Criminal Justice  
Courses of Instruction

**CJ 101 Justice and Society.** This introduction to the study of crime and justice includes theories and methodologies from a variety of social science disciplines. The course also provides an introduction to the study of social control and to the origins of crime at individual, structural, and cultural levels. Fulfills Foundation - Social and Behavioral Sciences.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 201 Criminology.** An analysis of crime, criminal behavior, punishment, and the theories of deviancy from historical perspectives.

*Prerequisites: CJ 101 (may be taken concurrently). Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 300 Research Methods.** This course involves an examination of basic investigatory methods in criminal justice. Focus is on the logic and theory of criminological research, the formulation and testing of hypotheses, research design, sampling, modes of data production, and the ethics of conducting research in criminology and criminal justice.

*Prerequisite: STA 215, CJ or LS major, and junior standing. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 302 Criminal Law.** The sources, specific and general elements, and limitations of modern criminal laws, and the role of criminal law in the definition and control of deviant behavior in contemporary society.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 305 Constitutional Rights and Civil Liberties.** Survey of the nature and extent of protection of civil liberties and civil rights of the accused under the U.S. Constitution through examination of landmark Supreme Court decisions.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 311 Criminal Investigation.** Modern police field investigative techniques in collection and preservation of physical evidence and interrogation and preparation of formal statements of witnesses and suspects.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

**CJ 312 Police Processes.** Functions of law enforcement and the roles of the police in contemporary society. Study of the police from several perspectives: historical, sociological, psychological, organizational, and political. Issues, research, and trends pertinent to law enforcement organizations.

*Prerequisite: CJ 201. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*
CJ 315 **Principles of Security.** An in-depth analysis of the historical perspectives, current status components, and opportunities in private security. Special emphasis is placed on technology, internal and external threats, and fire prevention and safety.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall semester.*

CJ 320 **Crimes Against Women.** An in-depth study of crimes committed almost exclusively against women. Such crimes include sexual harassment, rape, and certain types of murder. The course is taught within the framework of feminist theory and research. Cross-listed with WGS 320.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall semester.*


*Prerequisite: Junior standing. Three credits. Offered winter semester.*

CJ 330 **Correctional Process.** An examination and discussion of the American correctional process with emphasis on correctional institutions, inmate social system, institutional, and community programs and procedures, probation, parole, and contemporary issues.

*Prerequisite: CJ 201. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

CJ 340 **Courts Process.** An examination of the federal, state, and juvenile court systems in the United States, emphasizing comparison of civil and criminal court systems; the roles and responsibilities of the legal actors; the dynamics of courthouse justice from pre-trial through post-conviction processes; and historical and contemporary challenges to judicial branch authority.

*Prerequisite: CJ 201. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

CJ 355 **Youth Culture and Crime.** The study of the emergence of youth subcultures over the course of the 20th century and its relationship to issues of crime and delinquency. Special attention will be given to the social and cultural context of youth, including the family, neighborhood, media drugs, gangs, guns, race, class, and gender roles.

*Prerequisite: None. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*

CJ 360 **Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program.** An analysis of contemporary issues in criminal justice and corrections. Class is held inside a prison and allows for interaction between GVSU students and inmates in order for them to study and learn together. Special focus is placed on topics relevant to offending and corrections. Offered fall semester.

*Prerequisite: CJ major or minor, CJ 330, GPA of 2.8 or above, instructor permission. Three credits. Offered fall semester.*
CJ 370 Environmental Crime and Justice. This course examines environmental crime, the laws designed to prevent and/or mitigate it, enforcement of those laws, and the relationship between race, class, and exposure to environmental harm around the world.

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Three credits. Offered winter semester.

CJ 400 Qualitative Methods. This course examines qualitative methods focusing primarily on participant-observation, asking questions, writing field notes, and the transformation of these primary field data into written ethnographic documents. Students will also explore unstructured and semistructured interviewing, direct observation, open-ended survey questions, and sampling from preexisting texts. Required for B.S. cognate in criminal justice.

Prerequisite: CJ 300 and junior status. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.

CJ 405 Terrorism. A survey of modern domestic and international terrorism. Examines the structure and dynamics of terrorist groups, types of terrorist violence, and justification of violence. Analyses of geographical regions, religion, ideology, technology, counter measures, media, and mass destruction. Fulfills one of the Themes requirements.

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Three credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.

CJ 408 White-Collar and Corporate Crime. An overview of the types, causes and implications of white collar and corporate crime, and examines the political, physical and financial harm caused by wayward corporations, corporate officials and employees. Emphasis is placed on ethical and legal decision-making and regulatory monitoring and control of white collar and corporate activity.

Prerequisite: Junior status. Three credits. Offered winter semester of even-numbered years.

CJ 420 Juvenile Correctional Counseling. This class is designed to provide education and practice strategies for establishing rapport, gathering information, conducting assessment, modifying delinquent youths emotional state and maladaptive behaviors, assessing suicide risk, and making referrals. Specific techniques in addition to understanding specific counseling paradigms used with resistant and delinquent youth will be explored.

Prerequisite: Junior status. Three credits. Offered winter semester.

CJ 442 Victimology. Examines patterns, current practice and trends concerning crime victims, including the role of victims in crime, their treatment by the criminal justice system, victims blaming arguments, victims decisions to report crimes and help prosecute offenders, victim assistance programs, victim compensation and restitution, and victim empowerment.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing. Three credits. Offered fall semester of even-numbered years.

CJ 464 Security Management. An in-depth analysis of critical issues in the administration and supervision of private security organizations with an emphasis on the related legal issues.

Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing. Three credits. Offered winter semester.
CJ 482 Culture, Crime, and Justice. An exploration of the relationships between culture, crime, and justice that seeks to increase students' cultural competence in relation to the administration of justice and the justice professions.

*Prerequisite CJ 201 and junior standing. Three credits. Offered fall semester.*

CJ 490 Criminal Justice Internship. Internship in local agencies with individual faculty supervision to apply academic knowledge to actual and professional experience. May be repeated for up to nine credits.

*Prerequisite: Junior or senior status and permission of internship coordinator. One to nine credits. Offered each semester.*

CJ 495 Issues in Criminal Justice (Capstone). A capstone course that will entail readings and discussion on contemporary criminal justice issues, ethics, and trends resulting in a senior paper/project.

*Prerequisite: CJ 201 and senior status. One to nine credits. Offered fall and winter semesters.*