

Criminology and Justice Studies

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Students who successfully complete the required curriculum in the Department of Criminology and Justice Studies receive the degree of Bachelor of Science. The goals of the Department of Criminology and Justice Studies are to prepare students to enter related disciplines such as law, legal studies, and the paralegal professions; and to prepare them to become change-agent professionals in the major institutions of criminal justice, i.e., law enforcement, courts, and corrections.

The department's academic program is interdisciplinary (law, criminology, and organizational theory). It focuses upon the genesis of legal systems and their development, the impact of the criminal justice system on social control, the system's role and organization, the etiology of crime and delinquency, research and planning methods to expand knowledge in the field, and the techniques of applied criminal justice through an intensive program of internship and independent study.

In order to achieve these purposes, the following four-year program is required of all law and justice majors:

Requirements for the Major

Thirty-six (36) credits in Criminology and Justice Studies courses including LAWJ 100, 101, 200, 205, 240, 325, 415, 420, 421, 498, and two courses (6 cr.) of LAWJ options. Students must also take six credits of social sciences, specifically LAWJ 305 and 435, and six credits of mathematics, specifically STAT 115 and STAT 116.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards

Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for the Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. Minimum grades are noted in parentheses:

- Retention in the program is based on the following performance standards in these "critical content courses": LAWJ (C-); 2.0 GPA.
- Transfer into the program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standards in the "foundation course": LAWJ 100 (C-).
- Graduation requires a GPA of 2.0 in courses for the program.

Law and Justice Major (LAWJ)

During academic year 2003-2004, The College of New Jersey is in the process of transformative curricular change. Therefore only the course of study for first-year students entering in 2003-2004 is set out below. These students should consult their advisors when planning courses for future years. Supplements to this online bulletin also will be available on an ongoing basis.

Freshman Year

LAWJ 099/Department Seminar	0
LAWJ 100/Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
LAWJ 101/Judicial Process	3
LAWJ 205/History and Philosophy of Corrections	3
WRI 102/Academic Writing	4
IDSC 151/Athens to New York	3
<i>or</i>	
FSP 101/First Year Seminar	4
Foreign Language	6
STAT 115/Statistics I	3
Electives	6
Total for year	31-32

Accelerated Graduate Degree Program

Adviser: McCormack

In cooperation with the Graduate School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, the department sponsors a program of study leading to both Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in criminal justice in four-and-one-half years. Selected students will complete their first three years of study at The College of New Jersey and transfer to Rutgers Graduate School of Criminal Justice for the final three semesters. Courses taken at the graduate school will be applied to fulfill the undergraduate requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree from The College of New Jersey (conferred after completing senior year) and to fulfill the graduate school requirements for the Rutgers Master of Arts degree. Requirements: by the end of the third year, candidates must have a 3.2 GPA or above; completed all general education and elective requirements; satisfactorily completed the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and met all admissions requirements for the MA program at Rutgers; and successfully completed in a comprehensive graduate degree program examination administered by the department's faculty. (This program is for students who begin their academic career at The College of New Jersey as freshmen.)

Legal Studies

Advisers: Fradella, Lengyel

Traditionally, the department has had a large number of its majors apply for and be accepted into law school. As a result, members of the faculty have been assigned to seek out, identify, and mentor students (both majors and minors) who indicate an interest in law as a career. These faculty members are also members of The College Pre-Law Advisory Committee.

Internships in Law and Justice

Adviser: McCormack

The department has a dynamic internship program for majors and minors. The program matches each student's internship interest with a field placement. The program is academically rigorous since, in addition to the work-site activities as an intern, students are required to complete a challenging research report on which they are graded. Typical internship sites are the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the New Jersey Department of Insurance, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Mercer County Prosecutor's and Public Defender's Office, federal and state law enforcement agencies, and the Juvenile Justice Commission. This program is open to seniors and juniors with GPAs of 2.5 and above.

Law and Justice Minor

Students participating in the department's minor are required to take the following courses:

LAWJ 100/Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3 cr.)

LAWJ 101/Judicial Process (3 cr.)

LAWJ 415/Criminal Procedure (3 cr.)

LAWJ 420/Criminal Law I (3 cr.)

LAWJ Options

(two other law and justice courses) (6 cr.)

LAWJ 425/Internship in Law and Justice*

Total 18 semester hours

**Recommended. LAWJ 425/Internship in Law and Justice may be taken as an option after students have taken nine semester hours of the minor and meet the other requirements for an internship (i.e., junior/senior status and a 2.5 GPA).*

Note: Students will be required to receive permission from the department chairperson to participate in the minor and must submit appropriate declaration forms to the registrar's office. All courses must be taken at The College of New Jersey.

