Fall 2021 Course Descriptions

CRJ 114  Survey of Criminal Justice  Cr.3
This course is designed to provide an overview of the justice process and the criminal justice system in general. Concepts of crime, deviance and justice will be discussed. Individual rights in a democratic society will be explored, as will the legal definitions of various crimes. The law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice and corrections subsystems will also be explored, and a number of reform proposals presented. Satisfies the Social Contexts and Institutions General Education Requirement.
CRJ 114-0001  TTH  3:30-4:45 pm  Brian Pitman  BD 310

CRJ 220  Corrections  Cr.3
This course will introduce students to the goals, purpose, and history of the corrections system within the United States. Students will learn how the American correctional system became a hallmark for the punishment and management of offenders with one of the highest incarceration rates in the world. Students will also examine current issues that professionals in the field of corrections encounter, such as the management of inmates with mental health needs. Examples of topics covered in this class include the establishment of community corrections, the societal impact of mass imprisonment, and the management of inmates with special needs. 
Prerequisites: CRJ 114
CRJ 220-0001  TTH  12:30-1:45 pm  Brian Pitman  S 365

CRJ 324/SOC 324  Domestic Violence  Cr.3
This class focuses on the extent, nature, causes, and consequences of domestic violence in the United States. Specifically, the course focuses on intimate partner violence, child abuse, child-to-parent abuse, elder abuse, and related topics. This course revolves around three themes: 1) gaining knowledge and insight about domestic violence, 2) understanding the social context of domestic violence, 3) evaluating criminal justice responses to domestic violence. Same course as SOC 324. Prerequisites: SOC 101 and Junior or Senior; or permission
CRJ/SOC 324-0001  W  9:00-11:50 am  Karyn Sporer  ML 335

SOC 101  Introduction to Sociology  Cr. 3
Introduces the fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of sociology, analyzes the influence of social and cultural factors upon human behavior and evaluates the effect of group processes, social classes, stratification, and basic institutions on contemporary society. Satisfies the General Education Social Contexts and Institutions Requirement.
SOC 101-0001  TTH  12:30-1:45 pm  Sporer  NV 100
SOC 101-0002  TTH  9:30-10:45 am  Sporer  B 140
SOC 101-0003  TTH  2:00-3:15 pm  Haedicke  B 141
SOC 101-0500  MW (F online)  9:00-9:50 am  Eichel  LH 120

SOC 220  Sociology of Deviance  Cr. 3
The study of deviant behaviors, individuals and groups, with emphasis on social order, power and identity. Use of the sociological perspective to explore definitions of deviance, theories of deviance, processes by which individuals become labeled as deviant, the nature of deviant identities and societal consequences of constructions of deviance. Satisfies the General Education Social Contexts and Institutions Requirements. Prerequisites: SOC 101 or permission.
SOC 220-0001  MWF  3:00-3:50 pm  TBA  S 365
**SOC 240  Topics in Sociology: Cybersecurity, Technology & Society  Cr. 3**
This course provides an overview of how cybersecurity, technology and society are intertwined. In particular, students will explore how cybersecurity issues are connected to cultural, political, legal, ethical, and business domains in social life.
SOC 240-0190  Online  Pitman, L.  Online

**SOC 240/WGS 203  Topics in Sociology: Men and Masculinities  Cr. 3**
This course examines the social construction of masculinity in Western culture, exploring men’s experiences in our society from multiple vantage points and examining the ways in which masculinity is understood, represented, and constructed in Western society. If this course was taken under as a topics course in WGS 201, it cannot be repeated for credit.
SOC 240-0990  Online  Okin  Online

**SOC 324/CRJ 324  Domestic Violence  Cr.3**
See description above

**SOC 340/WGS 301  Intermediate Topics: Gender and Sports  Cr. 3**
The sports and gender seminar provides an introductory look into the detailed study of sports, fitness, and athletics and its influence on and reaction to contemporary social issues. Students will explore how concepts such as sexuality, gender, health, and identity connect to the social framework of sports and fitness culture. Topics we’ll explore through the semester include but are not limited to: media representation and framing, gender identities, gender testing in the Olympics, LGBTQ* athletes, fitness and health standards, fan identity, and equal pay. We’ll spend the semester looking at professional sports such as soccer and basketball, athletic competitions such as marathons and the Iron Man, and examine fitness culture as it has developed throughout the U.S.
Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission.
SOC 340-0001  TTH  11:00-12:15 pm  Woodard  S 370

**SOC 340  Intermediate Topics: Deviance and Horror in Cinema  Cr. 3**
Using a sociological lens, the course surveys several of the main cinematic horror sub-genres: zombie, vampire, slasher, alien/science fiction, haunting, possession/demonic, meta-dramas, as well as the true crime genre. The course examines how these media texts both reify and confront social constructions of deviance, gender/sexual dynamics, race/ethnic relations, class conflicts, as well as if and how they push against the politics which police social norms and cultural expression. Students who have taken this course topic as a SOC 240 cannot retake for credit.
Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission.
SOC 340-0190  Online/Asynchronous  Tierney  Online

**SOC 360  Major Ideas in Sociology  Cr. 3**
Sociological theories of foundational thinkers, such as Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Mead and others. Developments in sociological theory as related to methodology, social issues, and current trends in contemporary sociology.
Prerequisite: Junior standing and 6 hours of sociology or permission.
SOC 460-0001  TTH  9:30-10:45 am  Haedicke  WW 201

**Courses from other disciplines for the Criminal Justice Minor (one only):**

**POS 282-0001, Introduction to American Law:** LaRochelle MWF 1:00-1:50 pm
**POS 470-0860, International Law:** Downey, T 6:00-8:50 pm
**PSY 208-0001 or 0990, Theories of Personality:** Robbins, TTH 2-3:15; Robbins, Online
**PSY 212-0001 or 0002, Abnormal Psychology:** Hugg, MWF 3-3:50; Perry, TTH 12:30-1:45 pm

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