HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

OVERVIEW

The School of Humanities offers programs leading to the Associate in General Studies and the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees to students having interests or career objectives involving individual and community relationships. Majors are available in the following disciplines: criminal justice, English, history, social science, psychology, social work, social studies composite, and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy (multidisciplinary). School of Humanities departments that offer minors include English, English writing, Spanish, History, Social Science, Psychology, and Criminal Justice. Teacher certification is available in English and language arts, history and social studies composite. (See the School of Education and Fine Arts section of the catalog.)

COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

CRJ 1101-4609: Special Studies

Topics offered as demand reflects an interest in areas of criminal justice not covered by existing catalog courses. Course may be repeated when topic of study changes.

CRJ 1310: Introduction to Criminal Justice

An introductory course designed to focus on the history and philosophy of criminal justice, ethical and moral issues, definitions of crime categories, law enforcement, the court system, prosecution and defense, trial and correctional processes.

CRJ 1320: Crime in America

Historical review of crime in the United States, social and psychological factors pertaining to different categories of crime, crime trends and prevention of crime.

CRJ 1330: Fundamentals of Criminal Law

An examination of the major issues in criminal law and procedure emphasizing the basic elements of crime, search and seizure, interrogation, right to counsel, evidentiary concepts, pretrial release, and the appeals process.

CRJ 2310: Community Policing

Students study the relationship between police and the community with recommendations for ways of working to reduce crime. Emphasis is placed on policing in a culturally diverse society. Emphasis will be placed on law enforcement and community interaction, team building, targeted crime reduction, and the Broken Windows theory on crime.

CRJ 2316: Police Systems

This course is an introduction to the police profession. Topics include the organization of law enforcement systems; police authority and responsibilities; constitutional constraints; the role of police on society; police operations, discretion, corruption and current and emerging issues. Emphasis will be placed on the police profession; organization of law enforcement systems; the police role; police discretion; ethics; police-community interaction; current and future issues.

CRJ 2320: Criminal Investigation

An introduction to the recognition, collection and evaluation of physical evidence arising from a crime or suspicious incident, concentrating on the various techniques of crime scene investigation including crime scene search, note-taking, sketching, photography, and preservation of evidence. Many aspects of evidence preservation and admissibility will be covered with a heavy focus on the Bill of Rights. This course does not include scientific activities normally conducted within a crime laboratory by forensic scientist, but rather all aspects of criminal investigation and evidence collection up until the time evidence is delivered to the crime lab, resuming with the admissibility of the evidence in a court of law.

CRJ 2326: Community Corrections

This class will offer a practical approach to the ideas and practices of modern community correctional systems including probation, parole, halfway houses, and other treatment facilities. The course will focus on the history, current practices and future trends in these areas.

CRJ 2327: Prison Systems

This course offers a global comparison of the history of correctional institutions, with special emphasis on the southern United States after the Civil War. This course will also examine the lives of inmates within jails and prisons, as well as the correctional officers and administrators who govern these facilities.

CRJ 2351: Statistics for the Social Sciences

An introductory course in statistical measurement in the social sciences. Major emphasis on the meaning, limitations, and applicability of statistical procedures. Cross-credited with PSY 2351. Only three hours credit will be awarded for PSY 2351 or CRJ 2351.

CRJ 2390: Principles of Restorative Justice

An introduction to the basic principles and terminology of restorative justice as it interacts in our society and on a global basis. A historical perspective, studies in the field of restorative justice and the environments in which they take place will be reviewed, as well. Cross-credited with SWK 2390. Only three credit hours will be awarded for CRJ 2390 or SWK 2390.

CRJ 3312: Victimology

This upper-level course will focus on the physical, emotional and financial harms places on primary and secondary victims. The students will learn the theories of victimization in this country as well as around the world. Cross-credited with SWK 3310. Only three credit hours will be awarded for CRJ 3312 or SWK 3310.

