CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mission
The School of Criminology & Criminal Justice offers high quality educational programming to support students in gaining the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful career in criminology and criminal justice or related social services fields. Students can participate in scholarly and applied research projects that involve collaborative partnerships with local and federal agencies. Students learn about emerging technologies as a means of improving and advancing criminology and criminal justice and we provide several opportunities for students to connect with professionals in the field. Students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship to gain field experience prior to their graduation.

Student Learning Outcomes
• Mastery of core content in the disciplines of criminology and criminal justice.
• Locate, integrate and use information from varied sources to effectively communicate in writing and other mediums.
• Apply specialized knowledge through field-based learning experiences, civic and/or community engagement activities, and/or policy analysis.
• Explain diverse positions, including those representing different cultural, economic, and geographic interests in the context of criminology and criminal justice.

Academic Advising
All CJ majors and pre-CJ majors are strongly advised to schedule an appointment with our advising staff each semester. Advisors provide assistance with degree planning and course scheduling. They are also available to answer questions your major/minors, academic performance, and SCCJ policies or procedures. Omaha students may schedule an advising appointment via MavTRACK (https://www.unomaha.edu/my/advising-system-mavtrack.php) or by calling 402.554.2610. Lincoln students can make an appointment via MYPLAN (https://myplan.unl.edu/welcome-myplan) or by calling 402.472.3677.

Transferring to Criminology and Criminal Justice
Students wishing to transfer from another institution or department within the University of Nebraska must:
1. have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to transfer into the pre-criminology and criminal justice (PCCJ) program
2. complete the required PCCJ courses and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 to transfer into the upper division program

Contact the school for more details on the transfer policy. For good cause shown, the Admissions Committee has the discretion to make exceptions to the admission policy.

Degree Requirements
• A minimum of 30 of the last 36 semester credit hours must be earned by the student in residence in the University of Nebraska System. (Summer independent study courses are not considered in residence.)
• At least 21 hours of criminal justice must be taken at the University of Nebraska, on either the Omaha or Lincoln campus.
• A minimum of 33 credit hours must be taken in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice courses, and 12 hours of 3000/4000 level courses are required in a concentration/ minor (see course requirements section).

Writing in the Discipline
All students are required to take a writing in the discipline course within their major. For the Criminology and Criminal Justice major, this can be fulfilled through one of the following: CRCJ 3100, ENGL 2400, ENGL 3980 or MKT 3200. CRCJ 3100 does not apply towards the 39 hours of required criminal justice courses.

Student Group Opportunities
Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO)
Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Eta Chapter

Contact
The UNO School of Criminology & Criminal Justice is a single program that offers courses on both the Omaha and Lincoln campuses. The Omaha office is located on the 2nd floor of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building (CPACS) Room 218. Our office can be reached by phone at 402.554.2610. The Lincoln program office is located on the 3rd floor of Nebraska Hall Room 310 and can be reached at 402.472.3677. Events for both campus locations are regularly posted on our Website (http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/criminology-and-criminal-justice), Facebook page @unosccj,Twitter feed @unosccj1, and Instagram @unosccj1.

Degrees Offered
• Criminology & Criminal Justice (BCCJ), Bachelor of Science (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/school-criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-criminal-justice-bccj-bs)

**Criminal justice courses are offered on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses of the University of Nebraska. The BCCJ degree can be earned in its entirety on the Lincoln campus; however, the degree is conferred by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Minors Offered

Course Descriptions (Per Subject)

CRCJ 1010 SURVEY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)
This course is designed to provide an overview of the justice process and the criminal justice system in general. Concepts of crime and justice are discussed as well as the rights of individuals in a democratic society. The law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice, and corrections systems are explored.

