

SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CSCJ)

CSCJ 105 Culture & Society 3 Credits

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CSCJ 201 Intro. to Criminal Justice 3 Credits

A study of the historical development and progress of criminal justice systems in the United States, including an overview of the functions and responsibilities of various agencies of the Criminal Justice Systems.

CSCJ 205 Law Enforcement 3 Credits

A comprehensive survey of the history and functions of the law enforcement agency, including discussions of selected topic dealing with contemporary problems affecting law enforcement. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 215 Intro. to Sociology 3 Credits

Basic concepts and principles of human society. Students examine the social structure, group interaction, and processes of social arrangements.

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CSCJ 216 Intro. to Anthropology 3 Credits

Basic concepts of anthropological studies. This course presents an overview of social and cultural anthropology.

CSCJ 218 Contemporary Social Problems 3 Credits

An examination of current social problems and issues in the United States. Topics include drug addition, child abuse, battered women, abortion, poverty, and inequality. Students consider alternative proposals for resolving social problems.

CSCJ 219 Social Movements 3 Credits

This class focuses on theoretical domains in the sociological study of social movements and general social processes rather than on specific movements. Substantive work on specific movements is used to explain issues such as mobilization, tactics, and ideology, as well as how the social context in which a movement takes place matters.

CSCJ 220 The Soc. of Human Sexuality 3 Credits

This course will explore the sociological implications of sexual behaviors. Societal norms, cultures, identities, traditions and phenomena all shape how human beings interact from a sexual standpoint. The intersection of society and deviance will also be highlighted as such burgeoning topics captivate our social consciousness, such as: sexting, internet pornography, social media sexual harassment and college campus IPV. We will also discuss the fundamentals of human anatomy, conception, pregnancy, contraception, STD's and sexual proclivities.

CSCJ 301 Ethnographic Field Methods 3 Credits

the course introduces students to the practice of qualitative research specifically known as ethnographic field research. It covers basic consideration in theory and practice in presenting field methods in sociological research. Students engage in designing and conducting a research project in exploring hands-on research experience. the course focuses on the formulation of research questions, the development of research project proposals, developing entree and rapport in the field, ethics in research, and basic principles of field methods.

CSCJ 305 Criminal Investigation 3 Credits

A coverage of the fundamentals of investigation; duties and responsibilities of the investigator; interrogation techniques of protecting the crime scene; collections and preservation of evidence, scientific aids and other sources of information; court perpetration and case follow-up. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 308 Medical Sociology 3 Credits

Introduction to health and illness issues and indicators. Examines disease and other health conditions in the context of ethnicity, gender and age.

CSCJ 310 Criminology 3 Credits

A study of the nature and causation of crime, crime typologies and the extent of criminality. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 314 Victimology 3 Credits

Victim role, criminal-victim relationships, and societal reaction to victimization, including crisis-intervention centers, court-related victim/witness services, restitution and compensation. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of the Instructor.

CSCJ 315 Social Psychology 3 Credits

This course focuses on individuals' interaction within the social environments. There is also an emphasis on cognition, attitude formation and change, and group behavior.

CSCJ 320 Criminal Justice Management 3 Credits

A study of roles and responsibilities of staff and managers functioning within the various agencies of the criminal justice system. Emphasis on administrative and managerial principles and techniques as they apply to the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 337 Statistics I 3 Credits

Introduction to descriptive statistics, including associational measures and probability. Prerequisite: General Education mathematics requirements.

CSCJ 338 Statistics II 3 Credits

Introduction to inferential statistics, hypotheses testing, simple use of analysis of variance, and correlations coefficients. Prerequisite: CSCJ 337 or an introductory statistics course.

CSCJ 350 Intro. to Geographic Info. Sys 3 Credits

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Is a computer-based tool that uses spatial (geographic) data to visualize, analyze, and solve real-world inquires. This course Is designed to introduce the student to the basic principles and techniques of GIS, instruct them on the use of Esri's ArcGIS Desktop software product, and encourage them to apply spatial analysis to their own academic pursuits.

