Criminology, Law, and Justice (CLJ)

Courses

CLJ 101. Introduction to Criminology, Law, and Justice. 3 hours.
Introduction to key components of the justice system (including police, courts, and corrections) and contemporary trends in crime and delinquency. Critiques of the effectiveness and fairness of the system and emerging ideas for advancing justice. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion and one Discussion. US Society course.

CLJ 102. Foundations of Law and Justice. 3 hours.
Philosophical origins and historical development of U.S. criminal law in comparative perspective. Transformation of rights and due process; approaches to punishment and social control; legal institutions and procedures. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Lecture-Discussion. US Society course.

CLJ 110. Rights, Justice and the Law. 3 hours.
The historical development, philosophical justification and political underpinnings of the human rights framework. Exploration of specific human rights in U.S. vs. non-U.S. contexts. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion. US Society course.

CLJ 114. Race, Class, Gender and the Law. 3 hours.
Exploration of the relationship between social inequality and law/justice in the US, with specific attention to the importance of race, class, and gender. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion. US Society course.

CLJ 120. Crime and Society. 3 hours.
An introduction to theories of social deviance and control. The historical development, empirical basis, strengths, and limitations of various theories are analyzed. Course Information: This course may be taught in a blended-online and classroom format. When that is the case, use of a computer and Internet access will be required. A high-speed connection is strongly recommended. Please check the online class schedule for blended-online sections. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture-Discussion. US Society course.

CLJ 121. Violence in Society. 3 hours.
Theoretical perspectives on the causes and consequences of violence in society. Examination of violence perpetrated by individuals, groups, and the state. Course Information: This is a blended-online and classroom course. Use of a computer and Internet access is required. A high-speed connection, while not required, is strongly suggested. US Society course.

CLJ 122. Gangs and the Media. 3 hours.
Popular images of gangs in the mass media are contrasted with perspectives from social science literature. Course Information: Blended online and classroom course. Use of computer and internet access is required. A high speed connection, while not required, is strongly suggested. US Society course.

CLJ 200. Law and Society. 3 hours.
Development of law and legal institutions from historical, comparative, and contemporary perspectives; interrelationships of law, custom, morality, and social change; the legal profession. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion and one Lecture. US Society course.

CLJ 210. Principles of Criminal Law. 3 hours.
A survey of the basic principles of criminal law and procedure: proof of fact, act and intent, responsibility. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101.

CLJ 220. Criminology. 3 hours.
Introductory survey of theories exploring the origins, organization, meanings, and control of crime. Course Information: Same as SOC 231. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture.

CLJ 261. Research Methods I. 3 hours.
Introduction to research in criminology, law, and justice. From conceptualization to description of results. Research design, observation, archival, survey, and experimental methodologies in criminal justice related settings. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101.

CLJ 262. Research Methods II. 3 hours.
Statistical data analysis in the criminology, law, and justice context. Probability, t-tests, correlation, regression, sampling theory, tests of significance. Problems with police and crime survey data. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): MATH 090 or MATH 105.

CLJ 265. Intergroup Dialogue in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 3 hours.
A dialogue intensive course that explores social identity and access to power and privilege in the criminal justice system. Students will explore these themes by reading, discussing, and analyzing scholarly texts as well as their own experiences. Course Information: Recommended background: Grade of C or better in CLJ 101.

CLJ 271. Race and the Politics of Incarceration. 3 hours.
Examines how incarceration and criminalization affects black people in contemporary society. Course Information: Same as BLST 271 and SOC 271. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better or concurrent registration in BLST 100 or Grade of C or better or concurrent registration in SOC 100 or Grade of C or better in CLJ 101. Individual and Society course, and US Society course.

