

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mission

The School of Criminology and 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. We provide opportunities for students to connect with professionals in the classroom as well as through extracurricular events. Students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship to gain field experience prior to their graduation.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate mastery of core content areas in 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 CRCJ 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 regarding major/minors, academic performance, and SCCJ policies or procedures. To contact an Omaha academic advisor, call 402.554.2610. To contact a Lincoln academic advisor, call 402.472.3677

Transferring to Criminology and Criminal Justice

Students wishing to transfer from another institution or department within the University of Nebraska must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to be admitted into the criminology and criminal justice program. Contact the school for more details on the transfer 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 earned in upper division (3000/4000-level) courses. At least 21 of these upper division 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).
- A maximum of 12 credit hours of departmental independent study and internship courses may be applied toward the BCCJ degree. No more than 6 hours of CRCJ 3970 and CRCJ 3980 may apply and no more than 6 hours of CRCJ 4950 may apply.
- A maximum of 30 hours from any one department may be applied toward the BCCJ degree.

- A maximum of 24 hours may be taken pass/no pass. Contact an advisor for more details.
- Credit for basic military and law enforcement training may be applied to the BCCJ degree. Contact an advisor for more details.
- Credit from an institution that is not regionally accredited cannot be applied to the BCCJ degree.

Fast Track

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to 9 graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing any of the following:
 - BS in Criminology or Criminal Justice on either the UNO or UNL campuses
 - Double-major at UNO with a BS in Criminology and Criminal Justice as either the primary or secondary major
 - BMS with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Students must have completed no less than 60 undergraduate hours.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
 - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program. Successful completion of the graduate courses will be a significant consideration during the evaluation of admission to the MA or MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
 - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Special Note: Eligible undergraduate students may enroll in any 8000-level CRCJ course approved by the SCCJ program.

Student Group Opportunities for Undergraduate and Graduate students

Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO)

Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice

Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Eta Chapter

Future Law Enforcement Professionals Student Organization

UNO SCCJ Graduate Student Organization

Contact

The UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers courses on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses. The Omaha office is located in 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 office is located in Nebraska Hall, Room 310 and can be reached by phone 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 @unosccj, 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

- Criminology & Criminal Justice Minor (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/school-criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Policing Minor (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/school-criminology-criminal-justice/policing-minor/>)
- V (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/school-criminology-criminal-justice/victimology-victim-serv-minor/>)ictimology and Victim Services Minor (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-public-affairs-community-service/school-criminology-criminal-justice/victimology-victim-serv-minor/>)

If you seek a career such as a police officer, DEA agent, probation officer or correctional counselor, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice is a key step towards turning that aspiration into reality. The CRCJ program at UNO provides undergraduates an excellent foundation in the theories of crime and the criminal justice response to crime while also introducing students to criminological research methods.

Law Enforcement

- Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms (ATF)
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- FBI Agent
- Federal Protective Service Officer
- IRS Agent
- Military Police
- Postal Inspector
- Secret Service Agent
- United States Marshal
- Nonprofit Management
- Animal Control
- Police Officer
- Arson Investigation
- Campus Police
- Deputy Sheriff
- Fish & Game Officer
- Highway Patrol

Probation

- Diversion Program Coordinator
- Pretrial Services Officer
- Probation Officer (Juvenile/Adult)

Corrections

- Corrections Counselor
- Corrections Officer
- Juvenile Corrections
- Parole Officer (Juvenile/Adult)
- Prerelease Counselor
- Recreation Leader
- Warden

Courts/Law

- Bailiff
- Court Administrator
- Court Reporter
- Investigator for law offices
- Lawyer
- Legal Researcher
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant

Homeland Security

- Customs Inspector
- Emergency Management
- Coordinator
- Federal Air Marshal
- FEMA Positions
- Intelligence Analyst
- Investigative Specialist
- Immigration Inspector
- Linguists
- Surveillance Specialist
- TSA Officer
- Border Patrol Agent

Private Security

- Security Director
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Private Security Officer
- Credit Investigator
- Bank Fraud Investigator
- Legal Researcher

