crime in the United States. 3 or 4 hours.
Analysis and evaluation of organized crime, including its public perception; sociological, political, and economic impacts as well as past and present enforcement strategies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level criminology, law, and justice courses.

CLJ 442. Comparative Criminal Justice Institutions. 3 or 4 hours.
Comparative study of law, jurisprudence, enforcement, and punishment in Western and non-Western societies, including civil law, common law, and Islamic systems. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level criminology, law, and justice courses.

CLJ 456. Community Corrections. 3 or 4 hours.
History, processes, and functions of programs organized for sanctioning offenders in community settings, such as probation, parole, halfway houses, restitution, community service, home confinement. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 350 or CLJ 355; plus one 200-level criminology, law, and justice course.
CLJ 480. Application of Science to the Law. 4 hours. 
Issues affecting the development, accessibility and admissibility of forensic science services by the criminal justice system; problems which may compromise the quality, fairness and effectiveness of scientific inquiries. Course Information: Same as BPS 480. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

CLJ 490. Topics in Rule Breaking. 3 or 4 hours. 
Content of course varies, addressing major issues. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time(s). Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Six 200- or 300-level criminology, law, and justice courses.

CLJ 500. Law and Society. 4 hours. 
Emergence and growth of rule-governed social order; social organization of legal actors; functional aspects of law including social control, dispute resolution; rule-interpretation; and the promotion of social and economic enterprises.

CLJ 520. Criminological Theory. 4 hours. 
Critical examination of the major traditions in criminological theories; emphasis on critical, positivist, interpretivist, and postmodern.

CLJ 539. Seminar in Rule Breaking. 4 hours. 
Study of a specific area of rule-breaking such as larceny, criminal violence, corporate crime, political crime, public order criminality or occupational crime. Content varies. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

CLJ 540. Criminal Justice: Process and Institutions. 4 hours. 
Critical examination of the criminal justice system. The dynamics and processes of contemporary police, judicial, and correctional institutions are evaluated in the context of key historical developments and relevant research.

CLJ 541. The Dynamics and Behavior in Criminal Justice Agencies. 4 hours. 
Leading theories of organizational behavior used to interpret organizational patterns, functions, and constraints in rule-applying institutions; emphasis on the application of these theories to the problems of planned change.

CLJ 546. Violence and Victimization. 4 hours. 
The field of victimology and victimization theories are introduced including characteristics of victims, crime and postcrime victimization effects, and victim criminal justice system experiences.

CLJ 547. Race, Class, and Gender Dimensions of Crime and Justice. 4 hours. 
Theories addressing the intersections of race, class, gender, crime and justice. Students examine criminological theories, social construction of race, class, and gender, legal decision-making, and implications for justice in our society. Course Information: Same as CRJ 547.

CLJ 548. Legal Discourse and Culture in Law and Society. 4 hours. 
Discourse, power, and culture in legal settings and analysis of power and resistance in the construction of law as a social fact. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 500.

CLJ 555. Corrections: Institutions and Field Operations. 4 hours. 
Examines institutions and field services in public and private sectors. Addresses historical and empirical approaches to the analysis of policy and correctional effectiveness; the neo-classical challenge to rehabilitation, and corrections case law. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 540.

CLJ 560. Quantitative Methods and Design. 4 hours. 
Fundamentals of scientific inquiry, logic of causal inference, and quantitative methods. Development of perspective and identification of weaknesses in research design. Development of skills in proposal development and data collection unique to criminology, law, and justice. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 262 or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 561. Qualitative Methods and Design. 4 hours. 
Theories and techniques of qualitative research methods, particularly fieldwork and indepth interviews. Criminology, law, and justice problems amenable to these techniques and methods and interrelationship between the researcher role and substantive findings. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 262 or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 562. Statistical Applications in Criminology, Law, and Justice I. 4 hours. 
Basic descriptive and inferential statistics, their applications in data analysis, and assumptions underlying use of these procedures in criminology, law, and justice research. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 262 or the equivalent.

CLJ 563. Evaluation Research in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 4 hours. 
Experimental, quasi-experimental, and non-experimental approaches to evaluation research; indicators of effectiveness. Applications to crime prevention, police, courts, and correctional programs. Politics of researcher-agency interactions. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): One graduate level course in research methods and consent of the instructor.

CLJ 564. Statistical Applications in Criminology, Law, and Justice II. 4 hours. 
Introduction to multivariate statistics with emphasis on multiple regression in criminology, law, and justice research, analysis and interpretation of regression output, coding of variables and path analysis. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 562.

CLJ 570. Advanced Methods in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 4 hours. 
Methodological problems in criminology, law, and justice measurement including the identification problem in estimating deterrence and the limitations of survival analysis in estimating recidivism. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 560 and CRJ 561 or the equivalent.

CLJ 580. Forensic Science: Survey and Foundations. 2 hours. 
Survey course for forensic sciences with emphasis on criminalistics; unique characteristics, underlying philosophies; nature, analytical methods, significance of results with chemical, biological, trace, pattern evidence. Course Information: Same as BPS 580. Prerequisite(s): Approval of the department.

CLJ 589. Special Topics in Forensic Science. 3 hours. 
Content may vary but will revolve around the philosophic, moral, and managerial problems associated with criminalistics practice. Topics may include evidence collection, analysis, reporting, and testimony to non-criminalistics fields. Course Information: Same as BPS 589. May be repeated if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.
CLJ 592. Internship in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 2-4 hours.
Placement in a criminal justice agency or setting under the supervision of a faculty member with an accepted research project and paper. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 4 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

CLJ 594. Selected Issues in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 4 hours.
Current issues and advanced problem areas related to deviance, crime, etiology, labeling, criminal careers, organized crime and victimology. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term.

CLJ 596. Independent Study or Research. 2-8 hours.
Research undertaken for this course may not duplicate that being done for CLJ 598. Supervised projects, which may consist of extensive readings in criminology, law, and justice, research on special problems not included in the regular course offering. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor and approval of the director of graduate studies.

CLJ 597. Project Research. 0-8 hours.
Independent research project under the supervision of a faculty member. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing in the M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Justice program and consent of the instructor.

CLJ 598. Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.
For students doing thesis research or writing. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the student's adviser; and acceptance of the thesis topic and preliminary thesis outline by the thesis committee.

CLJ 599. Dissertation Research. 0-16 hours.
Research on the topic of the doctoral dissertation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 20 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of faculty advisor and director of graduate studies.