

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal justice involves the study of crime from a systems perspective. Topics include law and due process, investigation, evidence, corrections, ethics, first responder wellness, and crime in society. The College offers courses and degrees in criminal justice to serve both students who are preparing to transfer for a bachelor's degree and for students seeking immediate employment. Careers include law enforcement, corrections, court support, juvenile justice, 911 dispatch, and more!

See the [Criminal Justice page](#) for program and contact information.

Degrees

Career and Technical Education

Associate of Applied Science

- [Criminal Justice - Associate of Applied Science \(AAS\)](#)

Transfer

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

- [Criminal Justice - Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer \(AAOT\)](#)

Courses

CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

Introduces key components of the US criminal justice system, covering law enforcement, the courts, and corrections.

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminology (4 Credits)

Interdisciplinary approach to theoretical perspectives on the causes, treatment and prevention of crime.

CJ 110 Law Enforcement (3 Credits)

Surveys the roles and responsibilities of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in American society. Looks at historical development, role concept and conflicts, professionalization, current enforcement practices and career opportunities.

CJ 120 American Courts: Exploring Courtrooms, Trials, and Landmark Cases (3 Credits)

Presents an in-depth understanding of both the federal and state court systems, exploring their tiered structures and roles within the courtroom work group. Sets forth key responsibilities of courtroom members and the steps involved in a criminal trial, including the appeals process at both the federal and state levels. Covers the United States Supreme Court, emphasizing the analysis of landmark decisions across different court eras.

CJ 123 Spanish for Law Enforcement Personnel (2 Credits)

Recommended preparation: SPAN 101.

Designed for students who are interested or are currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice program as well as current criminal justice employees. Emphasizes important daily phrases that someone in the criminal justice fields may encounter. Students' basic skills in listening, reading, writing and speaking are developed as well as exposure to the culture of Spanish-speaking citizens and their customs that directly affect interaction with criminal justice professionals.

CJ 152 Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) for Women (1 Credit)

Prerequisites: instructor approval.

Introduces women to the program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques called the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System. Topics include: awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and basic hands-on defense training. P/NP grading.

CJ 153 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

This course outlines various ethical systems and applies them to the individual's analysis and evaluation of ethical dilemmas, duties and responsibilities in the field of criminal justice. The students will explore his/her own ethical framework and decision making while learning to integrate the obligations to society and the codes of conduct prescribed by professional criminal justice organizations and agencies. An emphasis will be placed on the ethical and responsible use of discretion, authority and power as endowed by society.

CJ 199 Special Topics: Criminal Justice (1-4 Credits)

Presents selected topics of study in criminal justice offered on a temporary or experimental basis.

CJ 201 Introduction to Juvenile Justice (3 Credits)

Introduces the historical reason for establishment of juvenile courts in the United States, current juvenile justice process, and functions of various components within the system. Prevention, intervention and rehabilitation aspects are covered in terms of Oregon's juvenile court law, as well as potential alternatives for change.

CJ 203 Critical Incident Management for Criminal Justice Professionals (3 Credits)

Provides an introduction to concepts of critical incident management for criminal justice professionals including: crisis intervention, building crisis intervention skills and evaluation of personal coping skills and emotional reactions.

CJ 204 Controversies in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

Defines, describes and evaluates the crises and conflicts which face law enforcement agencies today. Includes use of force, police pursuits, recruitment, and the death penalty.

CJ 207 Seminar In Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

Examines current controversial issues, questions and procedures within the criminal justice system.

CJ 210 Criminal Investigation I (3 Credits)

Examines history, fundamentals and scientific resources involved in criminal investigation. Emphasizes practical aspects of the investigator's approach to criminal acts, crime scene, gathering facts and information, seizing evidence, reporting the total investigation and presenting evidence within court.

CJ 211 Criminal Investigation II (3 Credits)

Reviews fundamental and scientific resources involved in criminal investigations. Examines in depth criminal investigation techniques and skills necessary to conduct investigations into the more serious and complex crimes.