Juvenile Services

- Aftercare Counselor
- Child Protective Services Worker
- Detention Counselor
- Group Home Worker
- Rehabilitation Coordinator
- Runaway Counselor
- School Attendance Officer
- Youth Advocate

Victim Services

- Caseworker
- Child Support Agency Worker
- Crisis Center Coordinator
- Crisis Counselor
- Domestic Violence
- Advocate/Counselor
- Social Worker
- Victim/Witness Service Coordinator

Research

- Legislative Assistant
- Professor
- Research Analyst

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 explore 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. The values of a democratic society as they affect the law enforcement role are discussed.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or permission

CRCJ 2110 CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM (3 credits)

The purpose of this course is to give you a greater understanding of the U.S. criminal courts system. In this course we will cover topics such as judges, lawyers, litigants, criminal and civil procedure, state and federal courts, and theories of judicial decision making. We will analyze these concepts, actors and institutions from a variety of perspectives. The course will include discussions of the constitutional rules and case law as they apply to the courts process.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or permission

CRCJ 2210 SURVEY OF CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the American criminal justice system correctional responses to criminal offending. We explore the history, philosophy, and law underlying corrections. We will focus on understanding risks and needs of offenders, treatment options and types of correctional sanctions in the U.S. These include, but are not limited to probation, jail, intermediate sanction, prison and the death penalty.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or permission

CRCJ 2220 COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the most recent developments in community-based corrections. Discussion will focus on the issues related to implementation, management, effectiveness and challenges of community-based programs. Students will be provided a broad overview of the structure and functions of Community-based Corrections. By the end of the course, students should expect to understand the best practices in community corrections.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or permission

CRCJ 2410 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3 credits)

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

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or permission

CRCJ 2510 RESEARCH METHODS (3 credits)

The primary goal of this course is to facilitate your growth as both consumers and producers of research. We will explore a variety of methodologies (e.g., survey research/self-report, official stats/secondary data, quasi-experimental design, etc.) used in criminological and criminal justice research. Further, we will evaluate these methodologies within the context of design concerns such as: research purpose, operationalization, validity, reliability, and ethics.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, or instructor permission

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

A course on the use of data and statistical methods to explore and make inferences about society, while critically considering the influence of context and the powers and limitations of quantitative evidence. (Cross-listed with PA 3000, SOWK 3000).

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1120 or MATH 1130 or MATH 1220 or MATH 1300 or MATH 1320 or an ACT of 19, or above or permission from the department.

CRCJ 3010 PHILOSOPHY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

This course is designed to critically evaluate concepts like "justice", "morality", "crime", "criminal", etc. These concepts are used every day, and yet we often take it for granted that their meaning is common knowledge. The reality is that arriving at a definition for a term like "justice" varies greatly depending on who you are talking to. When you consider that the overarching goal of our criminal "justice" system is to dispense justice, the definition of "justice" becomes supremely important. Unlike many other classes you will take, much of what we talk about in this class will have no clear cut answers. You will leave this course with questions, but hopefully you will be equipped with the tools necessary to evaluate those questions and form an educated opinion.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; 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): 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 will examine the development of the criminal law, the elements and types of criminal offenses, as well as principles of criminal culpability.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or permission

CRCJ 3350 CRIMINOLOGY (3 credits)

This course is about facts and frameworks. The facts that we are interested in are facts about criminal behavior and the frameworks are theories that organize these facts in a coherent fashion. As we learn about criminological facts and the theories that organize these facts we will pay attention to research so that we understand how these facts are developed and how these theories are tested. We will also try to draw out the policy implications of the various facts and theories that we address.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 3370 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND JUVENILE JUSTICE (3 credits)

This course has been designed to provide and expose students to a broad base of information about juveniles, youth in need of supervision, youth crime and how these areas are handled within the juvenile justice system in the United States. This course will examine the juvenile justice system and the role of family, peers, school, courts, law enforcement, corrections, and the broader community as it pertains to the life of a juvenile.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours

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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; 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): WGST major; CRCJ or WGST minor; CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150 and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission.