CLJ 303. Introduction to Forensic Science. 3 hours.
Examines the basic principles and judicial uses of forensic science. Reviews the applications of the biological, physical, and behavioral sciences to questions of evidence and the law. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Junior standing and major in either Criminology, Law, and Justice or a natural sciences discipline; or consent of the instructor. Class Schedule Information: To be properly registered, students must enroll in one Discussion/Recitation and one Lecture.

CLJ 311. Criminal Procedure. 3 hours.
Legal problems associated with the investigation of crime, acquisition of evidence, commencement of adjudication, sentencing and appellate rights. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): One 200-level criminology, law, and justice course.
CLJ 321. Youth, Crime, Law and Justice in Society. 3 hours. 
Theories of juvenile delinquency and rule-breaking; juvenile rights; 
organization and administration of the juvenile justice system in the U.S. 
Course Information: Previously listed as CLJ 421. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level CLJ courses; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 340. Immigration, Law, and Rights. 3 hours. 
Explores the histories, cultures, and experiences of immigration to the United States by examining legal discourses and historical analyses alongside cultural productions such as literary and visual narratives. 
Course Information: Same as GLAS 340. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in GLAS 100.

CLJ 345. Police in Society. 3 hours. 
The functions and organization of police/investigative agencies, 
especially those on the local level, the nature of the experience of being a 
police officer. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-
level criminal justice courses; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 350. Courts in Society. 3 hours. 
Behavior and structure of state and federal criminal courts including 
preadjudication processing, prosecutorial and defense decisions, guilty-
plea processes, bench and jury trials, sentencing, judicial selection, 
court administration. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-
level criminology, law, and justice courses; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 355. Punishment, Prisons and Corrections. 3 hours. 
A survey of American corrections from local jails to mega prisons; 
correctional field services; probation and parole and recent developments 
in alternatives to incarceration. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level criminology, law, and justice courses; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 356. Community Corrections and Reentry. 3 hours. 
Experience of the reentry process in the context of enrollment in 
programs organized for supervising offenders in community setting, such 
as probation, parole, halfway houses, restitution, treatment facilities, 
community service, home confinement. Course Information: Previously 
listed as CLJ 456. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level CLJ courses; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 361. Criminal Investigation. 3 hours. 
Methods used for reconstructing crimes and criminal intent, 
incorporating information derived from people, physical evidence, 
institutional and electronic data. Scientific, organizational, legal, and 
ethical considerations informing the process. Course Information: 
Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level criminal justice courses; or 
consent of the instructor.

CLJ 363. Drugs and Addiction in Society. 3 hours. 
Explores drugs and addiction in US society. Topics include history and 
categorizations of drugs, drug policies in the US, the social, psychological, 
physical effects of substance use, and how drug use shapes interaction 
in social systems. Course Information: Credit is not given for CLJ 363 
if student has credit for the comparable CLJ 394 topic section Drugs, 
Addiction and Society. Recommended background: CLJ 101 and two 
200-level Criminology, Law and Justice courses; or consent of the 
instructor.

CLJ 373. Introduction to the School-Prison Nexus. 3 hours. 
Using contemporary social theory, this course investigates the 
disciplining, punishing, and criminalization of youth in urban schools, 
paying particular attention to the racialized, classed, gendered, and 
ablest contours of these social processes. Course Information: Same as 
ED 373. Recommended Background: CLJ 101 and two 200-level CLJ 
courses.

CLJ 374. Dismantling the School and Prison Nexus. 3 hours. 
Political relationship between historically dis-invested K to 12 schools 
and prisons. Parallels in disciplinary practices and rationales in both. 
Engagement with affected communities that challenge carceral logics in 
education. Course Information: Same as ED 374. Prerequisite(s): 
CLJ 101 and two 200-level CLJ courses; or consent of the instructor. 
Recommended Background: CLJ 373.

CLJ 375. Introduction to Poverty Law. 3 hours. 
Examines poverty and the history of anti-poverty policy in the United 
States. Themes include the welfare state, criminalization, litigation, 
labor, and social movements. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-
level Criminology, Law, and Justice courses; or consent of the instructor. 
Recommended background: CLJ 200.

