COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: Law, Public Safety, and Security

Criminal Justice (CRJ)

CIP CODE 43.0103

Title: Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration.

Definition: A program that prepares individuals to apply theories and practices of organization management and criminal justice to the administration of public law enforcement agencies and operations. Includes instruction in law enforcement history and theory, operational command leadership, administration of public police organizations, labor relations, incident response strategies, legal and regulatory responsibilities, budgeting, public relations, and organizational leadership.

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Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course surveys the entire criminal justice process from law enforcement to the administration of justice through corrections. It discusses the history and philosophy of the system and introduces various career opportunities.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course examines the history and philosophy of law enforcement, as well as the organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal agencies. It includes the duties and functions of law enforcement officers.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course provides an introduction to the philosophical and historical foundations of corrections in America. Incarceration and some of its alternatives are considered.
This course surveys the operation, organization and problems in providing safety and security to business enterprises. Private, retail, and industrial security are covered.

This course studies the duties, and responsibilities of the uniformed police patrol. It emphasizes the importance of patrol functions and includes principles, methods, procedures and resources used in police patrol operations.

This course discusses the role of the police officer in achieving and maintaining public support. It includes public information, juvenile relations, public relations, service, and mobilizing community involvement and cooperation.

This course provides an introduction to the basic elements of substantive and procedural law, and the stages in the judicial process. It includes an overview of state and federal court structure.

This course examines both substantive and procedural law. The legal elements of various crimes are discussed, with emphasis placed on the contents of the Alabama Code. Areas of criminal procedure essential to the criminal justice profession are also covered.
Criminal Evidence

Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course considers the origins of the law of evidence and current rules of evidence. Types of evidence, their definitions and uses are covered, as well as the functions of the court regarding evidence.

Constitutional Law

Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course involves constitutional law as it applies to criminal justice. It includes recent Supreme Court decisions affecting criminal justice professionals, such as right to counsel, search and seizure, due process and civil rights.

Introduction to DNA in Criminalistics

Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course is designed as a three-hour course within the criminalistics curriculum. There is no additional laboratory, however class participation will involve in-class laboratory procedures.

Correctional Institutions

Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course examines correctional institutions and their functions. Topics covered include prison facilities, programs, and the effects of incarceration.

Community-Based Corrections

Course Description

PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course examines various forms of community corrections and alternative sentences. Probation, parole, halfway houses, work release, community service, electronic monitoring, and camps are among the programs considered.
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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course surveys the legal foundations, regulations, training, and other issues in private security. Typical offenses, laws, and law enforcement strategies common in the field are covered. Methods of loss prevention are examined.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course analyzes the security requirements for public or private industrial and commercial facilities. Physical security, loss prevention, and classified operations are included.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course provides an understanding of the security implications of international programs, commercial sales, the inter-relationship of the information disclosure and technology transfer, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, and the Export Administration Regulations.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course introduces the student to sound security management theories, principles, budgeting, communications, and education.

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PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course provides an overview of the protection of people, property, and facilities through the use of security forces, systems, and procedures.
This course deals with the identification of assets, threats, and vulnerabilities, and the development of countermeasures.

This course analyzes criminal and deviant behavior systems. An emphasis is placed on sociological and psychological theories of crime causation.

This course surveys the history and development of drug abuse in society. Theories of drug abuse, identification and classification of drugs are covered. Strategies for combating the drug problem are discussed.

This course looks at the principles and techniques of dealing with the detained offender. Topics include searching, transporting, interviewing, and counseling.

This course delves into the nature and extent of crime in the United States, as well as criminal delinquent behavior and theories of causation. This study includes criminal personalities, principles of prevention, control, and treatment.
CRJ 209  Juvenile Delinquency  3  0  3  
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: SOC 200 and/or as required by program

This course examines the causes of delinquency. It also reviews programs of prevention, and control of juvenile delinquency as well as the role of the courts.

CRJ 212  Correctional Counseling Techniques  3  0  3  
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course focuses on the basic concepts of influencing human behavior. Theories of individual and group counseling are emphasized, as well as some of the barriers faced in dealing with the public offender.

CRJ 216  Police Organization and Administration  3  0  3  
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course examines the principles of organization and administration of law enforcement agencies. Theories of management, budgeting, and various personnel issues are covered.

CRJ 217  Report Writing  3  0  3  
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course reviews the various types of police reports, including incident, investigative, progress, and others. The course analyzes the different forms of written communications used in law enforcement.

CRJ 218  Traffic Control  3  0  3  
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course is designed to teach the student traffic safety planning, traffic law enforcement, regulation and control. The Alabama Motor Vehicle Code is examined.
CRJ 219  Firearms  3  0  3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course covers the moral implications, legal provisions, safety precautions, and restrictions governing the use of firearms. The use of sidearms and riot guns with stationary and combat targets is explored.

CRJ 220  Criminal Investigation  3  0  3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course discusses the role of the police officer in achieving and maintaining public support. It includes public information, juvenile relations, public relations, service, and mobilizing community involvement and cooperation.

CRJ 222  Introduction to Forensic Psychology  3  0  3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course is designed to enhance the students’ understanding of forensic psychology, as it applies to the areas of law enforcement, criminal justice and human behavior.

CRJ 226  Fingerprint Science  3  0  3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course involves the history, classification, and current procedures of handling latent fingerprints. Latent print examination, filing, and courtroom presentations are considered.

CRJ 227  Homicide Investigation  3  0  3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course covers the principles, techniques and strategies of homicide investigation. Topics emphasized include ballistics, pathology, toxicology, immunology, jurisprudence, and psychiatry.
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CRJ  236  Advanced Criminalistics   3   0   3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course covers the collection, handling, and analysis of evidence from crime scene to laboratory to courtroom. Topics include hair, fibers, body fluids, firearms, glass, paint, drugs, documents, etc. Laboratory experiences may be utilized.

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CRJ  237  Forensic Photography   3   0   3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course analyzes the principles, techniques, and uses of forensic photography in criminal investigation. Emphasis is placed on basic camera operation and mechanics, crime scene photography, and rules of photographic evidence.

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CRJ  238  Crime Scene Investigation 3   0   3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course examines the fundamentals of crime scene investigation. Measuring and sketching the scene, photography, evidence collection and preservation, and courtroom procedures are considered.

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CRJ  239  Issues in Law Enforcement 3   0   3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course involves research, writing, and discussion of selected subjects relating to law enforcement. An analysis of contemporary police problems is provided.

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CRJ  256  Correctional Rehabilitation 3   0   3
Course Description
PREREQUISITE: As required by program

This course surveys the different methods used in the rehabilitation of public offenders. Topics include individual and group counseling, education, recreation, religion, drug treatment, and vocational programs.
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This course involves research, writing, and discussion of selected subjects relating to corrections. An analysis of contemporary problems in corrections is provided.

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This course involves practical experience with a criminal justice agency under faculty supervision. Permission of the instructor is required. This course may be repeated with the approval of the department head. CRJ 280 is a variable credit hour course with 1-3 theory credit hours for a total of 1-3 credit hours.

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This course involves reading, research, writing, and discussion of selected subjects relating to criminal justice. Various contemporary problems in criminal justice are analyzed. This course may be repeated with approval from the department head. CRJ 290 is a variable credit hour course with 1-3 theory credit hours for a total of 1-3 credit hours.