Distribution: U.S. Diversity General Education course

CRCJ 3410 LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY (3 credits)

Law and the Black Community provides an in-depth examination of the racialized American legal process as it pertains to and affects African Americans in the U.S. From the formation of the U.S. Constitution to present day, this course analyzes intersections of race, law, politics and culture, and explores the administration of justice and Black experiences through a critical legal perspective. (Cross-listed with BLST 3410, PSCI 3410).

Prerequisite(s): BLST 1000 OR CRCJ 1010 OR Junior standing OR instructor permission.

Distribution: U.S. Diversity General Education course

CRCJ 3970 INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

A minimum of 160 hours of experiential learning with criminal justice agencies. The internship program integrates learning with service. It allows students to learn occupational skills and competencies and develop professional relationships with organizations involved in the criminal justice sector, at the same time, students will apply criminological theories to their work. The internship prepares students to demonstrate the integration of professional ethics and values, knowledge and skills, and the capacity to think critically and constructively.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1160, 75 credit hours completed, GPA of 2.5, and permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 3980 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (3 credits)

This course will provide advanced student majors and minors with experience conducting research in the area of criminology and criminal justice. Students work under faculty supervision to complete research tasks that integrate learning with service. Tasks may include reviewing relevant literature, development of survey instrument(s), data collection, data entry and analysis, and presentation of findings.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, 75 credit hours completed, GPA of 2.5, and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 4000 MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (3 credits)

This course focuses on the intersection of individuals with mental health, substance abuse, and/or severe and persistent mental illness diagnoses and the criminal justice system. Students will examine how individuals become involved in the criminal justice system and how the criminal justice system and other social services respond to their involvement.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; OR instructor permission

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 principles of policy administration are also contrasted. The primary goal of this course is to identify the basic structure and function of criminal justice organizations, while paying particular attention to how criminal justice organizations are managed and led.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours

CRCJ 4060 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS (3 credits)

The principal objectives of this course will focus on creating an awareness of the ethical issues and dilemmas present in the criminal justice system, as well as the development of a more informed ability or basis to address them.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours. 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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; 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): Upper-division CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4210 INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

The purpose of this course is to provide you with a practical and theoretical understanding of Institutional Corrections.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours.

CRCJ 4400 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (3 credits)

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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or permission

CRCJ 4410 VICTIMOLOGY (3 credits)

This course provides an introduction to the topics and issues that are pertinent to the study of victimology. Students will learn about the prevalence, predictors, and consequences of various forms of victimization, including child abuse, intimate partner violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking, and homicide over the life-course. In addition, students will learn about the nature of criminal justice victimization data, and the issues related to the measurement and costs of victimization.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or 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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission

CRCJ 4430 HUMAN TRAFFICKING (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide students with a systematic introduction to the study of human trafficking. Students will learn about what constitutes human trafficking, theories of victimization as they apply to trafficking, debates about the language and definitions surrounding sex trafficking and prostitution. Students will discuss the prevalence, predictors, and consequences of various forms of trafficking and critically assess efforts related to measurement, intervention, and prevention.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or permission.

CRCJ 4440 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SERVICES (3 credits)

This course focuses on the experiences of victims of crime through the criminal justice system, from reporting the crime to case closure. Students will learn about the types of victim services and advocacy throughout various points of the criminal justice system (e.g., police, courts, corrections), as well as about the history of victims' rights and the development of victim services over time.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or permission

CRCJ 4450 SEXUAL VIOLENCE (3 credits)

This course will examine the complicated nature and dynamics of sexual violence. Students will learn about the nature and extent of sexual violence. Data and measurement issues will be addressed as well as the history of system responses to sexual violence and victimization.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours or instructor permission

CRCJ 4510 VIOLENCE (3 credits)

This course will examine the social, political and psychological aspects of violence. It will identify various analytical approaches to the study of violence: identifying violent groups, reviewing societal response to violence, and examining police and governmental responses to reduce or control violence. Please note that a core competency of this course is critical thinking. Critical thinking requires students to think through situations, facts, and issues in an open-minded and objective way in an effort to analyze and evaluate information in an informed manner.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission

CRCJ 4520 DRUGS AND CRIME (3 credits)

