

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ C110 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Criminal Investigation

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

This course examines fundamental principles and procedures employed to effectively investigate criminal cases. Students explore traditional methods used to manage crime scenes, preserve evidence and write reports. Students also recognize how to effectively develop sources of information, as well as obtain information from witnesses and suspects. Emphasis is placed on the investigation of specific crimes and the role of the investigator as a liaison in the criminal trial. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C128 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Criminal Procedure

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

This course explores some of the basic protections the U.S. Constitution affords citizens against government intrusion when individuals are suspected of criminal conduct. It allows students to analyze legal and practical problems related to search and seizure, arrest, and interrogation law from the perspective of both law enforcement and the community member. Topics include important legal concepts such as the exclusionary rule, stop, and frisk, probable cause, and Miranda warnings. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C135 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Introduction to Policing

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

This course gives students an overview of the police and their mission. It examines the evolution of policing as well as methods, issues, and challenges to present day policing. The course also looks at technology in the service of law enforcement and explores the future of policing. Emphasis is placed on the student's developing a proper understanding of police accountability and ethical behavior. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C140 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

An introductory course that examines the history, development and philosophy of the American criminal justice system. Provides an overview of law enforcement, courts and correctional systems in a democratic society. Topics include the major theories of crime and correctional systems in a democratic society. Topics include the major theories of crime causation, the nature and scope of police work, the role of courts and prison life in the United States. It covers recent trends in terrorism prevention and homeland security matters. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C141 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Criminal Law

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

An introduction to the general doctrines of criminal liability. This course covers the historical and philosophical foundations of criminal law, as well as its purpose and structure. Students examine major conceptual legal principles and terminology. Topics include constitutional issues, legal causation, criminal defenses, parties to a crime, and inchoate offenses. Emphasis is placed on court decisions and their impact on law enforcement activities. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C146 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Written Communication for Criminal Justice

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

This course presents techniques for accurately communicating information and ideas in a clear, concise manner within the context of the criminal justice community. It focuses on developing the student's ability to organize information and prepare effective written correspondence in a law enforcement, court, or correctional environment. The course emphasizes instruction in the mechanics of writing, vocabulary development, and methods of effectively gathering information. Students practice note-taking, report writing, and investigative strategies to assist in the administration of justice. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.

CJ C148 3 Units (54 lecture hours)

Multicultural Studies in Criminal Justice

Grading Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

Transfer Credit: CSU.

This course examines current issues and social problems relating to the administration of justice in a culturally diverse society. It focuses on the cross-cultural contact that criminal justice professionals have with citizens, victims, suspects, and coworkers from diverse backgrounds. The course emphasizes law enforcement's responsibility to develop a better understanding of cultural differences and respect toward those of different backgrounds. Topics include prejudice in law enforcement, hate crimes, jury bias, racial profiling, disparate treatment in prisons, and terrorism/homeland security considerations. Graded or Pass/No Pass option.