CSCJ 352 Marriage & Family 3 Credits

An analysis of the American family past and present. Students consider the heritage, contemporary forms, functions, and future trends of American family life.

CSCJ 355 Race, Place and Space 3 Credits

Through a multiple-disciplinary exploration, we will analyze the influence of social, political, cultural, and historical factors on the development of real and perceived "racialized places and spaces," identities, and experiences in America. Special emphasis is placed on gender and the American South.

CSCJ 387 Research Methods 3 Credits

An introduction to basic research techniques and skills. Students learn how to select and apply appropriate methods to theoretical problems. Prerequisite: CSCJ 337 or simultaneous enrollment in CSCJ 337.

CSCJ 388 Sociological Theory 3 Credits

Historical and analytical discussions of major theoretical and methodological orientations in the development of sociology from Comte to the present constitute this course.

CSCJ 389 Social Research Methods II 3 Credits

Students learn to analyze, interpret, and present data. This is a course that stresses project design, sampling, measurement and the application of findings from social research. Prerequisite: CSCJ 387 or an introductory research course.

CSCJ 400 Comparative Systems Analysis 3 Credits

An analysis of issues in social and criminal justice and their characteristics as they relate to the operation of larger social structures viewed in global perspective. Prerequisite: junior or senior standing.

CSCJ 401 Corrections Process 3 Credits

The systematic study of the official ways in which society reacts to persons who have been convicted of committing criminal acts, including persons handled by the juvenile courts. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 403 Courts & American Judicial Process 3 Credits

An overview of courts, their legal basis, structure, jurisdiction and operation. An analysis of the legal processes including their historical development; an examination of theories, policies and practices regarding the offender. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 404 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Credits

A study of the nature, extent, and causes of delinquency. Methods of prevention, treatment and correction will also be examined. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 405 Criminal Law 3 Credits

A survey of the nature and definition of criminal acts; a general study of laws relating to crimes and the punishment for their violation. Prerequisite: CSCJ 201 or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 410 Seminar on Organized Crime.... 3 Credits

A study of organized crime including drug and vice offenders within the structures of a Constitutional Democracy. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of Instructor.

CSCJ 420 Special Topics I 3 Credits

Topics vary but may include an examination of the origin, change, and functions of neighborhoods and communities. May also cover community organizations and community development, environmental issues, poverty, crime, and inequality, among other topics.

CSCJ 421 Spec Top II: 3 Credits

A focus on different topics in sociology and criminal justice to vary by semester. Topics include deviance, environmental racism, HIV/AIDS and homophobia, organizational behavior, addictive disorders, sexism, ageism and inequality among others.

CSCJ 425 Internship I 3-6 Credits

Provides upper level students the opportunity to perform as participants in established criminal justice agencies at the local, state and federal levels. Prerequisites: Consent of the Instructor and completion of 90 or more credit hours toward the degree.

CSCJ 426 Internship II 3 Credits

Provides upper-level students the opportunity to work with any social or criminal justice agency. Those who have taken CSCJ 425 may use it as a continuing course for 3 additional credit hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor.

CSCJ 430 Race and Ethnicity 3 Credits

Analysis of cultural groups both nationally and abroad. Students examine the nature of prejudice and discrimination in a context of similarities and differences of various peoples, especially those of African descent.

CSCJ 431 Social Stratification 3 Credits

An examination of global inequality relative to race/ethnicity, class, gender, age and other factors

CSCJ 432 Gender Roles 3 Credits**CSCJ 433 Applied GIS 3 Credits**

This course focuses on the advanced principles and techniques of Geographic Information Systems and provides experience with developing a GIS needs-based analysis for an organization and an interactive GIS application.

CSCJ 435 Special Topics Senior Seminar 3 Credits

Studies in defined topical areas such as violence, youth crime, family violence, black-on-black crime, community corrections, crime in America, justice and the media. May be repeated for a total of six credits hours, when topics vary.

CSCJ 480 Senior Project 3 Credits

Students pursue a program of reading, research, and writing as well as engage in a critical examination of one or more selected topics under the guidance of the instructor.