Drugs and Crime is an introduction course to the major facts and issues concerning criminal justice and drug-taking behavior in America. It is specifically designed to provide the means for understanding (1) the multiple challenges that drug abuse brings to our society, (2) the drug control policies we have enacted to meet those challenges, (3) the range of international and domestic law enforcement efforts and drug control strategy, and (4) the systems of criminal justice that have been established to deal with the prosecution of drug law offenders.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours or instructor permission

CRCJ 4530 SEXUAL OFFENDING (3 credits)

In this course students will learn about sex offenses, sex offenders, and the responses of the criminal justice system. This course will examine applications of theory to sex offending, trends and patterns of behavior, characteristics of sex offenders, and the psychological and legal responses to sex crimes.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours or instructor permission

CRCJ 4540 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (3 credits)

This course examines the processes, practices, and people involved in the investigation of criminal acts, highlighting recent developments in policy, tactics and technology. We explore theoretical approaches to investigating various crimes, examining how aspects of each approach can benefit investigators. We will analyze, discuss, and learn how to complete thorough investigations that will ensure best chances for successful case prosecution in court.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission

CRCJ 4550 GANGS AND GANG CONTROL (3 credits)

This course will examine criminal street gangs, including these gangs' members, activities, underlying dynamics, and the roles that drugs and sex trafficking play in gang activity. We will consider the history and proliferation of gangs in the United States, common characteristics of U.S. gangs across different regions, how gangs obtain their power and the connection between street gangs and prison gangs. Lastly, we will evaluate multiple methods employed by communities and law enforcement to control and defeat criminal street gangs.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours

CRCJ 4560 HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS (3 credits)

This course is designed to present an overview of the crime of homicide. Attention is given to homicide data, theories of why homicides occur, types of homicide, investigating/solving homicides, prosecuting homicide cases, and the impact on co-victims and society as a whole. Students will use critical thinking skills while exploring various investigative techniques.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150 and 45 credit hours; 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): CRCJ major or CRCJ minor and permission of the instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4740 HOMELAND SECURITY (3 credits)

Students will learn about the history of homeland security including historical laws and regulations constructing and modifying the current national structure of homeland security in the United States. They will examine the complexities of homeland security while exploring disciplinary subfields of threats to national security including counterterrorism studies, transportation security, border security and immigration, cybersecurity, community resilience, and the associated response of the homeland security apparatus. This course is recommended for students with an interest in criminal justice careers at the federal level.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150 and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission

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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; 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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission.

Distribution: Global Diversity General Education course

CRCJ 4770 ORGANIZED CRIME (3 credits)

This course will deal with issues surrounding the phenomena of organizational crime. The student will be exposed to theories, concepts, case studies and issues relating to this topic. Organizational crimes are some of the most dangerous to American society and range from the commonly known offenses of gambling and narcotics trafficking to the more subtle and sophisticated crimes of extortion, commercial bribery, and political corruption.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours; or instructor permission

CRCJ 4780 WHITE COLLAR CRIME (3 credits)

This course is designed to examine those illegal acts committed by nonphysical 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): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours

CRCJ 4790 CYBER & COMPUTER CRIMES (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to cybercrime. Cybercrime is an extremely broad term that encompasses a wide variety of criminal behaviors. Specifically, this course is designed to introduce students to the following: how the digital world has influenced crime, theories related to cybercrime, types of cybercrimes, the implications of computer crimes and cyber-terrorism, privacy and freedom of speech in the context of the digital world, and the challenges cybercrime poses for our criminal justice system.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1150, and 45 credit hours or instructor permission

CRCJ 4800 SPECIAL TOPICS (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.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ major; CRCJ minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 4950 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)

Students explore a topic of interest under the close supervision of a faculty member. The student and faculty member work together to establish a plan of study which may include independent reading and writing, applied activities, research activities and products, and/or other activities deemed appropriate. The student is responsible for selecting a possible topic of study before contacting the faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 1010, ENGL 1160, and 45 credit hours; instructor permission. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4960 ISSUES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (3 credits)

This is a capstone course. Each student will identify and explore a contemporary issue relevant to crime and justice policy. Students will develop multimedia packages designed to educate and advocate for their chosen policy action (e.g., adoption, reform, replacement). The purpose of the course is to allow students to integrate their previous course experiences and skills, independent research, and community stakeholder engagement (via interviews) into an activity that demonstrates critical thinking, synthesis, and evaluation.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ majors with senior standing, OR permission of the instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4970 SENIOR HONORS PROJECT/THESIS (3-6 credits)

An independent research project supervised by School faculty. The senior honors project must be approved by the CPACS Honors Coordinator.

