Course Description

Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

C J 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
A survey of the various components of the criminal justice system.

C J 2113 Policing in America
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
The roles of police as they relate to modern culture and society.

C J 2123 Corrections
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
Analysis of the roles and functions of corrections including institutions as well as community corrections.

C J 2133 Criminal Justice Ethics
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
Examines the history and theory of ethics and its application to the field of criminal justice. Emphasis on the ethical standards and the implications of ethical violations for criminal justice professionals.

C J 2143 Juvenile Justice
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
Structure and processes of the juvenile justice system.

C J 2283 Research Methods in the Social Sciences
(same as PSCI 2283)
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
An overview of social science research methodology focusing on creating research designs, developing appropriate measures, creating testable hypotheses, and developing research skills.

C J 2293 Law and Society (same as PSCI 2293)
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: C J 1013 and PSCI 2213
Examines the courts, law, and the legal system including law and politics, judicial philosophy and biography.
C J 3233 Criminal Law  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 1013  
Basic principles of substantive criminal law including defenses, elements of various crimes, and consideration of the Arkansas criminal code.

C J 3243 Constitutional Criminal Procedure (same as PSCI 3413)  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisites: C J 1013 and PSCI 2213  
Analysis of procedural limitations on law enforcement and in the prosecution of crimes; emphasizes cases dealing with the fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth amendments.

C J 3263 Criminalistics  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 1013  
crime scene techniques. Students will gain a basic knowledge of these techniques as well as practical experience with various types of evidence.

C J 3313 Statistics for Social Sciences (same as PSCI 3313)  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 2283/PSCI 2283 or instructor’s permission  
Introduction to use and interpretation of statistics in the social sciences.

C J 3353 Probation and Parole  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 1013  
Analysis of the systems of probation and parole, including current court cases and trends in corrections.

C J 3613 Criminal Investigation and Evidence  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 1013  
Analysis of criminal investigation procedures; rules pertaining to collection and presentation of evidence.

C J 374V Field Study in Criminal Justice (same as PSCI 374V)  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisite: C J 1013 or PSCI 2213  
A field study consisting of travel, observation, and study of different legal and political institutions and agencies. May be repeated for a maximum total of 12 hours either in criminal justice exclusively or a maximum total of 12 hours combined with PSCI 374V.

C J 4373 Criminology (same as SOC 4373)  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture  
Prerequisites C J 1013 and SOC 2213  
Theories of the nature and causes of crime, and analyses of various kinds of crimes.

C J 4383 Principles of Administration (same as PSCI 3433)  
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: C J 1013 and PSCI 2213
Nature of bureaucratic organization and changing themes in organizational theory; fiscal and personnel policy; public unions and collective bargaining; leadership, communication, and motivation.

C J 4393 Victimology
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: C J 1013, junior or Senior standing or approval of instructor
Examines the literature, research, and current trends concerning the victim and the criminal justice system. Emphasis on victim rights and compensation, measurement of victimization, and the impact of victimization on the individual.

C J 4403 Seminar in Criminal Justice
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 1013
Selected topics in the field of criminal justice, with readings, class discussions, and travel to state criminal justice agencies. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 hours credit.

C J 4413 Drugs in Society (same as SOC 4513)
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: C J 1013, junior or Senior standing, or approval of instructor
An overview of the drug problem in the U.S. including an analysis of both legal and illegal drugs commonly abused. Emphasis on the criminal justice system’s response to the use, possession, and distribution of illicit drugs in our society.

C J 4493 Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (same as PSCI 4493)
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: C J 2293 or PSCI 2293
Focuses on citizen’s fundamental rights and how decisions made within the Federal Court system have affected those rights and liberties.

C J 479V Independent Study in Criminal Justice
Variable Credit
Consult the Independent Study Courses subheading in the Academic Regulations section of this catalog for prerequisites and description.

C J 489V Internship
Variable Credit
Prerequisites: C J 1013, Junior standing or instructor’s permission Supervised learning experience in a criminal justice agency. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours of credit.