Criminal Justice (CJS) Courses

CJS1002 Introduction to Criminal Justice
This course presents an overview and analysis of the American criminal justice system. The concept of crime and the roles of police, courts, defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys and corrections are considered. In addition, an overview of the causes of crime, the problems associated with the measurement of crime, and the concept of “justice” in the American criminal system is examined. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS1070 Criminal Courts
This course is an examination of the problems, policies and practices of the criminal court system with emphasis placed on the structure and organization of the court system. The role of the courts, from arrest to conviction and appeal, is explored. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS1090 Law Enforcement
This course is a survey of law enforcement agencies, their role, history and development within the field of criminal justice. Emphasis is placed on police administration, organization, management culture, relations within the community and technology. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS2040 Corrections
This course is an introduction to corrections. It presents an historical look at punishment through the ages. Justification for punishment is explored including: retribution, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation. Various dispositions of prisoners are presented from capital punishment, transportation, galley slavery, and the eventual development of the prison. The evolution of prisons and acceptable conditions are discussed along with the advent of the prisoner rights movement. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS2050 Criminology
This course is an overview of the study of criminal behavior. Major theories of the causes of crime are explored through an interdisciplinary approach emphasizing the sociological, psychological, scientific, medical, biological, psychiatric, psychoanalytic, economic, political, cultural, and other social and behavioral approaches. (OL) Offered at Denver, North Miami, Online, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS2085 Juvenile Justice
This course presents an analysis of the historical development of the juvenile justice system in the United States. The student is introduced to the changing view of juveniles from early America, when children were treated as little adults, through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries where they came to be considered as children and adolescents that had to be protected from abusive families and their environment. Socializing agents such as the family, schools and peers are studied as to their influence on the development of delinquency. Youth are studied as victims of crime, as perpetrators of crime, and their likelihood to become involved with gangs. Additionally, law enforcement, the courts and corrections are studied to show their impact on delinquency. Prerequisite(s): Sophomore status. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS2150 Criminal Justice Ethics
At the core of every aspect of the field of criminal justice is an ethical dilemma involving human behavior and individual decision-making. As such, this course will provide an in-depth examination of the three major schools of ethical thought (virtue, formalism, and utilitarianism) in order to illustrate how individual ethics directly influences decision-making, and to help students develop comprehensive ethical reasoning skills. Through the examination of hypothetical case studies, actual criminal justice events, and extensive debate, this course will explore the three major areas of criminal justice to include law enforcement, courts, and corrections, in order to provide students with the opportunity to observe and evaluate the direct connection between ethics and specific aspects of the criminal justice system. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS3075 Criminal Investigation
In this course, the student is exposed to the fundamentals of criminal investigation. Emphasis is placed on the collection and evaluation of crime scene evidence related to specific crimes (i.e., homicide, arson, burglary, etc). Since criminal investigation must be conducted within the framework of our constitutional system of government, opinions of the United States Supreme Court that affect the collection of evidence are emphasized. Prerequisite(s): CJS1090. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS3450 Comparative Criminal Justice
This course comparatively examines major criminal justice institutions within the United States and around the world, and also provides an in-depth examination of existing international criminal justice systems and the shared critical issues existing both domestically and internationally. The course offers a comprehensive examination of a variety of transnational crime-related issues, and explains the systems currently in place globally for addressing issues involving crime prevention, law enforcement, adjudication and corrections. Students identify and analyze the common and differing procedural aspects involved in investigating, prosecuting, defending and adjudicating criminal cases in international jurisdictions, as well as the differing global definitions of appropriate punishment including concepts of financial, corporal and capital punishment. Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS3820 Cyber Crimes
In this course, students explore the rise and evolution of crimes involving computers and the Internet that are fast becoming the most prolific area of criminal activity in the 21st century. This course distinguishes between crimes in cyberspace and cyber-terrorism as a form of warfare upon the global community. It defines cyber crimes (including type, nature, and origin) and the expanding criminalization of computer and Internet conduct involving concepts of privacy violation, information protection and unauthorized access of digital data. An analysis of existing and new domestic and international law enforcement innovations that prohibit digital crimes is also covered. Prerequisite(s): LAW3025. (OL) Offered at Denver, North Miami, Online, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

CJS3850 Homeland Security
This course provides an in-depth foundation for understanding the wide range of agencies and activities involved in the field of homeland security, and the varying roles that individual terrorists, terrorist groups and state sponsors of terrorism play in the formulation of the domestic and international homeland security policy of the United States. Students are provided with a comprehensive overview of the legal aspects of homeland security, and the role that intelligence and counterintelligence play in the formulation of the domestic and international homeland security policy. Additional topics include the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, border security and immigration, and the financing of terrorist activity via a wide range of highly organized criminal activities occurring both domestically and internationally. (OL) Offered at Denver, North Miami, Online, Providence, Providence CE 4.5 Quarter Credit Hours
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<td>CJS4030</td>
<td>Criminal Justice Research Methods</td>
<td>This course provides students with an understanding of the purposes behind criminal justice research, the concepts and logic of research designs, and experimental research designs. This course includes an in-depth presentation of sampling in social science research. The goal is to familiarize students with research methods in order to lay the groundwork for designing research projects, as well as to interpret research designs in depth.</td>
<td>Senior status. (HY)</td>
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<td>CJS4033</td>
<td>Terrorism</td>
<td>This course is a study of terrorism from its earliest history into the post-9/11 21st century. It examines religious and political motivations for terrorism as well as the rationalization for such activity. It looks at the networking of nations, states and organizations in the acquisition of goods and finances to fund their organization. The course also looks at weapons of mass destruction, security measures and counterterrorism.</td>
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<td>CJS4040</td>
<td>Criminalistics</td>
<td>This course provides the student with a broad outline of key topic areas that encompass the study of forensic science. It emphasizes the application of forensic sciences and its role in criminal investigation. Topics include the scope, history and basic methods of evidence recognition, collection, identification and preservation. Basic forms of physical evidence most commonly encountered at crime scenes are discussed along with their respective value in the investigative process.</td>
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<td>CJS4045</td>
<td>Criminalistics with Lab</td>
<td>This course is designed to provide the student with a broad outline of key topic areas that encompass the study of forensic science. Focus is on the application of forensic sciences and their role in criminal investigation. Topics include the scope, history and basic methods of evidence recognition, collection, identification and preservation. Basic forms of physical evidence most commonly encountered at crime scenes are discussed along with their respective value in the investigative process.</td>
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<td>CJS4060</td>
<td>Advanced Topics in Criminalistics</td>
<td>This advanced course presents specific topics in the advanced study of forensic science over two terms. Students are presented with the application of advanced and specialized areas of forensic science encountered during criminal investigations. Topics include advanced topics of forensic pathology, pattern and impression evidence, questioned documents, cyber technology, forensic applications of the social science, and legal and ethical issues in forensic science.</td>
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<td>CJS4065</td>
<td>Advanced Topics in Criminalistics with Lab</td>
<td>This course provides students with specific topics in the advanced study of forensic science as part of a two-term format. Emphasis is on the application of advanced and specialized areas of forensic science encountered during criminal investigations. Topics include advanced topics of forensic pathology, pattern and impression evidence, blood spatter analysis, photography, fingerprint examination, and forensic applications of the social science and legal/ethical issues in forensic science.</td>
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<td>CJS4080</td>
<td>Criminal Justice Senior Seminar</td>
<td>This course presents an overview and analysis of the American criminal justice system in a capstone seminar format. The course examines criminal and constitutional law, criminology, law enforcement and investigation, courts, corrections and juvenile justice through the use of critical thinking, research, writing and discussion.</td>
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