CRCJ 4990 APPLIED SENIOR ASSESSMENT (1 credit)

This course is intended to give students an opportunity to reflect on their curricular and personal development during their undergraduate career. Students will have the opportunity to develop several career development artifacts. It is also used as a tool to help monitor progress toward the SCCJ's student learning outcomes (SLOs) and identify needed changes.

Prerequisite(s): Graduating seniors must register for and complete CRCJ 4990 in the term in which they plan to graduate. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 4999 SENIOR ASSESSMENT (0 credits)

This assessment tool is part of the School's Student Outcomes effort. It is designed to monitor the School's performance and to identify changes needed. Graduating seniors must register for and complete CJUS4999 - Senior Assessment in the term in which they plan to graduate.

Prerequisite(s): Students must register for CJUS 4999 in the term in which they plan to graduate. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8010 NATURE OF CRIME (3 credits)

This course provides an overview of the major dimensions of crime in the U.S. Content areas included are the epidemiology of crime, the costs of crime and typologies of crime and criminals.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO Graduate College.

CRCJ 8020 SEMINAR IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide students with a critical understanding of responses to crime. Particular emphasis is placed on theory and research bearing upon the effectiveness of the policies and strategies of the principal institutions of the criminal justice system - the police, courts and corrections. Additionally, philosophical and practical matters pertaining to "justice" and "fairness" in the administration of the criminal law are explored.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO Graduate College.

CRCJ 8030 CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH THEORY AND METHODOLOGY (3 credits)

Research theory and methodology in the social sciences as applicable to criminal justice; preparation of research designs, conceptual models; sampling procedures; and development of individual research papers.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO Graduate College.

CRCJ 8040 SEMINAR IN POLICE AND SOCIETY (3 credits)

This course is designed to explore 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. The values of a democratic society as they affect the law enforcement role are discussed.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to the UNO graduate program and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8050 SEMINAR IN CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This course is designed to give an analytical perspective to the history, development, implementation and future of critical issues in the field of corrections. Primary focus will be directed toward an exploration of the various theoretical approaches to corrections and the research intended to support or refute these perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8060 SEMINAR IN THE CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide a social science perspective on the role of the courts in the criminal justice system. The ideals of the system will be compared with actual functioning, and court reform programs and proposals will be critically examined.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 8070 SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE (3 credits)

This course is designed to examine substantive criminal law as the basis of social control in our country. Contemporary issues such as the insanity defense, decriminalization of so-called victimless crimes, sexual assault and abortion, and current proposals to assist victims of crimes will be among the topics explored. In addition, current criminal procedure problems relating to right to counsel, search and seizure and interrogation will be examined.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8080 SEMINAR IN JUVENILE JUSTICE (3 credits)

An inquiry in the social ramifications of the entire juvenile delinquency process including labeling, detention, incarceration and tolerance. Pre- and post-adjudicatory issues are dealt with as well as a realistic perspective given to delinquency prevention strategies.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO graduate program.

CRCJ 8090 SEMINAR IN THEORETICAL CRIMINOLOGY (3 credits)

A study of the etiology of crime as a social phenomenon and an objective analysis of the historical influences and thought which molded its development into an accepted contemporary science.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in criminology and criminal justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 8100 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (3 credits)

This course will deal with issues in the organization and administration of modern justice agencies. The students will be exposed to theories, concepts, and issues relating to the administration and organization of justice agencies.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8110 VICTIMOLOGY (3 credits)

The Victimology seminar provides an overview of key research areas on prevalence, predictors, and consequences of various forms of victimization. By the end of the course, students will develop a critical understanding and appreciation of the development and current state of theories of victimology, measurement of different types of victimization, and quantitative and qualitative results that have been used to inform research in the field. Furthermore, students will learn how to critically analyze and interpret primary research regarding victimization.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO graduate program.

