CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC SCIENCE (CJFS)

CJFS 1500 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 s.h.
Overview of the American criminal justice process with emphasis on its constituent foundations, its constitutional limits, and the rights of the individual from arrest through sentencing and release.
Gen Ed: Social Science.

CJFS 1510 Survey of Forensic Sciences 3 s.h.
Overview of history, evolution, and current status. Discussion of training, education, certification, accreditation, and legal issues. Designed to be accessible to students without a science background and provide an introduction to forensic science for those considering further studies.

CJFS 2601 Policing 3 s.h.
The evolution, structure, and function of modern police organizations; the role of police in a democratic society; the impact of social, political, and economic influences; contemporary practices and controversies.
Prereq.: CJFS 1500.

CJFS 2602 Criminal Courts 3 s.h.
Structure and function of criminal courts in American society, perceptions of national commissions; organization, administration, and caseload relationships with appropriate social agencies.
Prereq.: CJFS 1500 or permission of instructor.

CJFS 2603 Corrections 3 s.h.
Development and description of the American correctional systems’ history and philosophy; the constitutional foundations of its control, and the rights of those within it. Overview of treatment approaches.
Prereq.: CJFS 1500.

CJFS 3700 Forensic Fire and Explosives Investigation 3 s.h.
Principles of fire science including fire detection, suppression, and investigation of both fire and explosion scenes. Special emphasis on concepts of fire progression, cause and origin determinations, arson investigation, and bombings.
Prereq.: CJFS 1500 or CJFS 1510.

CJFS 3702 Correctional Strategies 4 s.h.
Contemporary theory, practice, and research findings in the administration of juvenile and adult corrections. Community-based programs, including probation/parole/post-release control; institutional resources examined within the perspectives of prevention, control, and rehabilitation of the criminal offender. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJFS 2603.
Concurrent with: CJFS 3702L.

CJFS 3702L Correctional Strategies Laboratory 2 s.h.
Contact, observation, and on-site examination and comparison of community programs and institutional facilities. On-site 6 hours per week for 7 weeks (students are divided into two groups). Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJFS 2603.
Concurrent with: CJFS 3702.

CJFS 3710 Social Statistics 3 s.h.
Measurement and interpretation of social data by use of descriptive techniques.
Prereq.: CJFS 1500.
Cross-listed: SOC 3701.

CJFS 3712 Criminal Justice Research 3 s.h.
Analysis of the major components of social research, including research design, sampling, measurement, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of findings.
Prereq.: CJFS 3710 or STAT 2601 or equivalent.

CJFS 3714 Forensic Science: Crime Scene Investigation 2 s.h.
An introduction to the legal and practical aspects of crime scene investigation. Emphasis on the value of physical evidence and the skills and tools needed to recognize, collect and preserve physical evidence found at a crime scene.
Prereq.: CJFS 1510 and sophomore standing.
Concurrent with: CJFS 3714L.

CJFS 3714L Forensic Science: Crime Scene Investigation Laboratory 1 s.h.
Laboratory section designed to teach the practical skills employed by criminalists collecting evidence at a crime scene. Students will gain experience using tools, techniques and procedures required to recognize and collect evidence by completing practical exercises.
Prereq.: CJFS 1510 and sophomore standing.

CJFS 3715 Criminal Justice Management Concepts 3 s.h.
Modern criminal justice management theory; organizational behavior, organizational development, personnel management, executive decision making, supervision problems. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJFS 2601 or CJFS 2602 or CJFS 2603.

CJFS 3716 Forensic Science Evidence Analysis 2 s.h.
Serves as an introduction to the techniques, instrumentation and procedures used in the examination and analysis of physical evidence in a forensic laboratory setting and the legal aspects regarding the use of laboratory reports in the investigation process.
Prereq.: CJFS 3714, CJFS 3714L.
Concurrent with: CJFS 3716L.

CJFS 3716L Forensic Science Evidence Analysis Laboratory 1 s.h.
Laboratory section designed to familiarize students with instrumentation that is commonly used in the examination and analysis of physical evidence. Students will gain experience with the tools, techniques and procedures used for examining physical evidence through practical exercises.
Prereq.: CJFS 3714, CJFS 3714L.

CJFS 3718 Family Law 3 s.h.
Fundamental elements of family law, including premarital contracts, traditional and nontraditional marriages and families, procreation rights, legitimacy and paternity, adoption, divorce and separation, property division and support, custody and termination of parental rights, juvenile law, intra-family tort liability and domestic violence.
Prereq.: SOC 1500.
Cross-listed: CHFM 3718.