Distribution: Social Science General Education course

CRCJ 2030 POLICE AND SOCIETY (3 credits)
This course is designed to present an overview of the role of the police in American society. Attention is given to the origins of policing, the nature of police organizations and police work, and patterns of relations between the police and the public.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CRCJ 1010, or permission

**CRCJ 2110 CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM (3 credits)**

This course is designed to provide an analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the United States, including the roles of prosecutor, defender, judge, jury and court administrator. The issues confronting the system will be considered from historical, philosophical, sociological and psychological perspectives. The ideals of the system will be compared with actual functioning, and court reform programs and proposals will be explored.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CRCJ 1010, or permission

**CRCJ 2210 SURVEY OF CORRECTIONS (3 credits)**

A general course describing the history and evolution of the corrections process. Covers all aspects of institutional and community-based corrections.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CRCJ 1010, or permission

**CRCJ 2510 RESEARCH METHODS (3 credits)**

A basic introduction to the principles, methods and techniques of empirical social research.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** CRCJ 1010, or instructor permission

**CRCJ 3000 APPLIED STATISTICS AND DATA PROCESSING IN PUBLIC SECTOR (3 credits)**

A course in the basic statistics of social work. The emphasis is on exploration of data processing and techniques as they relate to statistical analysis and on understanding the proper application of statistics. (Cross-listed with PA 3000, SOWK 3000).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** MATH 1310 or MATH 1220 permission of the School.

**CRCJ 3010 PHILOSOPHY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This course is a philosophical examination of justice and its administration. It provides the student with a richer understanding of the conceptual foundations of justice.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission

**CRCJ 3100 WRITING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This is a writing course for all Criminology and Criminal Justice majors. Students will learn how to write effective cover letters, incident reports, position papers, and executive summaries.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** ENGL 1150, ENGL 1160, and CRCJ 1010. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**Distribution:** Writing in the Discipline Single Course

**CRCJ 3310 CRIMINAL LAW (3 credits)**

This course examines the means by which society attempts to use criminal law to prevent harm to society. It examines the acts which are declared criminal and the punishment prescribed for committing those acts. The course also examines the philosophies and rationales that have shaped current day substantive criminal law. It looks at the English Common Law and traces the historic evolution of substantive criminal law from its early origins.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ1010 and jr/sr standing, or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 3350 CRIMINOLOGY (3 credits)**

General survey of the nature and causes of crime and the effort of the criminal justice system to predict, prevent, modify and correct this behavior.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 3370 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND JUVENILE JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This course focuses on how delinquents and juveniles in need of supervision are handled within the juvenile justice system. The nature and extent of delinquent behavior, status offenses, child abuse and neglect; theories of delinquency and their implications for intervention; cultural and social factors related to delinquency; as well as the philosophy and functioning of the juvenile justice system are covered.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 3380 RACE, ETHNICITY, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This course provides a survey of minority groups and their experiences with regard to crime and criminal justice in the United States. This course will focus on racial and ethnic minorities as victims, as offenders, as defendants, and as criminal justice professionals.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**CRCJ 3390 WOMEN, CRIME AND JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This course focuses on women’s experiences in the criminal justice system. The course will examine women’s experiences as victims of crime, as offenders, as prisoners, and as criminal justice professionals. (Cross-listed with WGST 3390)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ or WGST major; CRCJ or WGST minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**CRCJ 3510 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 credits)**

This course deals with the legal aspects of the investigation and arrest processes as well as the rules governing the admissibility of evidence in court.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ J1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 3970 INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)**

Job-related experience in criminal justice agencies. Permission to enroll must be received from the student’s adviser each semester. (May be repeated for a maximum of six hours.)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Admission into upper-division CRCJ program or CRCJ minor, 75 credit hours completed, GPA of 2.5, and permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.
CRCJ 4030 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION (3 credits)

This course covers contemporary concepts, principles and theories of organization and administration as they relate to criminal justice agencies. The historical development and modern practices of public policy are also considered.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4060 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS (3 credits)

This course is designed to examine ethical issues that arise in the three major areas of criminal justice: police; courts; and corrections. The course explores general philosophical theories of ethics as well as Codes of Ethics that operate to control the institutional and personal behavior of police, court, and correctional systems.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Admission into upper-division CRCJ program or CRCJ minor, 75 credit hours completed, GPA of 2.5, and permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4110 BIOSOCIAL CRIMINOLOGY (3 credits)

This course is designed to acquaint students with the biological, genetic, and environmental origins to criminal and antisocial behavior. Toward this end, we will examine an array of topics including personality development, brain functioning, and the biosocial basis of crime. Discussion will also center on the manner in which various environmental influences operate through biological mechanisms to influence criminal behavior across different stages of the life course. Particular emphasis will be placed on using empirical-based research to understand the etiology of antisocial and criminal conduct and issues pertaining to the criminal justice system.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4130 SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (3 credits)