CSCJ 490 Independent Study 3 Credits

Individualized program of research and/or other scholarly effort. Prerequisite: Approval of the Department Chair.

CSCJ 501 Classical Theo. in Soc. & Crim 3 Credits

The course covers classical contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, and Max Weber among others, and examines classical, neoclassical, and psychological theories of crime.

CSCJ 502 Contemporary Theo. in Soc & Crim 3 Credits

The course covers contemporary contributions of Talcott Parsons, W.E.B. DuBois, Vilfredo Pareto, Hans Gerth and C. Wright Mills, and examines social disorganization, differential association, labeling, conflict, and social control theories of crime among others.

CSCJ 503 Research Methods 3 Credits

Covers the general field of research methodology including an overview of the research techniques and procedures used in surveys, comparative studies, field studies, and experiments.

CSCJ 504 Research Methods 3 Credits

Covers sociological application of specific research methods: conceptualization, designing, measurement, construction of scales, testing for validity and reliability of responses, and other measures. Prerequisites: CSCJ 503.

CSCJ 505 Statistics I 3 Credits

A survey of descriptive statistical methods and tools used to analyze data and to quantify the data into usable information; designed as a general review as well as an introductory course in social statistics.

CSCJ 514 Law Enforcement Admin. 3 Credits

A survey of the role of law enforcement agencies, resource allocations, law enforcement policies, and its relation to the total criminal justice system.

CSCJ 516 Judicial Process: Court System 3 Credits

An overview and analysis of the legal transactions involved in the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of criminal offenders.

CSCJ 517 Correctional System 3 Credits

A study and analysis of correctional institutions, including historical developments, alternatives and changes in the field of corrections.

CSCJ 518 Delinquency & Juvenile Justice 3 Credits

A study of analysis of the nature, extent, patterns and causes of juvenile delinquency; and the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of juvenile offenders.

CSCJ 519 Practicum 3 Credits

A planned, supervised program of research, observations, study and work in selected criminal justice and other social agencies.

CSCJ 526 Selected Topics in Soc.&Crim. 3 Credits

Discussion of major topics in the administration of justice, including protests in contemporary society, theories of prejudice and discrimination, social justice in a planned society, police corruption, police labor management problems, and prison survival.

CSCJ 555 Medical Sociology 3 Credits

Examines health, illness, intervention systems and the contributions of social and behavioral sciences to understanding these systems. Also examines issues of disease and ethnicity, health disparities, social demography of health, epidemiology, alternative medicine, health care delivery, and international health among other topics.

CSCJ 559 Deviant Behavior 3 Credits

Attention to studies of mental disorder, addictive disorders, crime and delinquency, and other social anomalies in contemporary society.

CSCJ 562 Social Stratification 3 Credits

Presentation of data, theory, and methodology of social mobility and internal division of societies based on race, class, gender, and age.

CSCJ 579 Cultural and Ethnic Relations 3 Credits

Presentation of data, theory, and methodology in the study of relations between groups which differ in race/ethnicity and/or culture as seen in international as well as domestic perspective.

CSCJ 582 Comparative Criminal Just Syst 3 Credits

Draws students' attention to the existence of four major world legal families - the civil law, common law, socialist law, and Islamic law using the sociology of law perspective.

CSCJ 590 Selected Topics Seminar II 3 Credits

Varying topics related to social, environmental, and criminal justice issues. Topics vary with new developments in research, theory, and policy issues.

CSCJ 603 Advanced Statistics 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide skills to graduate students in inferential statistics. Students learn testing of scientific hypotheses utilizing correlation analysis, analysis of variance, regression analysis and factor analysis. Detecting defective data and interpolation will also be covered during the semester. Prerequisites: CSCJ 503 and CSCJ 505.

CSCJ 613 Independent Study 3 Credits

Designed to give students in selected fields an opportunity to more intensely pursue research and/or engage in other learning experiences consistent with the completion of their program of study. Prior approval of the instructor is required.

CSCJ 801 Thesis Consultation 1 Credit**CSCJ 805 Thesis Research 3 Credits**