CJFS 3719 Criminal Law 3 s.h.
Development, theories, and purposes of criminal law; elements of a crime, parties to a crime.
Prereq.: CJFS 2602.

CJFS 3720 Legal Research 3 s.h.
In-depth study and legal research of case law, statutes, rules and regulations at the federal and state levels. Emphasis on how to find and use primary and secondary authority, how to conduct legal research, in-depth legal writing in areas such as torts, contracts, real estate, and criminal law.
Prereq.: CJFS 2602 or permission.

CJFS 3721 Evidence 3 s.h.
Admissibility of evidence, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, opinion evidence, circumstantial evidence, documentary evidence, presumptions, corpus delicti, and evidentiary privileges. Must be a Criminal Justice or Forensic Science major.
Prereq.: CJFS 2602.

CJFS 3735 Crime and Delinquency 3 s.h.
Study of the social context of crime in society, including a review of historical theories offered in explanation of criminal behavior. Review of social and psychological factors underlying delinquency, touching on treatment and preventive measures.
Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CJFS 3736.
CJFS 3736 Criminal Victimization 3 s.h.
Dynamics of the victim-offender relationships within the Criminal Justice System. Review of advocacy programs including information on victim compensation/assistance programs. Examination of society’s attitudes towards victims. Review of current laws advocating for compensation of crime victims.
Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

CJFS 3740 Criminal Justice Information Systems 3 s.h.
Information theory and practice applied to criminal justice agencies; automated systems in policing, courts, and corrections at the federal, state, and local levels; problems and constitutional constraints. Microcomputer and Internet assignments.
Prereq.: CJJS 1500.

CJFS 3751 Prevention Strategies 3 s.h.
Concepts and strategies of crime prevention, the protection of assets in the public and private sectors. Must be CJJS major, or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJJS 2601.

CJFS 3752 Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America 3 s.h.
A critical analysis of current research and theories of racial and ethnic discrimination within the American criminal justice system. The discussion will center on issues relating to: patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, police practices, court processing and sentencing, the death penalty, and correctional programs.
Prereq.: CJJS 1500, SOC 1500, or PSYC 1560.

CJFS 3765 Human Relations 3 s.h.
Methods of coping with conflicts arising from law violation intervention; programs for improving interpersonal relations between police and the community.
Prereq.: SOC 1500 and PSYC 1560 plus 9 s.h. in CJJS.

CJFS 3777 Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training 16 s.h.
The Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Peace Officer Training Academy’s requirements for peace/police officers are taught in the academy. The training academy at YSU consists of approximately 585 classroom hours (5 days a week, 8 hours a day for 15 weeks, plus a minimum of three weekends). Upon completion, students receive eligibility from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for certification if they successfully pass the physical, skills, and written exams.
Prereq.: Senior standing and permission from the Academy Coordinator.

CJFS 3799 Directed Individual Study 1-5 s.h.
Individual study or field research of a special topic related to the criminal justice field. Application must be made to the department prior to registration. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6 s.h.
Prereq.: Senior standing and 15 s.h. of CJJS and approval of instructor.

CJFS 4800 Senior Seminar 3 s.h.
Overview of the criminal justice system in the United States. Review of constitutional issues, discussion of contemporary issues. Serves as the criminal justice senior capstone course. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of chairperson.
Gen Ed: Capstone.

CJFS 4803 Correctional Case Management and Treatment 3 s.h.
Theory and techniques of counseling and interviewing the correctional client including case management. Simulated field and clinical situations to provide experience in interviewing and report writing. Portfolios are resumes prepared, assessment exam. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJJS 3702.

CJFS 4807 Criminal Justice Internship 3-12 s.h.
Field experiences in an appropriate criminal justice agency under the direction of qualified and experienced professionals. Grading is CR/NC. May be repeated once for a maximum of 12 s.h.
Prereq.: Senior standing in CJJS and specific emphasis area courses per department guidelines.

CJFS 4848 Loss Prevention and Assets Protection Administration 3 s.h.
Security standards, policy, and regulations at the state and federal levels as they impact on the security operations. Administrative decisions regarding security program. Plant protection, safety and security; credit and insurance investigative procedures. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam.
Prereq.: CJJS 3751 and senior standing in criminal justice or permission of chairperson.

CJFS 4850 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3-5 s.h.
Contemporary issues in criminal justice. Topics are announced prior to enrollment.
Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of instructor.

CJFS 4850U Special Topics in Criminal Justice United Kingdom 3-5 s.h.
Contemporary issues in criminal justice. Topics are announced prior to enrollment.
Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of instructor.

