CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee).

CJ 500. Crime and Criminal Justice in the Cinema 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing.
Description: This course examines media representations of the criminal justice system in historical context and with global perspective to show the congruence and disparities between popular film and reality. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 505. International Terrorism 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: Investigation of international terrorism and terrorist organizations, focusing on causes, operations, organization, funding, threats and futures. Biological, chemical, nuclear and cyberspace terrorism are explored. Features of the impact of the media on terrorism, counter-terrorism, use of technology and prevention. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 507. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design 3 Units
Description: Introduction to the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Emphasis will be placed on opportunity theories of crime and their application as well as means through which crime can be prevented using the built environment to reduced crime opportunity. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 509. Crime Analysis 3 Units
Description: Crime analysis is a fairly new topic in criminal justice education. This course provides students with an opportunity to apply theory to crime data while learning introductory techniques of crime analysis and mapping. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 516. Juvenile Justice Issues 3 Units
Description: An interdisciplinary seminar. Focuses on issues pertinent to the criminal justice system that reflect conflicting perspectives. This course covers the juvenile justice system and related juvenile issues. Topics include an overview of the juvenile justice system, treatment and prevention programs, special areas and laws unique to juveniles, and other related topics. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 517. Gangs in America 3 Units
Description: One of the main purposes of this course is to examine one of the most polarizing, difficult to research topics in Criminal Justice: Gangs. By exploring these dynamics and connections, the course will address the history, research, legislation, and policy implications related to Gangs, and the criminal justice system's response to Gangs. This course is divided into four points: 1) Defining Gangs, and the Historical Perspective of Gangs 2) Theoretical Basis of Gangs and Gang Involvement 3) Current Gang Trends, and 4) Gang Prevention/Intervention. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 519. Domestic and Family Violence 3 Units
Description: A course addressing issues relating to family violence, includes examination of partner abuse, child abuse, and elder abuse throughout the life-course. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

CJ 520. Capital Punishment - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing or consent of instructor.
Description: Seminar of issues related to the death penalty, including: constitutional questions, the effect of death row incarceration, and public attitudes toward the death penalty. Research on Kentucky will be featured.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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CJ 521. White Collar Crime - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200 and CJ 305, or consent of instructor.
Description: A study of white collar and occupational crime. Course will focus on the concept, theoretical explanations, the extent and nature of various types of white collar and occupational crime in both public and private sectors.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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CJ 522. Serial & Mass Murder 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing or consent of instructor.
Description: Examination of serial murder and mass murder in the United States. Topics include serial murder and its relation to race and gender; the media and serial murder; and profiling. Mass murders, in which victims are killed within a few moments or hours, will also be examined. Topics include mass murder’s impact on communities; political and religious ideologies; specific institutions victimized by mass murder; and political, community, and law enforcement responses.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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CJ 523. Race and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of faculty.
Description: This course will study the dynamics of racial discrimination and racial disparity in the U.S. and how it affects the criminal justice system.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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CJ 530. Intro to Homeland Security 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: This course outlines the philosophy, purpose, and rationale for a separate governmental agency whose primary mission is focusing on domestic security. This course will also examine issues related to international and domestic terrorism and their effect(s) on trends in homeland security.

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CJ 531. Covert Operations in Policing 3 Units
Description: This course is an introduction to intelligence in policing and law enforcement with an emphasis on three key topics: 1) developing awareness and understanding of human intelligence (HUMINT) as a primary means of collecting information required to develop intelligence for solving, predicting, and hindering crime & criminal behavior; 2) developing skills in selecting and using analytical tools used by law enforcement intelligence and crime analysts: association and activities matrices, link analysis diagrams, social network analysis, pattern wheel analysis, mind mapping, concept map, and others; and 3) understanding the critical role of planning in law enforcement and the relationship between planning, operations and intelligence.

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CJ 576. Managing Organizational Performance 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of department chair.
Description: Examination of factors affecting the management of organizational performance. Designed to help participants develop conceptual diagnostic and problem solving skills required of strategic managers in contemporary law enforcement organizations. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 578. Criminal Justice Leadership - WR 3 Units
Description: Through the use of lectures and case studies (films), participants will be provided with a cognitive understanding of leadership that emphasizes the study of leadership models and theories. Study and evaluation of various leadership styles and processes.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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CJ 580. International Service Learning: Criminal Justice Seminar 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Approval of program director.
Description: Study of criminology and criminal justice with a cross cultural perspective. Comparative criminal justice research regarding particular problems and issues in the host country will be conducted and examined. Travel outside the U.S. required. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 596. Seminar in Criminal Justice 3 Units
Description: An interdisciplinary seminar. Focuses on issues pertinent to the criminal justice system that reflect conflicting perspectives.

