

CRIMINOLOGY COURSES (CRIM)

CRIM 241 **CRIMINOLOGY (3)** This course is a sociological analysis of the nature and extent of criminal behavior in the United States and around the world. It reviews the past and current theories that attempt to explain the causes of criminal behavior. In addition, society's response to crime, the criminal justice system, and its various components are examined.

CRIM 243 **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (3)** The course examines the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency in the United States and other modern societies. It explores how juvenile delinquency differs from adult criminal behavior in its legal status, causes, and the ways society reacts to it. The juvenile justice system and its various components are examined.

CRIM 244 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS (3)** This course presents a sociological analysis of the various practices and institutions that modern societies have created to deal with criminal behavior. The practices examined include probation, other community-based techniques, jail, prison, parole, and capital punishment. The consequences and effectiveness of each are analyzed.

CRIM 301 **COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3)** *Prerequisite: CRIM 244.* This course examines the world's major criminal justice systems. In particular it analyzes the effects of history, culture

and politics on the policies and operations of law enforcement, judicial and correctional institutions in common law, civil law, Islamic and socialist legal systems.

CRIM 320 VICTIMOLOGY (3) *Prerequisite: CRIM 241.* Victimology will provide a comprehensive overview of the process of victimization throughout our society. This course will also discuss the history of victimization, theories of victimization, and various categories of victimization, stratification and victim typologies. Specific topics will include the scope of victimization, restorative justice, victims' rights, child abuse, elder abuse, international sex trafficking, and domestic violence.

CRIM 397 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN CRIMINOLOGY (1-3) *Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and school dean; junior or senior standing.* This course provides students the opportunity to pursue individual study of topics not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty sponsor and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

CRIM 398 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY (1-3) [credit depends on topic] *Prerequisite: A background of work in the discipline.* This course will focus on an aspect of the discipline not otherwise covered by the regularly offered courses. The topic will vary according to professor and term; consequently, more than one may be taken by a student during his/her enrollment.

CRIM 399 INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINOLOGY (1-12) *Prerequisites: Juniors or seniors with a 2.25 minimum QPA; approval of written proposal by internship coordinator, supervising faculty, and School Dean prior to registration.* This internship provides the student with a supervised work experience in a setting in which criminology is applied. Examples of work setting include, but are not limited to, law enforcement agencies, correctional agencies, and social service departments. Internships are developed by the student with the assistance from the criminology staff and/or the internship coordinator. (See "Internships.")

CRIM 430 SENIOR RESEARCH CAPSTONE (3) *Prerequisite: SOCI 372.* This course is designed to be the capstone course in which the student, utilizing substantive and methodological knowledge accumulated through previous course work, will develop and test relevant research questions related to crime theories. The course culminates with the writing and presentation of a formal research paper.