CRIMINOLOGY

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.
More Info (https://one.uf.edu/soc/)

Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law has over 1,000 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate students. The department's faculty are internationally known for their research in the areas of families, gender, and sexualities; health, aging, and the life course; environmental and resource sociology; race and ethnicity; criminology and criminal justice; and psychology and law.
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Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Criminology UF Online
- Sociology
- Sociology Minor
- Sociology Minor UF Online
- Sociology of Social Justice and Policy Minor
- Sociology UF Online

Courses

CCJ 3024 Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced overview of criminal law, criminal procedure, and criminological theory. Emphasizes the components of the criminal justice system: the police, the prosecutorial and defense functions, the judiciary, and the field of corrections.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

CCJ 3701 Research Methods in Criminology 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced research design and data analysis. Study of experimental and non-experimental research designs; probability and nonprobability sampling techniques; construction of scales; and indexes and methods of bivariate and multivariate data analysis. Previous completion of an introductory course in statistics is recommended but not required.
Attributes: Artificial Intelligence

CCJ 4014 Criminological Theory 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study and critical appraisal of various theories of crime causation, including an examination of biological, psychological, economic and sociological perspectives on the etiology of crime.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and criminology major of junior standing or higher.

CCJ 4032 Media & Crime 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Analyzes the relationship between media and crime justice including media's role in constructing images about criminals, police, victims, inmates, and courts. Discusses media-based perceptions of reality and justice policy and practice influences. Appropriate for students in criminology, journalism, public relations, and pre-law.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CCJ 4661 Terrorism 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Presents international terrorism as legitimate threat to society, with changing contexts, laws, and tactics. Explores oppressive movements which ignite violent acts. Introduces counter-terrorism best practices in criminal justice and analyzes violent terror attacks criminologically. Promotes emergency management, criminal justice, and intelligence work careers.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CCJ 4713 Crime Prevention 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines programs, practices and policies that prevent crime. Reviews how crime prevention strategies are developed, tested in research studies, and used in communities. Both effective and ineffective strategies are discussed.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CCJ 4905 Individual Work 1-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Qualified students and the instructor will develop a course of study or investigation designed to extend available coursework. A formal written report is required. Course can be repeated, but no more than three credits earned in CCJ 4905 may be applied to the major or to minimum degree requirements established by the university.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024, 3LS or 4LS major, and instructor permission.

CCJ 4911 Undergraduate Research in Criminology 0-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides firsthand, supervised research in Criminology. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Criminology.

CCJ 4934 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A variable topic seminar that examines current issues, techniques and problems in criminal justice.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CCJ 4940 Internship in Criminology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Supervised experience in a criminology- or criminal justice-related organization or agency. Emphasizes the application of academic knowledge to real-world situations while developing career-relevant skills. Assignments complement internship experiences by providing guidance in setting individualized goals, identifying areas for growth, and reflecting on vocational pathways.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024, 3LS or 4LS major, and instructor permission.

CCJ 4970 Senior Thesis 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Qualified students submit a formal research proposal, carry out individual research under the supervision of a faculty member and prepare a formal written report of the research to a faculty committee. Course can be repeated, but no more than six credits earned in CCJ 4905 may be applied to the major or to minimum degree requirements established by the university.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and director permission.

CJC 4010 Introduction to Corrections 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces the field of penology and corrections. Consideration is given to conflicting philosophies of punishment; criminological theory as it applies to the field of corrections; the selectivity of the process through which offenders move before their involvement in correctional programs; alternative correctional placements; and empirical assessments of the short-term and long-term consequences of involvement in correctional programs.
Corequisite: CCJ 3024 and 3LS or 4LS major.

CJE 3011 Careers in Criminal Justice 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced overview of professions available within the criminal justice system. Emphasis on the development of job seeking skills and strategies; local, state, federal and global employment opportunities; law and graduate school processes; building cultural competence and global perspectives.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 with a minimum grade of C.

CJE 3114 Introduction to Law Enforcement 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The role of the police in the criminal justice system of a democratic society. Topics include the organization of police work, discretion and the role of law enforcement in a socio-legal context.
Corequisite: CCJ 3024 and 3LS or 4LS major.

CJJ 4010 Juvenile Justice 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the development, change and operation of the American juvenile justice system. Emphasizes the nature of juvenile law and the methods of dealing with youthful offenders.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and 2LS major or higher.

CJL 2000 Law and the Legal Process 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
This survey course promotes an understanding of law as it relates to an individuals everyday encounters with the legal system. Actual legal cases may be studied to analyze how disputes are resolved by application of legal principles to factual situations, whether justice was served by the decision, and potential implications of the decision on future cases.
Attributes: General Education - Social Science

CJL 2105 How Does US Law Affect Wildlife? 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Course on US-based wildlife and environmental law. Pressing legal issues concerning fish and wildlife conservation law and policies. Crosses biological, ecological, criminological, historical, and legal issues.
Attributes: Quest 2, General Education - Social Science

CJL 3038 Law and Society 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces the scholarly study of law from a multidisciplinary, liberal arts perspective. Examines legal ideas, legal institutions and the legal process with an emphasis on the study of criminal behavior and the American criminal justice process.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

CJL 4037 Psychology and Law 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Application of behavioral science research and practice to the legal system. Topics include psychologists and the legal system; lawyers' socialization, training and ethics; legality, morality and justice; forensic assessment; the insanity defense; competence in the legal system; eyewitness identification; jury selection; theories of crime; and punishment and sentencing.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CJL 4050 Juvenile Law 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the juvenile justice system, including delinquency, dependency and laws that apply especially to juveniles. Studies operation of the Florida juvenile code and the relationship between children and society.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

CJL 4110 Criminal Law 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies substantive criminal law, including historical development, the tension between social and legal definitions of crime, the basic dimensions of criminality, the specific elements of major crimes and the nature of criminal sanctions.

CJL 4410 Criminal Procedure 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies constitutional rights of the accused in criminal proceedings. Focuses on analysis of case materials involving the law of arrest, search and seizure, the use of confessions, fair trial and the prohibition of cruel and unusual punishments.
Prerequisite: CCJ 3024 and Liberal Arts and Sciences major of junior standing or higher.

IDH 2931 Honors Seminar 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Special topics restricted to those in the university-wide Honors Program. (WR)
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement