Criminal Justice Program Course Descriptions

CRJU 1102 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3-0-3
This course consists of an investigation of the three divisions of the criminal justice system--law enforcement, courts, and corrections--with particular emphasis on the functions and basic problems of each division, as well as the interrelationships between the three divisions. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading.

CRJU 1105 Introduction to Law Enforcement 3-0-3
This course presents a review of: (a) patterns of organization of law enforcement in society; (b) foundations, methods, types, and effects of law enforcement agencies at local, state and federal levels; and (c) the relationship between law enforcement and societal problems in ethnic diversity, community relations, and the police subculture. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading.

CRJU 1106 Introduction to Corrections 3-0-3
This course presents an overview of: (a) correctional approaches, with primary emphasis on incarceration; (b) local, state, and federal levels of prison systems; (c) types of prisons; (d) internal structures and procedures for modern prisons; and (d) inmate social structures within male and female institutions. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading.

CRJU 2105 Introduction to Criminology 3-0-3
This course provides an introduction to the definitions, nature, distribution, and causes of crime and criminal behavior. Historical and contemporary theoretical explanations are explored. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading.

CRJU 2108 Introduction to Criminal Law 3-0-3
This course is a survey of the nature and definitions of criminal acts, including a consideration of the elements of crime against the person, crimes against property and crimes against society. Responsibility for criminal conduct is also considered. The Constitutional impact on criminal procedures and the impact of the Supreme Court are also included in this overview. This course provides a concise, yet comprehensive, introduction to the substantive criminal law. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading.

CRJU 2230 Interpersonal Relations in Law Enforcement 3-0-3
This course offers an introduction to the methods of —community oriented policing—establishing a partnership between law enforcement agencies and communities. The goal is to prepare students to understand and appreciate cultural diversity and to be able to communicate effectively with residents of high crime areas, as well as with advocates of programs for improving law enforcement practices. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading and English.

CRJU 2240 Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency 3-0-3
This course examines (a) the nature, causes, development and consequences of juvenile delinquency; (b) the changing societal perceptions and reactions to juvenile delinquency and to juveniles who commit adult crimes; and (c) the adjudication, punishment and special needs of the juvenile offender. Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Learning Support Reading and English.
CRJU 2251 Practicum in Criminal Justice 3-0-3
A placement in one of the three primary divisions of the criminal justice system--law enforcement, corrections and the judicial system--is provided each student. Prerequisite: CRJU 1102.

CRJU 2500 Introduction to Homeland Security 3-0-3
This course is designed to serve as a primary course for those interested in Homeland (or Domestic) Security and will also serve as an ancillary course in introductory criminal justice or terrorism related courses. It covers the 9/11 attacks, the roles of national and state agencies and the private sector in the quest for Homeland Security. This course also covers future plans in Homeland Security, the legal issues involved and weapons of mass destruction. Prerequisites: POLS 1101 – American Government or Permission of Instructor; and Exit or Exemption from Learning Support Reading and English.