CLJ 394. Topics in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 3 hours. 
The analysis and exposition of historical or contemporary issues in the 
Criminology, Law, and Justice field. Topics may vary from semester 
to semester. Course Information: May be repeated for a maximum 
of 6 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. 
Prerequisite(s): CLJ 101 and two 200-level Criminology, Law, and Justice 
courses; junior or senior standing; or consent of instructor.

CLJ 395. Internship. 3 hours. 
Observation of and participation in the daily work of a criminal justice 
agency, private or public. Work is supervised by a faculty member and 
the management of personnel of the agency. Course Information: May 
be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. A maximum of three credit hours 
may be used to satisfy the nine credit hour upper-division (300 and 
400 level) requirement for the Major in Criminology, Law, and Justice. 
Prerequisite(s): A cumulative grade point average of 2.50. Preregistration 
in the department is required. Completion of five CLJ courses and junior 
or senior standing; or consent of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

CLJ 399. Independent Study. 2-6 hours. 
Independent study and research under the supervision of a faculty 
member on a subject not covered in the regular curriculum. Course 
Information: May be repeated for up to 8 credit hours. Prerequisite(s): 
Preregistration with the Department is required. Nine credit hours at the 
200 level and three credit hours at the 300 level; a 3.00 overall grade 
point average, and a 3.50 grade point average in CLJ coursework, 
or consent of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. For criminology, law, 
and justice minors and majors only.

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. 
Pre-modern, modern and non-western 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 CLJ or two 200-level courses in POLS.
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): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 423. Violence. 3 or 4 hours.
Survey of violence theory and research. Examination of types, causes and consequences of violence historically and in the present. Exploration of acts of resistance to violence. Course Information: Same as ANTH 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

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): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 425. Violence Prevention. 3 hours.
Examination of contemporary approaches to violence prevention at the individual, family, community, and organizational levels, as well as within the larger society. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 430. Homicide. 3 or 4 hours.
Overview of forms and patterns of homicide in the US. Theories of homicide. Situational dynamics, types of offender motivation, investigative techniques (including profiling), impact on families and society, and intervention strategies. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 435. White Collar Crime. 3 or 4 hours.
Examination of how white-collar crime is defined, investigated, defended, and adjudicated. Comparison of "suite" and "street" crime from a socio-legal perspective. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

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 CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 450. Surveillance and Society. 3 or 4 hours.
Theoretical and empirical overview of the conceptualization, application and interpretation of surveillance in society, examined through the lens of various social topics. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 491. Topics in Rule Breaking. 3 or 4 hours.
Content of course varies, addressing forms of deviance and illegality. 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): Two 200-level CLJ courses, Junior standing or above, or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 492. Topics in Rule Application. 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): Two 200-level CLJ courses, junior standing, or consent of the instructor.

CLJ 493. Topics in Critical Criminology. 3 or 4 hours.
Content of course varies, addressing major issues in critical criminology. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 1 time. Students may register for more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Two 200-level CLJ courses; junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

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 501. Graduate Professional Development Seminar. 1 hour.
An introduction to Criminology, Law, and Justice Studies; provides knowledge and skills to navigate graduate school; addresses professional concerns of interest to CLJ scholars and practitioners. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Acceptance in the MA or PhD in Criminology, Law, and Justice graduate programs.

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 542. Decarceration in Theory and Practice. 4 hours.
The growing political will to end mass incarceration has led to policy commitments to decarcerate, yet there is no policy or advocacy roadmap for doing so. This course examines the theory and process of decarceration through local case studies. Course Information: Same as ART 540. Field trips required at a nominal fee. No previous art experience is necessary for this class.

CLJ 546. Violence and Victimization. 4 hours.
The field of victimology and victimization theories are introduced including characteristics of victims, crime and post-crime 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 GWS 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): 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.