This course is designed to investigate the etiology of many forms of norm-violating conduct. Emphasis will be placed on rule-breaking behavior as defined in the criminal statutes. (Cross-listed with CRCJ 8136).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4210 INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

The course presents an in-depth analysis of the history and operation of prisons and jails in the United States and other countries. The course covers the management and operation of prisons and jails from the perspective of both employees and incarcerated persons.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and CJUS1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4350 COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This course is intended for advanced students with a special interest in the correctional process as applied in a community setting. It is designed to focus on innovative community-based strategies for dealing with the offender as well as the traditional processes of probation and parole. (Cross-listed with CRCJ 8356).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4400 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This course examines the criminal justice system response to domestic violence/intimate partner violence. A focus on the interactions between battered victims and components of the criminal justice system, as well as the role of the community in addressing and preventing this violence serves as the foundation for this course. Students will also gain insight into factors contributing to the incidence of intimate partner violence, explore the background/history of domestic violence.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4420 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (3 credits)

This course addresses issues related to child abuse and neglect investigation, intervention and prevention efforts facilitated through criminal justice system processes. Course content discusses the history of child maltreatment, definitional challenges, statistical trends, physical and behavioral indicators, mandatory reporting, investigative processes, intervention strategies and prevention efforts.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4500 DRUGS AND CRIME (3 credits)

This course looks at the socially constructed nature of drugs and drug policy, focusing on the variety of ways drugs and crime are connected and the socio-historical context of contemporary U.S. drug policy.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and CJUS1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4510 VIOLENCE (3 credits)

This course is a survey of the nature and extent of violence. The focus is on patterns of violence across social groups, the causes and correlates of violence and violent behavior, and programs/policies geared toward violence prevention and reduction. Also of interest is the relationship between theory and violence research. (Cross-listed with CRCJ 8516).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major or CRCJ minor or CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing.

CRCJ 4550 GANGS AND GANG CONTROL (3 credits)

This course focuses on American youth street gangs. Topics include the history of gangs, gang and gang member characteristics, gang life, and strategies of gang control. The link between youth street gangs, prison gangs, and other deviant collectivities will be explored.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and CJUS1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4710 COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS: ENGLAND (3 credits)

This is a specialized course which provides a comparison of the criminal justice systems of the United States and the United Kingdom. The design of the course allows for an exploration of how the American system developed from the British system and why social and cultural factors influenced the differences/similarities in their development.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and permission of the instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4750 INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

This course analyzes the dynamics of criminality and the social response to criminality across countries. Differences in crime and justice between developed and developing countries and between socialist and capitalist nations are emphasized.
**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

**CRCJ 4760 TERRORISM (3 credits)**
This course is designed to assist the student in developing an understanding of terrorism as a political crime. It includes an examination of the social, political and psychological aspects of this behavior.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 4770 ORGANIZED CRIME (3 credits)**
A course designed to trace the origins and historical development of the activities that have come to be known as organized crime. These crimes are some of the most dangerous to American society and range from the commonly known offenses of gambling, shylocking and narcotics trafficking to the more subtle and sophisticated, less understood but equally serious, crimes of extortion, commercial bribery and political corruption.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 4780 WHITE COLLAR CRIME (3 credits)**
This course is designed to examine those illegal acts committed by non-physical means and by concealment or guile, to obtain money or property, to avoid the payment or loss of money or property, or to obtain business or personal advantage.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 4800 SPECIAL TOPICS (1-3 credits)**
This course is a topical approach that explores various aspects of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Topics and disciplines will vary from term to term. Course description will be announced in advance. This course will be devoted to the exploration and analysis of contemporary problems in the criminal justice system. On occasion the course will be offered in three one-credit hour modules and students may register for one, two or three credit hours.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**CRCJ 4950 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)**
Faculty-guided research in an area of mutual interest to the student and his instructor. Students are responsible for selecting the area of inquiry prior to contacting the instructor. May be repeated to a maximum of six hours.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ major and instructor permission. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**CRCJ 4960 ISSUES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (3 credits)**
This is a capstone course that will focus on contemporary issues of crime and justice. It will examine the justice process and the general operations of the criminal justice system. Concepts of crime and deviance, rights and discrimination in a democratic society will be reviewed and critiqued against the backdrop of contemporary issues. The law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice, and corrections subsystems will be explored, and a number of reform proposals presented and considered.