CRIMINAL JUSTICE - CRJ

CRJ 227 Criminal Justice I  3 Credits
Focuses on the nature and extent of crime, policing, and court system including constitutional rights and trial process.
Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences)
Offered: fall.

CRJ 228 Criminal Justice II  3 Credits
Examines sentencing, corrections, juvenile court, drug court, and global crime issues.
Offered: spring.

CRJ 250 Criminal Law and Procedure  3 Credits
The substantive criminal law, including offenses against persons, property and public morality with emphasis on New York State Penal Law. Criminal responsibility and defenses. In addition key Supreme Court decisions on the criminal justice related constitutional amendments (4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments). Finally, Appeals and post-conviction relief will be discussed.
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 & CRJ 228.
Offered: every fall.

CRJ 280 Language for Legal Professions  3 Credits
Explores the use of language in the administration of law, including ways to read and brief cases and to read statutes.
Fulfills College Core: Justice, Oral Communication
Offered: spring.

CRJ 300 Special Topics in Criminal Justice  3 Credits
Critical examination of a selected topic in criminal justice. Subject matter determined by the instructor.

CRJ 325 Restorative Justice and the Administration of Justice  3 Credits
Examination into issues of race, gender and social class in criminal justice policies and professional discretion. Restorative justice practices will be explored to mitigate the harm to society from discriminatory practices in the administration of justice.
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Offered: every spring.

CRJ 330 Current Issues in Forensic Psychology  3 Credits
Application of the science of psychology to questions and issues relating to criminal law and the criminal justice system. Topics discussed include competency to stand trial, assessment of mental state for an insanity plea, and prediction of violence and assessment of risk.
Prerequisites: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Offered: spring.

CRJ 336 Drug Treatment Courts  3 Credits
Examination of drug prohibition and the administration of diversonal treatment courts and other treatment of drug offenders.
Offered: occasionally.

CRJ 337 Violence and the Family  3 Credits
How family dynamics can contain elements that give rise to violence, including ‘battered women’ and abused children.
Offered: fall & spring.

CRJ 344 Violent Crime in American  3 Credits
Examination into the theories that cause violent crime and behavior. Analysis into the factors attributed to violence - mental illness, racism, poverty, and interpersonal relationships.

CRJ 345 Gangs in American Society  3 Credits
Examines the theoretical causes for the growth of gangs; including youth and criminal gangs. Topics include the social theories, measurement, and solutions.
CRJ 455 Criminology 3 Credits
Classical and contemporary theories of criminal behavior and the role of theory in the criminal justice system. Explanations for why crime occurs, understanding of criminal behavior and its impact on society. Students will be produce a policy analysis research paper that will explore criminal justice policies, criminal theory and justice theories. 
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Offered: every fall & spring.

CRJ 461 Criminal Justice Capstone 1 Credit
Integrating experience for majors; focus is on demonstrating proficiency in the discipline and preparation for post-graduate studies or employment. Required for class of 2017 and beyond.
Offered: spring.

CRJ 498 Criminal Justice Internship 3-15 Credits
Opportunity for selected students to participate in daily work of law enforcement agencies, courts, law firms, and social service agencies. Students must apply the semester before they take the internship.
Prerequisite: minimum GPA of 3.0, junior or senior status, & signature of major advisor.
Offered: fall & spring.

CRJ 499 Independent Study 3 Credits
Independent studies allow in-depth study of a specific topic and are most often reserved for seniors who cannot otherwise fulfill a graduation requirement. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.
Offered: fall & spring.