



CRIMINAL JUSTICE (2021-2022)

Division of Teacher Education & Behavioral Sciences

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Student Learning Outcomes – Criminal Justice	
1.	Students will reflect on diversity and differences through writing and speaking.
2.	Students will exhibit a working knowledge of CJ policies and professional standards
3.	Students will illustrate the components and functions of the CJ system.
4.	Students will apply knowledge of CJ systems and criminological theories.
5.	Students will describe factors in conformity and deviance.
6.	Students will explain the value of contributing knowledge to the community.

Requirements for the major in Criminal Justice (B.A.):

Required and elective courses in the CJ major must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000. Students double majoring in CJ and psychology, sociology, or social work should consult with advisors in both majors to review reduced program requirements. Students should be informed that no criminal justice coursework taken at another school shall be applied to their major or minor program requirements once they have enrolled. Students must take 3-9 credits in elective courses based upon the number of credits they take in L.CRJ-490: Field Instruction. The number of CJ elective course credits and CJ Field Instruction credits must equal a minimum of 12 credits.

Req	Course	Cr's
1	L.CRJ-120: Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
2	L.CRJ-224: Criminal Law	3
3	L.CRJ-251: Introduction to Policing	3
4	L.CRJ-252: Criminology	3
5	L.CRJ-253: Introduction to Corrections	3
6	L.CRJ-320: Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3
7	L.CRJ-323: Research Methods in Criminal Justice	4
8	L.CRJ-480: Senior Seminar-PJ, IN	3
9	L.CRJ-490: Criminal Justice Field Instruction	3 to 9
Select one to three courses from Req 10:		
10	L.CRJ-260: Victimology	3
10	L.CRJ-280: Ethical Considerations in the CJ System-AV	3
10	L.CRJ-300: Criminal Investigation	3
10	L.CRJ-312: Crime Prevention	3
10	L.CRJ-321: Police and Society	3
10	L.CRJ-325: White Collar Crime	3
10	L.CRJ-377: Black and Blue: U.S. Law Enforcement-VX	3

10	L.CRJ-401: Law Enforcement Decision-Making and Use of Force: A Virtual Reality Training Ground	3
10*	Students may take one of the following courses to fulfill a single (3 credit) course requirement from Req 10	
10*	L.COM-393: Communication Law (Prerequisite: L.COM-131)	3
10*	L.HIS-456: The Civil Rights Movement	3
10*	L.POL-301: Constitutional Law: Federal Powers	3
10*	L.POL-302: Constitutional Law – Civil Rights & Liberties	3
10*	L.SOC-200: Deviance and Deviants	3
10*	L.SOC-216: Social Problems	3
37-43 total required credits		

Requirements for the minor in Criminal Justice:

Required and elective courses in the CJ minor must have a cumulative GPA of 2.000. Students should be informed that no Criminal Justice coursework taken at another school shall be applied to their major or minor program requirements once they have enrolled.

Req	Course	Cr's
1	L.CRJ-120: Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
2	L.CRJ-251: Introduction to Policing	3
3	L.CRJ-252: Criminology	3
4	L.CRJ-253: Introduction to Corrections	3
5	Additional CRJ credits (not L.CRJ-490: Field Instruction)	3
6	Additional CRJ credits (not L.CRJ-490: Field Instruction)	3
18 total required credits		

2021-2022 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES:

L.CRJ-120: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Introduction to Criminal Justice is designed to give students an academic and applied understanding of the criminal justice system. Students will be expected to conduct observations in law enforcement, courts, and corrections outside of class. Current research publications on immigration, sentencing reform, incarceration rates, street drugs, and evidence-based smart approaches to crime will be explored. Students will also learn about the history and philosophy of criminal justice through class discussions, assigned readings, observations, field trips, and guest speakers. 3 credits. Fall semester.

L.CRJ-224: Criminal Law

The history of criminal law, the elements of crime, and the development of both in the United States. Included also are arrest and courtroom procedures. 3 credits. Each fall semester.

L.CRJ-251: Introduction to Policing

Introduction to Policing challenges students to critically think about 21st century policing and to evaluate the current role of police in modern society. Topics in the course include the foundations and systems of police work, the different functions of police, hazards involved in policing, strategies and the future of policing. 3 credits. Spring semester.

L.CRJ-252: Criminology

A comprehensive analysis of crime in the United States, emphasizing the causes and consequences of criminal activity. Consideration is also given to theories of crime and societal responses to criminal behavior. 3 credits. Each semester.

L.CRJ-253: Introduction to Corrections

An introductory examination of the treatment of criminal offenders in the United States. The history of punishment and its relationship to current competing correctional philosophies is discussed. Major topics include probation, prisons and their operation, and parole. 3 credits. January term, each semester.

L.CRJ-260: Victimology

A study of the origins of crime victimization and the various theories related to this area of criminal justice and an exploration of the historical trends and responses to the issue of crime victimization. Emphasis will be placed on the differences between violent and nonviolent victimization, issues related to restorative justice, victim-offender mediation and the emergence of the movement to support victims' rights. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-278: Crime, Justice, and Pop Culture Diplomacy: Field Work in South Korea-EI

This is a study travel course which offers a cross-cultural perspective to the comparative study of different criminal justice systems around the world, with an emphasis on the United States and South Korea. The course will cover historical and cultural legal traditions, emphasizing how culture, tradition, and geography shape legal systems and societal responses to crime. Students will explore the interdisciplinary nature of criminal justice through the interplay between criminal justice and other disciplines such as history, international affairs, art, and pop culture. The course includes a one-week cultural excursion to South Korea. Restrictions: Not open to first year students, minimum 2.5 GPA, clean conduct record. Additional Requirements: Passport, vaccinations. January Term. 3 credits.