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CJ 597. Ethics in Criminal Justice - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing or consent of instructor.
Description: A study of the need for ethics in criminal justice. The aims of ethics, ethical theories, ethical issues related to law making, law breaking and law enforcement.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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CJ 602. Criminal Justice History 3 Units
Description: A study of the historical development of criminal justice agencies in the United States. The origin and influence of various European concepts of criminal justice and how they relate to past and present ideas in the United States.

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CJ 605. Police and Society  
Description: An examination of the police function as a component of the political system in the United States. The manner in which police give substance to the political system and are formed by it in turn. The interaction of the police with other governmental institutions in the political system.

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CJ 606. Personnel Management in the Criminal Justice System  
Description: Focus is on contemporary personnel management problems confronting agencies in the criminal justice system. Both the historical and the theoretical developments of personnel management are analyzed. Alternatives to current management procedures and systems are presented.

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CJ 607. Seminar in Law and Justice  
Description: Study of the premises, theories and research in the study of the relationship between law, society and justice. Emphasis is on the classics as well as selected modern and contemporary research.

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CJ 609. Economic Analysis of Crime  
Description: A study of the economic scope of crime. The role of illegal gambling, loan sharking, labor racketeering, and legitimate business infiltration. The cost of crimes against property. The economic characteristic of high crime jurisdictions. Preventive programs and their costs.

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CJ 610. Theoretical Foundation of Corrections  
Description: A study of the psychological, sociological, political, and economic factors which contributed to the concept of corrections. The evolution of correctional thought and its role in contemporary and future reforms.

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CJ 611. Critical Issues in Corrections  
Description: In-depth examination of contemporary issues in sentencing and corrections in our society. Particular emphasis will be given to best practices: recent policies and programs that have been developed to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of sentencing and corrections within our society.

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CJ 612. Criminal Justice Administration: Police  
Description: An examination of the functions of police in society; principles of law enforcement organizations, administration, policy formulation, and management of personnel; statutory limitations on authority and jurisdiction.

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CJ 613. Advanced Comparative Criminal Justice  
Description: In-depth examination of international legal systems and their related criminal justice systems including analysis of patterns of international crime and global criminal justice issues.

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CJ 614. Seminar in Policing  
Description: In-depth examination of contemporary issues facing police in our society. Particular emphasis will be given to police innovation: recent policies and programs that have been developed to enhance the police function of crime prevention (societal protection) and community relations (service).

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CJ 621. The Criminal Justice System  
Description: A study of the criminal justice system in the United States. A systems approach to the study of criminal justice and the interrelationships of the various components of the system. Social and political issues related to the criminal justice system are examined in depth.

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CJ 625. Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice Management  
Description: Examination of the legal issues within criminal justice management, the effects of constitutional provisions, statutes, ordinances, and judicial decisions on justice administration. A discussion of the legal aspects of selection, promotion, assignment, and termination of justice employees.

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CJ 626. Emergency Management  
Description: This course is an overview of emergency management in the United States and will focus on the four phases of the emergency management process: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

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CJ 627. Computer and Cyber Crime  
Description: This course examines advanced legal, policy and technical issues of computer, digital and electronic crime, including issues with digital & computational forensics, information security and privacy. Class participation, writing and oral presentations will be integral components of the course.

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CJ 630. Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience  
Description: This course will address U.S. key infrastructures and assets, potential threats to these, their major vulnerabilities, methods used to assess these vulnerabilities and current U.S. policy pertaining to infrastructure and asset protection.

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CJ 643. Theories of Crime and Delinquency 3 Units
Description: A study of the psychological and sociological factors involved in criminal and delinquent behavior. The relationship of theory to the prevention and control of crime, treatment of offenders and administration of respective criminal justice agencies. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 644. Seminar in Juvenile Justice 3 Units
Description: Theoretical and empirical study of the etiology, distribution and extent of delinquency; problems involved in measuring delinquency; role of the police, courts and legal statutes; critical examination of treatment and prevention programs. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 649. Applied Statistics in Criminal Justice 3 Units
Description: Focuses on the use of statistical techniques in criminal justice. Emphasis on the application and interpretation of the statistics. Utilization of statistical application computer systems. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 650. Research Methods 3 Units
Description: The application of quantitative and qualitative analyses in criminal justice research. The concepts of validity, hypothesis, reliability, measurement, sampling, quasi-experimental construction, errors in reasoning, and statistics and approaches to the problems of the conduct of stringent and useful research. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 652. Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): CJ 625 or instructor consent.
Description: An in depth study of the US Constitution and US Supreme Court including history, structure and application of Constitutional rights and privileges. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 653. Communities and Crime 3 Units
Description: This course explores community-level theory and research within criminology. We will trace the development of community-level criminological theory and research from the work of Shaw and McKay to the work of contemporary scholars. Our tracing of this development will involve exploration of theoretical and methodological issues such as: the conceptualization and measurement of social disorganization, structural versus cultural effects in community models, social versus physical environmental effects, the role of community disorder in community crime models, the role of fear in community crime models, macro-level interactions within community-level models of crime, and use of theoretical integration and multi-level models in community crime research. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 655. International Perspectives on Violence 3 Units
Description: The course will discuss violence as a global phenomenon and will attempt to determine what is universal and what varies when cross-cultural comparisons of violent criminal behavior are made. In addition, the course will focus on the effects of globalization on the criminal justice field and will discuss important issues related to international crime, international law, and international law enforcement. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 656. Crime Mapping 3 Units
Description: This course will investigate theories, concepts, principles, and tools involved in better understanding crime incidents and crime patterns. Included will be weekly lab work following step-by-step tutorials that will provide students with a working knowledge of mapping software. Analyzing and interpreting a high-frequency Louisville crime problem and identifying police-based crime prevention techniques from the literature will be the subject of a final research project. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 657. Seminar in Juvenile Justice 3 Units
Description: Theoretical and empirical study of the etiology, distribution and extent of delinquency; problems involved in measuring delinquency; role of the police, courts and legal statutes; critical examination of treatment and prevention programs. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 658. Directed Studies/Readings 1-6 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of chair.
Description: Independent study or research project under the direction of a member of the faculty. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 665. Special Topics in Justice and Criminology 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of chair and instructor.
Description: Study of contemporary issues concerning the philosophy, management, and operations of criminal justice agencies. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 667. Professional Paper 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of chair.
Description: Preparation of a paper of publishable quality based on research under the direction of a faculty member. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 669. Thesis 1-6 Units
Prerequisite(s): Consent of chair.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
CJ 703. Criminal Justice System Planning
Description: Overview of planning theory, techniques and strategies within the criminal justice system.
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CJ 740. Seminar in Crime Prevention and Social Control
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Study of the history, theory and practice of crime prevention and social control.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 745. Advanced Criminal Behavior
Description: Advanced study of various theoretical perspectives in the study of crime, criminal behavior and criminal justice.
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CJ 748. Seminar in Criminal Justice Program Planning & Evaluation
Prerequisite(s): Restricted to doctoral students.
Description: This course features: an introduction to the theory and practice of criminal justice planning, their strengths and weaknesses, the application of social scientific research methods to determine the effectiveness of criminal justice programs, analysis of reports of evaluative research and the preparation and analysis of evaluation research reports.
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CJ 749. Advanced Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice
Description: In-depth analysis of logic and uses of advanced research methods. Emphasis will be given to the use of quantitative research techniques, fundamentals, and perspectives of modern statistical techniques used in criminal justice research.
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CJ 750. Field Research in Criminal Justice
Description: Development of expertise in understanding, planning, conducting and evaluating qualitative research methodologies. Special attention will be given to applying data collection and analysis techniques to social science investigations of crime and criminal justice processes.
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CJ 751. Advanced Statistical Computer Applications for Criminal Justice
Description: The study of advanced statistical computer applications for research within criminal justice.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

CJ 752. Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice
Description: Research methods used in the analysis of criminal justice research. Quantitative and qualitative techniques, experimental and quasi-experimental design, data sources in the public sector, the use of data bases in the development and implementation of criminal justice evaluation.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.
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CJ 795. Criminal Justice Qualifying Project
Prerequisite(s): Completion of CJ PhD core curriculum; doctoral students only.
Description: Analysis of qualitative or quantitative data set and production of a manuscript suitable for publication.
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CJ 798. Mentored Research in Criminal Justice
Note: May be repeated for a maximum of six hours.
Description: Independent research project conducted under the guidance of and in collaboration with a member of the Justice Administration research faculty.
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CJ 799. Dissertation Research in Criminal Justice
Description: Dissertation research project under the direction of faculty committee.
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