

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Degree

The Bachelor's degree program in Criminal Justice is designed to prepare students for careers in law enforcement, criminal justice administration, and corrections management. In addition to these professional objectives, the program is also intended to prepare the student for graduate school or law school. Criminal Justice majors may earn either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science Degree. As a requirement for graduation, all Criminal Justice majors must sit for a nationally normed exit examination in the final semester of their course work.

CMU has a chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the national professional criminal justice fraternity. (Advisor: Prof. Teri Haack).

CMU has two pre-law chapters: Phi Alpha Delta is the national pre-law fraternity, and the Pre-Law Club is for upperclassmen who plan to enter the law profession (advisor: Dr. John Carter).

CMU has a chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, an international social science honor society (advisor: Dr. Kristin Cherry).

Criminal Justice Minors

Criminal Justice minor - 18 hrs.

- CJ100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ202 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ270 Criminal Procedure (3)
- CJ301 Constitutional Aspects of Criminal Justice (3)

Electives in Criminal Justice (6)

Applied Law Enforcement minor - 17 to 24 hrs.

Note: Students must be Criminal Justice Majors in order to have a minor in Applied Law Enforcement. Applied law enforcement hours that do not meet the standard norm for contact hours, 42-45 hours for one hour of credit, will not be accepted in transfer. See the Registrar for more information.

The Applied Law Enforcement minor consists of 17 to 24 hours of coursework in applied law enforcement including criminal investigation; victimology; corrections procedures; juvenile justice procedures; police operations; and probation and parole procedures. To earn the BS in Criminal Justice, transfer students with AS or AAS degrees from designated institutions must fulfill all of Central Methodist University's general education requirements and all of the specific requirements of CMU's criminal justice major.

Criminal Justice Courses

CJ100 Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 hours. The history, nature and function of the criminal justice system in America. Prerequisite: Freshman or Sophomore status, or by instructor's permission. Fall and Spring.

CJ190 Special Topics. 1-5 hours. Introductory course on a topic not included in the regular curriculum. Prerequisite: Instructor's permission.

CJ201 Police Organization and Management. 3 hours. Principles and practices common to the effective management of law enforcement agencies. Fall.

CJ202 Criminal Law. 3 hours. Origin, development and classification of the substantive criminal law defenses and criminal responsibility. Prerequisite: CJ100 or instructor's permission. Fall and Spring.

CJ203 History of Corrections and Penal Institutions. 3 hours. An historical analysis of the development of corrections and penal institutions in the United States and the influence of changing social philosophies on this development. Prerequisite: CJ100 or instructor's permission. Odd-numbered Springs.

CJ204 Global Crime. 3 hours. An examination of international crime operations including sea and air piracy, smuggling and terrorism. Cross-listed with PS204. Prerequisite: CJ100 or instructor's permission. Odd-numbered Falls.

CJ206 Criminal Investigation I. 3 hours. This class introduces the student majoring in Criminal Justice to the history and evolution of criminal investigation, the legal aspects of investigation, and basic crime-scene techniques including crime scene searches, photography and sketching, interviewing, the collection and preservation of physical evidence, and property crimes. Open only to Criminal Justice majors. Prerequisites: CJ202 with at least a "C," or instructor's permission. Fall.

CJ260 Special Problems. 1-5 hours. Independent study or research on a subject of interest to an individual student. Prerequisite: Instructor's permission.

CJ268 Internship and Field Experiences. 1-5 hours.

CJ270 Criminal Procedure. 3 hours. Survey of criminal procedure, those stipulations that guide detention, arrest, pretrial, trial, conviction and corrections, as well as other associated topics. The course forms a theoretical bridge between criminal and constitutional law. Prerequisites: CJ100 and CJ202 or instructor's permission. Fall.

CJ290 Special Topics. 1-5 hours. Intermediate-level course on a topic not included in the regular curriculum. Prerequisite: Instructor's permission.

CJ301 Constitutional Aspects of Criminal Justice. 3 hours. An examination of U.S. case law regarding the rights and privileges of criminal defendants with regard to electronic surveillance, entrapment, self-incrimination, plea bargaining, trial, double jeopardy and sentencing. Prerequisite: CJ 202 or instructor's permission. Spring.

CJ304 Capital Punishment. 3 hours. This survey class will address moral, constitutional, and legal considerations as well as issues of application of capital punishment in the United States. Prerequisite: CJ202 or instructor's permission. Odd-numbered Falls.

CJ306 Serial Crime and Profiling. 3 hours. This course is about reconstructing the serial offender's motives and intent by closely examining all evidence left by a perpetrator at a crime scene. This course is intended to provide students with the skills and information necessary to profile a broad array of serial crimes and will involve review and analysis of actual cases and crime scenes. Prerequisite: CJ202. Even-numbered Springs.

CJ308 American Constitutional Law and Judicial Process. 3 hours. Study of the leading American constitutional principles and major decisions of the Supreme Court. An analysis of the role played by judges and courts in public policy formation. Cross-listed with PS308. Prerequisite: PS101 or instructor's permission. Odd-numbered Springs.

CJ309 Law in American Society. 3 hours. A study of the role of law and legal institutions in the American system of justice. Cross-listed with PS309. Odd-numbered Falls.

CJ314 Social Deviance. 3 hours. Sociological approaches to deviance are reviewed and various forms of social deviance are examined as is the process involved in changing the status of a behavior from deviant to not and vice-versa. Cross-listed with SO314. Prerequisite: SO101. Odd-numbered Falls.

CJ315 Criminology. 3 hours. The nature, extent, causes, control and prevention of crime. Cross-listed with SO315. Spring.

CJ316 Criminal Investigation II. 3 hours. This class is a continuation of CJ206 Criminal Investigation I and addresses crimes against persons, drug crimes, and terrorism. Prerequisite: CJ206 with a grade of "C" or better. 10/11. Spring.

CJ318 Juvenile Justice. 3 hours. This course provides a comprehensive analysis of the juvenile justice system including the historical and philosophical roots of the system, sources of influence on youth development, the movement toward diversion and deinstitutionalization, police interaction, youth gangs, juvenile courts and due process, corrections and community intervention. This course also explores themes of abuse, neglect, status offenses, and delinquency. Prerequisite: CJ100. 10/11. Even-numbered Falls.

CJ330 Principles of Public Administration. 3 hours. Introductory survey of public administration with reference to organization, personnel management, financial administration, and administrative process. Cross-listed with PS330. Prerequisites: PS101 and Junior standing or instructor's permission.

CJ331 Research Design and Data Analysis in the Social Sciences. 3 hours. An introduction to research design, social measurement, analytic strategies and applied statistical techniques relevant to the interpretation of social phenomena. Cross-listed with HI/PS/PY/SO331. Fall and Spring.

CJ350 Policing in a Democracy. 3 hours. An examination of the relationship between law enforcement and American society with emphasis on the importance of police-community relations and the constitutional limits on law enforcement agencies. Prerequisite: CJ270. Spring.

CJ360 Special Problems. 1-5 hours. Independent study or research on a subject of interest to an individual student. Prerequisite: Instructor's permission.

CJ368 Internship and Field Experiences. 1-5 hours.

CJ390 Special Topics. 1-5 hours. Advanced course on a topic not included in the regular curriculum. Prerequisite: Instructor's permission.

CJ480 Senior Thesis. 3 hours. (Capstone) Seminar in which students complete the research and writing of a Senior thesis which must be successfully defended before the faculty of the Division of Social Sciences. Fall and Spring.