CJFS 4851 Women and Justice 3 s.h.
Examines the historical development and current women's issues as they related to the justice system. Women's roles in the legal system, prisons (as staff and offenders), victims and perpetrators of violence, policing society and organized crime. Female juvenile delinquency and controversial topics such as abortion and capital punishment.
Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of the chair.

CJFS 4852 Trace Evidence 3 s.h.
Teaches search methods, recovery procedures, and laboratory analysis for hairs, fibers, and other types of trace evidence in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Emphasis is on major cases that hinged on trace evidence, and the legal and ethical future of trace evidence. Some laboratory exercises with microscopes are included.
Prereq.: CJJS 3714 or concurrent or permission from Chairperson.

CJFS 4853 Forensic Firearms Examination 3 s.h.
This course features both lecture and laboratory work on the forensic science involved in firearms examination, to include gun manufacturing, the physics of ballistics, gunpowder and gun primer residue analysis, serial number restoration, and shooting reconstruction. Legislation concerning handguns and other weapons in the US will also be covered.
Prereq.: CJJS 3714 or concurrent or permission from Chairperson.

CJFS 4870 Law Enforcement Administration 3 s.h.
Detailed examination of the administration of line and staff services of law enforcement agencies and the role of technology in administration. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.
Prereq.: CJJS 3715 and senior standing.

CJFS 4890 Judicial Administration 3 s.h.
Court management examined in light of structure, judicial responsibility, and inherent power of courts. Case flow, case management, automation, and judicial staffing. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam.
Prereq.: CJJS 3715 and CJJS 3719 and senior standing in criminal justice or permission of chairperson.