CRJ 3320: Special Topics in Restorative Justice

An in-depth study of a specific topic as it relates to issues in Restorative Justice. Topics included, but not limited to review, would be poverty, religious institutions, educational systems, court systems, or victims and offenders. This special focus will be determined by sociological, political, cultural and economic climates within the United States and on a global basis.

CRJ 3322: Problems of Contemporary Society

This course is an examination of macro and micro-level problems of modern western society. Macro-level problems include issues such as racial conflict, war, civil rights, social movements, the mass media, crime and mental illness. Micro-level problems include socially deviant behavior such as drug use, alcoholism, and violent behavior. Theories pertaining to these problems, social control laws and policies will be examined. Cross-credited with SWK 3322. Only three credit hours will be awarded for SWK 3322 or CRJ 3322.

CRJ 3328: Human Trafficking

This upper-level specialized course will explore human trafficking and modern-day slavery and its effects on the criminal justice system and society. Since human trafficking is a global problem involving sex trafficking and labor trafficking, students will explore the explanations as to why this problem has flourished both globally and within the United States. As needed. Cross-credited with SWK 3328. Only three credit hours will be awarded for SWK 3328 or CRJ 3328.

CRJ 3330: Criminology

An introduction to the study of criminological theories, both historical and modern with the focus on adult populations as they pertain to the criminal justice system. Causes and prevention of crime as well as functions of the law enforcement, the judicial, and the penal systems will also be examined. Emphasis will be placed on the involvement of minority populations who come in contact with the criminal justice system. Cross-credited with SWK 3330. Only three credit hours will be awarded for SWK 3330 or CRJ 3330.

CRJ 3332: Juvenile Delinquency

A study of the characteristics of juvenile delinquency, juveniles within society, gang activity, and substance abuse. The focus will be on trends in delinquency and criminal activity, social causes, prevention, treatment and control of delinquent behavior. Emphasis will be placed on the involvement and treatment of minority youth who come in contact with the juvenile justice system. Cross-credited with SOC 3332 and SWK 3332. Only three credit hours will be awarded for SWK 3332 or CRJ 3332.

CRJ 3335: Serial Crimes

This is a comprehensive course specifically designed for law enforcement, correctional professionals, criminal justice professionals, military personnel, private investigators, criminologists, forensic scientists, and forensic mental health professionals. Upon successful completion of subject matter contained in the course, the student should have a comprehensive knowledge of the various types of serial offenders and the unique techniques utilized to successfully identify and track repeat/habitual offenders.

CRJ 3345: Race, Class, Gender, Crime

A detailed examination of diversity issues such as race, gender, and class within the U.S. criminal justice system. Particular emphasis is placed on the development and operation of diversity issues within the criminal justice system.

CRJ 3375: Racial Profiling

A historical focus of racial profiling, law enforcement practices, cultural perspectives, civil rights, homeland security, racial profiling case law and the future of the racial profiling paradigm.

CRJ 3392: Restorative Justice in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems

A course designed to focus on the child welfare system and juvenile justice system as they relate to restoring the family and child safety. the problems, practices and principles in the child welfare and juvenile justice field and the role of the practitioners will be reviewed. Specific practices including abuse and neglect investigations, family conferencing, mediation, substitute care, adoption and other services provided may be reviewed. Special emphasis will be paid to cross-over youth. Cross-credited with SWK 3392. Only three hours will be awarded for CRJ 3392 or SWK 3392.

CRJ 4355: Ethics in Criminal Justice

A detailed examination of the major value dilemmas confronting practitioners and professionals in the modern criminal justice system. This course places particular emphasis on police conduct, courtroom conduct, and correctional professional's conduct.

CRJ 4370: Internship in Criminal Justice

Supervised professional activities in an approved criminal justice or social service agency. Designed to provide the criminal justice major with an opportunity to apply academic learning in practical and professional situations. Placement obtained in consultation with criminal justice internship program coordinator. Course may not be repeated for additional credit.