

JUSTICE & PUBLIC POLICY (JPP)

JPP 1010. Introduction to Law Enforcement. (3 Credits)

This course studies the history, philosophy and functions of local police departments, county sheriff departments, state law enforcement agencies and federal investigatory and intelligence gathering agencies.

JPP 1020. Criminology. (3 Credits)

This course studies causations of crime, including sociological, psychological, biophysiological and free will theories.

JPP 1030. Introduction to Courts. (3 Credits)

This course studies the history, philosophy and functions of American courts.

JPP 1040. Juvenile Justice Theory. (3 Credits)

This course studies the organizations, functions, and jurisdiction of juvenile justice agencies along with the theories and causations of juvenile crime and antisocial behavior.

JPP 1050. Introduction to Probation and Parole. (3 Credits)

This course provides an introduction to probation and parole in the American Criminal Justice System. As the problem of prison overcrowding continues, probation and parole will expand, and so will the focus on the application of services provided to offenders who are allowed to be supervised in the community. Students will gain an understanding not only of probation and parole history, administration, policy, and procedures, but also areas of best practices in the field. The course also provides insight into the challenging, but interesting work performed by probation and parole officers and the techniques utilized to effectively manage caseloads.

JPP 2010. Corrections in America. (3 Credits)

This course studies the history, philosophy and functions of the American correctional system.

JPP 2020. Substantive Criminal Law. (3 Credits)

This course studies definitions of law, definitions of crime, general principles of criminal responsibility, elements of the major crimes, punishments, conditions or circumstances that may excuse criminal responsibility or mitigate punishment.

Prerequisites: (JPP 104 or 1030).

JPP 2030. Criminal Investigation. (3 Credits)

This course studies the criminal investigation process including interviewing, crime scene analysis, collection of evidence, and analysis of issues critical to investigations.

JPP 2040. Criminal Justice Research Methods. (3 Credits)

This course will acquaint the student with the various research skills and methods used in this discipline of Criminal Justice. Both quantitative and qualitative research strategies will be discussed, as well as issues in measurement, research design, and hypothesis formation.

JPP 2050. Terrorism. (3 Credits)

This course will introduce students to the phenomena of contemporary terrorism and extremism. Emphasis will be placed on extremism as a foundation for terrorist behavior, types of terrorism, and how governments and law enforcement agencies respond to terrorism.

JPP 2060. Stress Management. (3 Credits)

This course introduces techniques and strategies developed for coping with or lessening the psychological, physical, and emotional effects of everyday life pressure when working in the justice and public service systems, thereby improving job performance.

JPP 3010. Procedural Criminal Law. (3 Credits)

This course studies the history of laws and the constitution, and the procedures in place in criminal law from when police stop a citizen through the trial process.

Prerequisites: (JPP 104 or 1030) and (JPP 207 or 2020).

JPP 3020. Administrative Law. (3 Credits)

This course provides the student with an understanding of the interaction of public administrative agencies with the more "established" sectors of government, specifically, the legislature and judiciary. This is acquired in part through analysis of the U.S. Constitution, enabling legislation, and the Administrative Procedure Act. The student develops an appreciation of the breadth of influence of these agencies, and the role of law in legitimizing and limiting the role of bureaucracies.

JPP 3030. Criminal Psychology. (3 Credits)

This course studies the psychological theories of crime causation and the impact of the use of psychology on the Legal System.

JPP 3040. Forensic Investigation. (3 Credits)

This course provides the student with a general understanding of physical scientific methods utilized in criminal investigative operations. Using the laboratory method of instruction, the course will expose the student to current advances in criminalistics such as DNA identification.

JPP 3050. Organized Crime. (3 Credits)

This course studies the history, structure, and operations of organized crime.

JPP 3060. Management of Public Service Agencies. (3 Credits)

This course introduces the student to the study of administration and management techniques, with a public administration emphasis, as they are applied to public service organizations.

JPP 3070. Criminal Justice Liability Law. (3 Credits)

This course explores the various areas of liability law as it relates to the criminal justice function within the entire justice system. Issues of liability covered are related to use of force, civil rights violations, pursuit and arrest situations, failure to train and supervise, failure to respond, and vicarious responsibility.

Prerequisites: (JPP 104 or 1030) and (JPP 207 or 2020) and (JPP 308 or 3010).

JPP 3080. Public Finance and Budgeting. (3 Credits)

This course exposes the student to principles of budgeting and finance of a public agency. The student will gain a general understanding of fiscal principles and how to adapt those principles to the operations of a public agency.

JPP 3090. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. (1-3 Credits)

Special topics courses in criminal justice are designed to address topics identified as attitudes, current events, knowledge, skills, and behaviors pertinent to examining the technological and occupational aspects of criminal justice. The topic for this course will change with each offering.

JPP 3999. Career & Internship in Justice and Service. (3 Credits)

This course combines an internship component along with exploration of the numerous career opportunities in the fields of justice and public service. The internship provides an opportunity to exercise, in a practical manner, the skills, knowledge and responsibilities of a public service practitioner. Note: Students completing 120 internship hours are eligible for 3 credits, and students completing 240 internship hours are eligible for 6 credits.

JPP 4010. Ethics in Justice and Public Service. (3 Credits)

This course studies the many ethical problems and dilemmas confronted by the criminal justice and public service professional.

JPP 4020. White Collar Crime. (3 Credits)

The course will explore the underlying criminological principles, concepts and alternative theories relevant to what is defined as "occupational related crimes." The fraud schemes commonly used in the commission of an occupational related crime involve asset misappropriation, financial statement irregularities, and corruption. The causation for committing an occupational related crime will focus on the circumstances and opportunities that motivated an individual in a lawful occupation to act dishonestly. Practical problems and real-life case studies will be used to provide students with an opportunity to observe, to analyze and to examine the complex and realistic social-economic factors that motivated the criminal behavior. In addition, students will be introduced to the four key areas relating to fraud examinations: fraud prevention and deterrence, legal elements of fraud, fraudulent financial transactions and fraud investigation.