CJFS 5802 Corrections Law and Liability 3 s.h.
Prereq.: CJJS 3702 or approval of instructor.
CJFS 5814 Practice and Ethics in Forensic Science 3 s.h.
Overview of the forensic science discipline as it relates to the criminal justice system including discussion of legal aspects, constitutional considerations, expert testimony, the role of the expert witness, and ethical standards and dilemmas. Also includes discussion of current events and the evolution and future of the forensic sciences.
Prereq.: CJFS 3714 and CJFS 3714L.
Gen Ed: Capstone.
CJFS 5820 Advanced Legal Research 3 s.h.
Advanced techniques in conducting legal research using standard reference tools as well as automated on-line services and the Internet. Analysis of findings of legal issues related to criminal justice, report and memoranda writing utilizing the Harvard University System of Citations, legal forms and terminology.
Prereq.: CJFS 3720 or approval of instructor.
CJFS 5825 Criminal Procedures and Constitutional Issues 3 s.h.
Constitutional foundations of the American criminal justice process with special emphasis on recent Supreme Court decisions. Legal and practical applications of the laws of arrest, criminal procedure, search and seizure, court structures, and federal civil rights.
Prereq.: CJFS 3719 and must be a criminal justice major or have permission of chairperson.
CJFS 5831 Violence in America 3 s.h.
Analysis of violence in America including official and unofficial statistics, types and levels of violence, research findings, and profiles of offenders. Case analysis of domestic violence, juvenile violence, gangs, and other forms of violence.
Prereq.: CJFS 3735.
CJFS 5865 Gathering and Using Information in Criminal Justice 3 s.h.
Specialized communication skills to prepare criminal justice practitioners in information-gathering techniques, written presentation techniques, verbal and nonverbal communication skills within constitutional guidelines.
Prereq.: CJFS 3712 or CJFS 3765.
CJFS 5875 Juvenile Justice System 3 s.h.
In-depth analysis of the specialized agencies and procedures developed to deal with problems of juveniles from a historical and philosophical perspective. Consideration of the juvenile court, community-based programs, institutionalization.
Prereq.: Senior standing.
CJFS 5892 Comparative and International Criminal Justice Systems 3 s.h.
An examination of how countries' criminal justice systems are shaped and molded by elements of culture, religion, and political ideology of the area. Emphasis will be placed on comparing and contrasting the selected countries' criminal justice systems with those found in the United States of America.
Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of the chair.
CJFS 6910 Law and Criminal Justice 3 s.h.
An historical analysis of criminal law as a social control. An overview of substantive criminal law and criminal procedural law in the United States.
CJFS 6915 Advanced Criminology 3 s.h.
A comprehensive analysis of the causes of crime from an interdisciplinary perspective. Major criminological theories are considered in light of contemporary empirical research.
Prereq.: CJFS 3735 or equivalent or permission of the Graduate Coordinator.
CJFS 6920 Criminal Justice Studies, Practices, and Theories 3 s.h.
A critical analysis of the field of criminal justice studies including crime statistics, crime causation, the criminal justice process, and the agencies involved.
Prereq.: CJUS 1500 Introduction to Criminal Justice.
CJFS 6925 Administration and Management Theory 3 s.h.
Administration and management theory as applied to criminal justice agencies. Includes the functions of the executive, the nature of authority and leadership, organizational communication, and theories of employee motivation.
CJFS 6940 Statistical Techniques in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.
A consideration of the courses of statistical information in the human resource systems and the limits of such data, with primary emphasis upon multivariate statistics and their application to the field.
CJFS 6942 Research and Statistics in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.
A consolidated statistical and research course in human services to design and use qualitative and quantitative research, use and interpret descriptive and inferential statistics, and evaluate the research of others.
CJFS 6945 Research Methods in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.
An analysis of the design and execution of both quantitative and qualitative research in the human services, and the development of research designs most useful to human services research problems.
CJFS 6950 Selected Topics Seminar in Criminal Justice 3 s.h.
Addresses specific topics relating to the crime problem and the criminal justice process. The topics may vary from semester to semester and will be announced prior to enrollment. This course is repeatable provided it is on different topics.
CJFS 6950E ST Terror Countersurveillance 3 s.h.
Addresses specific topics relating to the crime problem and the criminal justice process. The topics may vary from semester to semester and will be announced prior to enrollment. This course is repeatable provided it is on different topics.
CJFS 6950U Selected Topics Seminar in Criminal Justice United Kingdom 3 s.h.
Addresses specific topics relating to the crime problem and the criminal justice process. The topics may vary from semester to semester and will be announced prior to enrollment. This course is repeatable provided it is on different topics.
CJFS 6955 Independent Study 3 s.h.
Study under the personal supervision of a faculty member with the approval of the graduate director. May be repeated once.
CJFS 6957 Readings in Criminal Justice 1-4 s.h.
Extensive reading assignments in the student's interest area under the supervision of a graduate faculty member. May be repeated for no more than a total of six semester hours.
Prereq.: Approval of graduate director.
CJFS 6960 Program Planning and Evaluation 3 s.h.
A systematic review and evaluation of human services programs with special attention to the posting of questions in context; questions relating to the selections of design, method, and process of summative evaluation; and assessing the effectiveness of programs.
CJFS 6970 Applied Police Management 3 s.h.
Systematic examination of the principles and practices related to the management of police organizations. Examples will reflect problems of the urban and suburban environments, relationships with political entities, and internal control.
CJFS 6971 Human Resources in Policing 3 s.h.
Evaluation of police personnel systems, employment qualifications, psychiatric screening, polygraph examination, minority recruitment, and police cadet systems, personnel costs, educational requirements, lateral entry, mandated state minimum training standards, and federal involvement in police manpower.
CJFS 6975 Applied Police Correction Management 3 s.h.
Systematic examinations of the principles and practices of criminal justice organizations and the historical contexts of their implementation. Readings emphasize best practices, legal standards, and interdisciplinary cooperation affecting law enforcement and corrections, especially as they affect financial management, human resources, community relations, homeland security, and the treatment of vulnerable populations.
CJFS 6980  Managing Correctional Operations  3 s.h.
Historical review of corrections in the United States. Modern theories of correctional administration and organization in both facilities and community settings. Special focus on financial operations, contagious illnesses, security, staff management, corruption, programming, architecture, hostage situations, and community concerns.

CJFS 6981  Correctional Case Management  3 s.h.
Case management, presentencing investigation, classification, and risk assessment. Analysis of theories of rehabilitation as applied in corrections. Special focus on training, recreation, health care and mental health services, religious programs, and special needs offenders, including sexual and drug offenders.

CJFS 6985  Grant Writing  3 s.h.
Insight into the methods, strategies, and techniques of grant writing, with emphasis on the proposal components and exploration of funding sources. Each student will exhibit competence in planning, developing, and evaluating a proposal as well as creating a draft of a grant proposal based on an actual Request for Proposals.

CJFS 6990  Criminal Justice Public Policy Seminar  3 s.h.
Types of policy and how policies are formulated are covered. The evaluation of policy, with attention to what constitutes good public policy. Special attention is given to the impact of crime control policies, particularly crime legislation and current laws.

CJFS 6995  Criminal Justice Practicum  3-6 s.h.
Supervised experience in an applied criminal justice setting. Permit required. Prereq.: Majority of core and track courses completed and the recommendation of student’s committee and approval by graduate director.

CJFS 6998  Graduate Paper  2 s.h.
Graduate-level research and a comparable paper under the supervision of the student’s major professor.

CJFS 6999  Research and Thesis  1-6 s.h.