

Academic Offerings

This section contains descriptions of programs, majors, minors, areas of concentration, fields of specialization, and courses. Semesters following course titles indicate when each course is normally offered. On rare occasions, a course may not be available when indicated because of low enrollment or unexpected staffing changes.

Courses listed as Fall Odd and Spring Even are scheduled to be offered during the 2011-2012 academic year. i.e., fall 2011-2012 is Fall Odd, spring 2011-2012 is Spring Even.

Criminal Justice

General Major- Criminal Justice 101, 202, 205, 302, 305, 322, 323, 350, 373; Political Studies 214; Sociology 216. To complete this interdisciplinary major, students will work with their advisor to select three additional courses to complement their vocational goals from Communication, Psychology, Political Studies, or Recreation. Students are advised to consider taking a minor in one of these programs.

General Minor- Criminal Justice 101, 202, 205, 373; one from Criminal Justice 302, 305, Sociology 216; Criminal Justice 322 or 323.

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- 101 **Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)** Fall
Overview of the criminal justice system, including criminal justice research, criminal law, procedure, evidence, criminology, victimology, policing, the courts, and corrections. We will explore how our views of crime and the criminal justice system have been influenced by government leaders and the media. We will also seek to apply biblical norms to our analysis of the criminal justice system with suggestions on reform.
- 202 **Criminology (3)**..... Fall
A theory-based course that studies crime causation, typologies of crime, and crime control. It looks at both historical and modern theories, including those that look to individual, social, and structural causes. It also broadly analyzes the guardianship and enforcement functions of the criminal justice system. Students will be able to identify criminology theories in modern media and engage in theory-building exercises. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or by permission of instructor. [Cross-listed: Sociology 202]
- 205 **Crime Scene Investigation (3)**Spring
Students will become acquainted with the forensic sciences, learn how to gather evidence and use it to solve crimes, and understand how proper investigation promotes justice. Considerable emphasis will be placed on how to conduct interviews and interrogations, write reports, and testify in court. Students will learn how to evaluate criminal investigations in current and high profile cases. We will apply biblical norms and discuss police ethics in conducting investigations. Intended for anyone interested in criminal investigation and hands-on learning.
- 302 **Juvenile Justice (3)**.....Spring
Students will review causal theories of juvenile crime and will also examine the history and philosophy of the treatment of juveniles in the criminal justice system and the goals and effectiveness of the system. Promising alternatives rooted in a biblical reconciliation worldview will be included. Problems such as gangs, drug usage, and school violence will also be explored. The emphasis will be on how to be a salt and a light in a strategic part of society. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, 202 or by permission of instructor.
- 305 **Victimology and Family Violence (3)**.....Spring

The victimology section will look at the various harms suffered due to crime, how victims interact with various agencies and players, public reaction to victims, the victims' rights movement, and how to better serve the victims of crime through our criminal justice system. We will also identify and describe the problem, measure its true dimensions, and review evidence and hypotheses of victimologists. In the family violence portion, theories on family violence will be analyzed, the consequences of family victimization will be considered, as well as how to recognize child abuse and understand the dynamics of partner violence. We will analyze legal and enforcement responses, consider how institutional responses can prevent or lessen revictimization, and look to how a restorative justice model can alleviate some of the harms of victimization. Prerequisite: junior standing or by permission of instructor. [Cross-listed: Sociology 305]

- 322 **American Constitutional Law (3)**.....Spring
 The American Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court. An analysis of leading cases contributing to an understanding of both the historical development of constitutional law and the recent developments in constitutional law in reference to civil liberties. Prerequisite: junior standing or by permission of instructor. [Cross-listed: Political Studies 322]
- 323 **Criminal Law and Procedures (3)** Fall
 An introduction to the basic concepts of criminal law and procedure, including the constitutional limitations from arrest to release in the administration of criminal justice. This course is a combination of 323 and formerly offered 324. Prerequisite: sophomore standing.
- 350 **Terrorism: Political Violence, Security, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (3)** Fall
 This course is currently being developed.
- 373 **Field Experience in Criminal Justice (3)** Fall, Spring
 This field experience provides exposure to the type of activities in which Criminal Justice graduates are likely to be involved. Requires 8-10 on-site hours per week plus one hour of weekly supervision. Application deadline for the spring semester is November 1; deadline for the fall semester is April 1. Prerequisites: declared criminal justice emphasis or minor; junior or senior standing; approval of the department.
- 391- **Individual Studies (1-3)**Fall, Spring, Summer
 393 See page 161, Individual Studies