CJ 214 Crime, Justice and Diversity (4 Credits)

Takes an in-depth look at current research and theories of racial and ethnic discrimination within the United States' criminal justice system. This course examines the best and most recent research on patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, police practices, court processing and sentencing, the death penalty, and correctional programs, while making every effort to incorporate discussion of all major race groups found in the U.S.. Additionally, this course will outline the current federal regulations regarding cultural competence in professional practice.

CJ 220 Criminal Law: Crimes Against People, Property, and Society (3 Credits)

Examines key criminal law concepts, focusing on crimes against persons and property, such as homicide, theft, fraud, drug offenses, and sexual crimes. Explores the legal elements that define crimes, as well as the social and legal distinctions between criminal behavior and social deviance. Covers various legal defenses to crimes, including self-defense, insanity, and duress, and how these defenses are applied in the courtroom.

CJ 222 Search And Seizure (3 Credits)

Study of procedural aspects of criminal law, i.e., how criminal law is enforced and administered by agents of the criminal justice system. Emphasis on examining the law of arrest, searches and seizures, and interrogation of suspects.

CJ 230 Juvenile Corrections (3 Credits)

Studies historical and contemporary perspectives on juvenile offenders, juvenile code and juvenile court procedures. Describes treatment programs and differences between adult and juvenile court procedures.

CJ 234 The World of Violent Criminals (3 Credits)

Examines serial and mass murder in the United States through scholarly, comprehensive, and empirical lenses. Intended for students interested in understanding multiple homicides, the nature of serial and mass killing, the offenders, and their victims.

CJ 243 Drugs and Crime in Society (3 Credits)

Introduction to problems of substance abuse, including alcohol, in our society. Equips criminal justice, social service and other human service workers with increased awareness of today's drug technology and options for dealing with substance abusers.

CJ 250 Domestic Terrorism and Emergency Management (4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: WR 121Z.

Defines domestic terrorism, considers the motivations of terrorists, considers policy proposals, emergency management and law enforcement techniques in response to terrorism and terrorist threats while investigating tensions inherent in democracies between civil liberties and national security. Partners with the Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Management Institute to offer basic law enforcement related FEMA certifications.

CJ 253 Corrections (4 Credits)

Focuses on historical background, current practices and contemporary issues within correctional processes, institutions and policies pertaining to offenders. Emphasizes the goals of corrections, including deterrence and rehabilitation and the role of local, state and federal corrections in the criminal justice system, including community corrections.

CJ 280 Co-op Work Experience Criminal Justice (1-4 Credits)

Recommended preparation: sophomore standing and a minimum of 12 credit hours completed in criminal justice courses.

Provides experience in which students apply previous criminal justice classroom learning in an occupational setting. Credits depend on the number of hours worked. Repeatable for credit. P/NP grading. Prerequisite: instructor approval.

CJ 280A Co-op Work Experience Criminal Justice II (1-4 Credits)

Prerequisites: CJ 280 and instructor approval.

Description: Provides experience in which students apply previous Criminal Justice classroom learning in an occupational setting. Credits depend on the number of hours worked. Repeatable for credit. P/NP grading.

CJ 280B Co-op Work Experience Criminal Justice III (1-4 Credits)

Prerequisites: CJ 280A and instructor approval.

Provides experience in which students apply previous criminal justice classroom learning in an occupational setting. Credits depend on the number of hours worked. Repeatable for credit. P/NP grading.

CJ 298 Independent Study: Criminal Justice (1-6 Credits)

Prerequisites: instructor approval.

Recommended preparation: prior coursework in the discipline.

Individualized, advanced study in criminal justice to focus on outcomes not addressed in existing courses or of special interest to a student. P/ NP grading.

CJ 299 Special Topics: Criminal Justice (1-4 Credits)

Presents selected topics of study in criminal justice offered on a temporary or experimental basis.