L.CRJ-280: Ethical Considerations in Criminal Justice-AV

This course is an examination of ethical considerations within the context of decision-making by criminal justice practitioners and policies of the American criminal justice system. As such, the course will examine morality, ethics, and human behavior from the perspective of various ethical philosophies and their application to a system of social control agencies. In addition, specific ethical dilemmas and controversies associated with the administration of justice in law enforcement, the judiciary, and corrections, as major components of the criminal justice system, will be addressed. Prerequisites: L.LIB-100, L.LIB-105, L.LIB-110, and one course from L.LIB-130, L.LIB-135, or L.LIB-220. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand. Not open to cross-registration.

L.CRJ-300: Criminal Investigation

The fundamentals of criminal investigation, including crime scene procedure, crime scene search, collection and preservation of evidence, a survey of related forensic science, police reports, interviews and interrogations, and methods of surveillance. Methods of preparing and presenting the case to the court are also studied. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-120, L.CRJ-251, L.CRJ-252, L.CRJ-253. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-312: Crime Prevention

Familiarization with various theoretical approaches to crime prevention and the framework for describing and understanding current crime prevention initiatives. Emphasis will be placed on the examination and evaluation of current institutional and community crime prevention programs. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-120, L.CRJ-251, L.CRJ-252, L.CRJ-253. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-320: Juvenile Delinquency & Justice

A sociological analysis of the nature of delinquent behavior and key components of the juvenile justice system. An examination of family, neighborhood, school, peer group, social class and cultural determinants of delinquency. In addition, societal attempts to control and prevent delinquency will be considered. 3 credits. Each fall semester.

L.CRJ-321: Police & Society

An examination of the police image in a changing society, including police-citizen partnership in crime prevention. Issues in policing, including use of deadly force, stress, education, and corruption, together with administrative issues, including recruitment, promotion and management are considered. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-120, L.CRJ-251, L.CRJ-252, L.CRJ-253. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-323: Research Methods in Criminal Justice

Course that will develop basic knowledge and skills of social research. Focus is on the research methods criminologists, sociologists, social workers, and other practitioners in the social sciences field employ to study social phenomena. Critical evaluation of all phases of the social research process. Requires that students memorize, comprehend, and apply social scientific terms to the analysis and evaluation of information. Juniors and Seniors only. Prerequisites: QR course. 4 credits. Spring semester.

L.CRJ-325: White Collar Crime

An examination of both occupational and organizational criminality. Special attention will be directed to the unique nature of white-collar criminality in light of our traditional understanding of crime. The course will explore such issues as the evolution of regulatory law, corporate responsibility, and the limits of the law and law enforcement in combating white collar crime. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-251. 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-377: Black and Blue: U.S. Law Enforcement-VX

This course examines the difficult relationships between black Americans and U.S. law enforcement from the beginning of the country to today through the perspective of the Catholic moral tradition. The course further examines potential avenues for improving these relationships. 3 credits.

L.CRJ-398: Empirical Research

Opportunity for student to conduct advanced research under the direction of criminal justice Faculty member. Faculty approval required. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-323. 1 to 3 credits. Dependent on staff and demand.

L.CRJ-401: Law Enforcement Decision-Making and the Use of Force: A Virtual Reality Training Ground.

This course examines law enforcement accountability in use of force incidents through a number of lenses. First, the students will examine historical and current elements of accountability and contemporary issues related to accountability for law enforcement agencies. Second, the students will experience decision-making and be held accountable for decisions they make in simulations of well-known use of force scenarios. Finally, students will compare and contrast their learning experiences regarding accountability in and out of the classroom. This course will be held off-campus at NICC in downtown Dubuque. This class includes a course fee of \$350. A medical release is required for this course. Instructor permission required.

L.CRJ-480: Senior Seminar-PJ, IN

As a senior seminar and portfolio course, this course has three primary foci. First, the course provides students with the opportunity to reflect upon their experiences at Loras College both within and without the criminal justice major and to identify the ways that these experiences have prepared them to move forward in their lives after college (fulfilling the Portfolio requirement). Second, the course provides students the opportunity to examine the causes of crime from the viewpoint of offenders and to integrate that examination into the knowledge gained in prior criminal justice courses. Finally, the course requires students to engage in an in-depth research paper regarding a criminal justice career to gain greater insight into their future profession. Juniors and Seniors only. Spring semester.

Restrictions: Open only to students with senior status. Prerequisites: L.CRJ-120, L.CRJ-224, L.CRJ-252, L.CRJ-253, L.CRJ-320, L.MAT-115, and L.CRJ-323 OR L.PSY-211 OR L.SOC-332. 3 credits. Each spring semester.

L.CRJ-490: Criminal Justice Field Instruction

Individually planned and supervised experience in a criminal justice agency which will enable students to integrate criminal justice knowledge with practical experience. Students will earn 3-9 hours of academic credit for successful completion of their field instruction experience. Application for field instruction must be made to and

accepted by the Criminal Justice Field Instruction coordinator. This course is offered only to criminal justice majors who have completed most of the required courses. Summer term. Each semester.