CRCJ 8120 RACE, CRIME AND INJUSTICE (3 credits)

This course examines inequities in the context of the cumulative effects of biases in the criminal justice system. Students learn how macro-structural conditions, community violence, depletion of male role models as the result of incarceration, and adversarial contacts with police can negatively impact young children residing in some lower socio-economic communities of color as well as increase their likelihood of early contact with the juvenile justice system.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of the instructor.

CRCJ 8130 SEMINAR IN WOMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

This course focuses on the experiences of women in the criminal justice system. It will cover the history of criminological theory on women, application of mainstream criminological theory to women, and women as offenders, victims, and professionals in the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 8136 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 4130).

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 8180 CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide supervised individualized learning experiences in a selected criminal justice agency. The principal objective of the internship is to provide students with the opportunity to apply theoretical and methodological principles acquired in graduate courses to the analysis of problems in local criminal justice agencies.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice, successful completion of 15 hours of graduate work, and permission of instructor. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8190 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)

Individual projects in research, literature review or creative production which may or may not be an extension of course work. The work will be supervised and evaluated by departmental graduate faculty members.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program at UNO, and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8210 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS (3 credits)

This course is a survey of program evaluation and policy analysis techniques. The focus is on theoretical foundations of the Criminal Justice policy process, program development and implementation, research designs specific to program evaluation and policy research, and methodological techniques commonly used to evaluate criminal justice programs and policies.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to doctoral program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to graduate program at UNO and CRCJ 8030; or instructor permission.

CRCJ 8230 TERRORISM (3 credits)

A course devoted to an exploration and analysis of contemporary special problems in the broad spectrum of law enforcement and corrections.

CRCJ 8300 COMMUNITIES AND CRIME (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide an analytical perspective to the meaning of community, theories that explain community-level crime, and police decision-making at the community level. The primary focus will be directed toward an exploration of the various theoretical approaches to explaining community-level crime, with a special emphasis on police action. This course will enable students to become proficient in the topic of community-level theories of crime and determine whether communities perpetuate or prevent criminal behavior.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to a Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate degree program, or UNO SCCJ Graduate Program Coordinator permission. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8356 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.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 8400 INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (3 credits)

This course examines the complex nature and dynamics of intimate partner violence (IPV). The course begins with a general presentation of IPV, such as definitions, characteristics, and the cycle of IPV. Then, theories of IPV are presented and various sources of IPV data and measurement issues are discussed. The majority of the course focuses on the historical development/evolution and current response of the criminal justice system to IPV including law enforcement response, the use of protection orders, domestic violence courts, and batterer intervention treatment programs. Additionally, the course examines "special topics" regarding IPV including teen dating violence, intimate partner homicide, and IPV within criminal careers.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to a UNO graduate degree program, or permission of the UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Program Coordinator. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8430 HUMAN TRAFFICKING (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide students with a systematic introduction to the study of human trafficking. Students will learn about the prevalence, predictors, and consequences of human trafficking. Additionally, students will develop a critical understanding and appreciation of the development and current state of theories, measurement, and quantitative and qualitative results that can be used to inform our understanding of the nature of these events, the victims who are harmed, the individuals who facilitate these crimes, and identification and response initiatives.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to a UNO graduate degree program, or UNO SCCJ Graduate Program Coordinator permission. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8450 SEXUAL VIOLENCE (3 credits)

This course will examine the complicated nature and dynamics of sexual violence (SV). The course will begin with a general presentation of sexual violence, such as definitions and the nature, characteristics, and extent of SV. We will also consider the impact of doing "sexual violence" work on criminal justice and victim service practitioners (e.g., vicarious trauma) and the importance of self-care. Next, various tools to measure SV, sources of SV data, and measurement issues will be discussed. Then, we will move on to the major focus of this class - the historical development and evolution of different legislative, criminal justice system, and victim service system responses to sexual violence. Finally, we will examine some of the responses to sexual violence that have been generated outside of formal systems of care.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha Graduate School

CRCJ 8516 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.

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

CRCJ 8800 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

A course devoted to an exploration and analysis of contemporary special problems in the broad spectrum of criminal justice philosophy. This course looks at philosophical issues related to social control. The purpose of this course is to foster a deeper understanding of the reasons, justifications, and problems related to societal approaches to the control of its citizens.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or UNO graduate student and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 8850 RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT (3 credits)

This course is designed to provide students with advanced knowledge and understanding risk and needs assessment used in case management and classification within the criminal justice system and related social services.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in criminology and criminal justice; or, instructor permission.

CRCJ 8950 STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC ADMIN (3 credits)

This is a required course which provides a foundation for the use of statistical methods in criminal justice and public affairs research. It will review fundamentals of research, showing the interplay between the theory, the research, the statistical method, and the interpretation.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO Graduate college.

CRCJ 8970 CAPSTONE PROJECT IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

The Capstone Project offers each student the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the theory and practice of Criminology and Criminal Justice by applying the knowledge and skills gained in the Master of Science program to a project of the student's choice. This involves completing a project report reflecting the cumulative knowledge gained from these experiences. This class is intended only for students who are completing their Master of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice MS program, and completion of a minimum of 24 credit hours; or permission of Masters Program Coordinator. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 8990 MASTERS THESIS (1-6 credits)

The thesis is required for all students in the MA program. It provides students with an opportunity to integrate theories, concepts, and aspects of the criminology and criminal justice literature with methods and techniques for conducting research, through the completion of an original research project. The thesis project should constitute original research and is conducted under the supervision of a Masters Thesis Committee.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MA program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; and, CRCJ 8010, CRCJ 8020, CRCJ 8030, CRCJ 8950 and 6 other 8000+ CRCJ courses. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 9010 SEMINAR ON LAW & SOCIAL CONTROL (3 credits)

This is a required course which will examine the relationships between the state, the law, and the citizen in a democratic society. It will also examine the relationship between social control, law and social change.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 9020 SEMINAR ON THEORIES OF CRIME (3 credits)

This is a required course which emphasizes conceptual and theoretical issues in contemporary criminological theory. It also provides students with a working knowledge of theory construction.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice MA or PhD graduate programs; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9030 SEMINAR ON RACE, ETHNICITY, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credits)

This is a required course which introduces students to current empirical research and theory on racial minorities and the criminal justice system. It focuses on racial minorities as victims of crime, as offenders, and as criminal justice professionals.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO graduate program.

CRCJ 9040 COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS (3 credits)

This course provides a cross-national examination of the dynamics of criminality and the social response to crime. It also describes the extent and nature of crime in different countries.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9050 ACADEMIC WRITING (3 credits)

This course is designed to familiarize students with academic and professional writing with the goal of promoting the development of formal writing and organizational skills. Students will learn how to construct and organize scholarly papers to better prepare them for the comprehensive examination, the doctoral dissertation, the development of scholarly journal articles and monographs, and the development of funded project proposals.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to PhD program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 9080 ADVANCED STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS (3 credits)

This is a required course which will provide the student with fundamentals of modern statistical techniques used in criminal justice and public affairs research. (Cross-listed with PA 9080).

Prerequisite(s): Admission to PhD program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and CRCJ 8950 or PA 8950 and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9090 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN RESEARCH METHODS (3 credits)

This course will explore specialized topics in research methodology. The course assumes that participants have a firm understanding of the basic principles of research methods and statistics.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to PhD program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9100 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (3 credits)

This course will explore advanced techniques of statistical analysis within the field of criminal justice. It assumes that participants have taken courses in basic descriptive and inferential statistics and advanced multivariate analysis of variance and regression.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice and CRCJ 9080; or admission to UNO graduate program, CRCJ 9080, and permission of the instructor.

CRCJ 9130 ADVANCED RESEARCH ON POLICING (3 credits)

This course will explore critical research issues in American policing. The focus of the course may vary and cover topics such as police discretion, police use of force, labor unions in law enforcement, gender differences in policing, and police organization management.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of the instructor.

CRCJ 9150 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH (3 credits)

This course will focus on specialized topics in criminology & criminal justice research. The purpose of the course is to provide students with an opportunity to read and critique current research on topics such as the history of the criminal justice system, civilian review of the police, sentencing, or the application of the death penalty.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9160 SEMINAR IN COMMUNITY-BASED CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This course will deal with strategies of correctional reform and with models and practices of community-based corrections. Recent innovations in community-based corrections will be examined to demonstrate how they fit into an overall correctional strategy.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO graduate program.

CRCJ 9170 ADVANCED SEMINAR ON CORRECTIONS (3 credits)

This graduate-level seminar provides an overview of critical areas in corrections research and discusses the many complexities facing corrections. Students will gain an understanding of correctional theory, practices, policies, and issues that impact different stages of correctional processing, incarcerated individuals, correctional staff and the organization. Students will develop a broad but critical understanding of the current state of correctional research.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to a UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9180 SEMINAR ON THE CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM (3 credits)

This course will focus on the structure, organization, and operation of the state and federal court systems in the United States. The purpose of the course is to survey recent research on the dynamics of courthouse justice—charging, plea bargaining, bail decision making, jury decision making, and sentencing.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or admission to UNO graduate program and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 9200 SEMINAR ON VIOLENT CRIME AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (3 credits)

This course exposes students to the leading theories and research in the area of violent criminal behavior. It addresses major violent crimes including rape, homicide, and child sexual physical abuse.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program; or admission to UNO graduate program and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9220 ADVANCED CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY AND THEORY CONSTRUCTION (3 credits)

This course is designed to extend students' knowledge of theory and theory construction beyond the basics of the elements and propositions of particular criminological theories. Students will have an opportunity to examine in depth topics such as theory construction, theory integration, theory compatibility and synthesis, and new directions in criminological theory.

Prerequisite(s): CRCJ 8090 or CRCJ 9020 and admission to graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or permission of instructor.

CRCJ 9250 SEMINAR ON VICTIMIZATION ACROSS THE LIFE-COURSE (3 credits)

The Seminar on Victimization across the Life-course provides graduate students a survey of the primary topics regarding the predictors and consequences of victimization at various points in life. This an elective course for graduate students in Criminology and Criminal Justice. By the end of the course, students will understand major theories, research methods, and seminal research studies in the victimology field. Furthermore, students will learn how to critically analyze and interpret primary research regarding victimization.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to UNO graduate program. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

CRCJ 9700 TEACHING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT THE COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY LEVEL (3 credits)

This seminar is a required course for doctoral students in criminal justice. The purpose of the course is to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to become informed, effective, and stimulating teachers. A variety of pedagogical issues will be covered during the course of the semester; theories of learning and student motivation; constructing a course syllabus; designing effective writing assignments and in-class exercises; leading class discussions; testing and grading; and managing the classroom.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice PhD graduate program; or admission to Criminology and Criminal Justice MA or MS graduate program and instructor permission. Not open to nondegree students.

CRCJ 9800 ADVANCED RESEARCH DESIGN (3 credits)

This is a required course which will expose students to advanced topics in research methods in preparation for writing their doctoral dissertation. It will also apply advanced methodological techniques to problems in the field.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to PhD program in Criminology and Criminal Justice; or UNO graduate student and instructor permission.

CRCJ 9980 DIRECTED READINGS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (1-6 credits)

This course is designed to provide the advanced graduate student with the opportunity to do extended readings on a specialized criminology or criminal justice topic.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in criminology and criminal justice or UNO graduate program, and permission of instructor.

CRCJ 9990 DISSERTATION (1-20 credits)

The dissertation is an original research project conducted and written under the direction of a faculty dissertation committee. The dissertation provides the student with an opportunity to do original research that contributes to advancing the body of knowledge on crime and criminal justice.

Prerequisite(s): Completion of all coursework, completion of the comprehensive examination, and permission of Supervisory Committee Chair. Not open to non-degree graduate students.