Forensic Science Concentration

Students participating in the department's Forensic Science Concentration will be able to take the following courses:

- LAWJ 210/Introduction to Forensic Science (3 cr.) Fall semester prerequisites: LAWJ 100 or permission of instructor
- LAWJ 330/Forensic Toxicology, Drugs, and the Law (3 cr.) Spring semester prerequisites: junior/senior standing or permission of instructor
- LAWJ 440/Laboratory and Field Analysis in Forensic Investigation (4 cr.) Spring semester prerequisites: LAWJ 210 or permission of instructor
- LAWJ 345/The Trial Process (3 cr.) Occasionally, prerequisites: LAWJ 101/Judicial Process and LAWJ 415/Criminal Procedure; or permission of instructor
- LAWJ 445/Forensic Psychology (3 cr.) Fall semester prerequisites: PSYC 101/General Psychology I and junior/ senior status, or permission of instructor
- LAWJ 450/Principles of Forensic Medicine (3 cr.) Occasionally, prerequisites: BIOL 181–182; or BIOL 183–184; or LAWJ major or minor status with senior class standing; or permission of instructor

Departmental Honors in Law and Justice

A departmental honors program in law and justice is offered to students who meet departmental requirements.

Academic Regulations

Department retention and graduation standards are the same as those of the College. Students wishing to make internal transfers into the department must have a GPA of 2.5.

Major Curriculum Categories:

A) Legal Studies

LAWJ 101/Judicial Process
LAWJ 225/Prisoners' Rights
LAWJ 240/Legal Research and Writing
LAWJ 245/Torts I
LAWJ 255/Legal Problems in a Domestic Setting
LAWJ 360/Homicide
LAWJ 365/Psychiatry and the Law
LAWJ 415/Criminal Procedure
LAWJ 420/Criminal Law I
LAWJ 421/Criminal Law II
LAWJ 490/International Issues in Law, Justice, and Human Rights

B) Criminology/Theory

LAWJ 215/Juvenile Delinquency
LAWJ 250/White-Collar Crime
LAWJ 305/Criminology
LAWJ 310/Victims in the Criminal Justice System
LAWJ 330/Comparative Criminology
LAWJ 340/Terrorism

C) Organizational Theory/Systems

LAWJ 200/Principles of Law Enforcement
LAWJ 205/History and Philosophy of Corrections
LAWJ 300/Police Administration and Organization
LAWJ 315/Contemporary Police Problems
LAWJ 320/Probation and Parole
LAWJ 325/Juvenile Justice
LAWJ 350/Municipal Court Practice and Administration
LAWJ 405/Institutional Corrections
LAWJ 410/Community-Based Corrections

D) Forensic Science

LAWJ 210/Introduction to Forensic Science
LAWJ 330/Forensic Toxicology, Drugs, and the Law
LAWJ 345/Trial Process
LAWJ 440/Laboratory and Field Analysis in Forensic Investigation
LAWJ 445/Forensic Psychology
LAWJ 450/Principles of Forensic Medicine

E) Miscellaneous

LAWJ 425/Internship in Law and Justice
LAWJ 435/Research and Planning
LAWJ 491/Topics in the Justice System
LAWJ 498/Seminar in Law and Justice
LAWJ 499/Independent Study in Law and Justice

COURSES (updated 11/5/03)

LWJ 100/ Justice and Social Control

4 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Students will explore the historic need in societies to shape and control the behavior of their members so that they conform to established group norms. The course will examine the complex interaction between factors such as culture, law, power and equity that contribute to the maintenance of social order. It will address the development of legal systems from the social science perspectives of anthropology (primitive law) and sociology (sociology of law); investigate the nature of normative social control (sociological theory relative to conformity, conflict and power); and explore, in both a historical and contemporary vein, the development and maturation of formal justice systems (enforcement, adjudication and corrections) which act coercively against rule violators.

LAWJ 101/Judicial Process

3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

An in-depth study of the judicial process to include a study of the philosophical issues and problems inherent therein as well as its major components and the individuals who support the system.

LWJ200/ Policing Civil Societies 4 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Traces the development of modern-day policing in civil societies from the 18th century through modern times. At the core of this course is the study of the interplay between citizens and the police. It is at this juncture, where citizens and the police interact, that misunderstandings develop, relationships are formed, problems are solved and future plans are designed. This course also considers the problems that police face due to misunderstandings of their role including corruption and other forms of deviance. Moreover, the course considers theories of modern police practice and reform efforts as well as the development and construction of police ethics.

LAWJ 200/Principles of Law Enforcement 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

History, development, and philosophy of law enforcement in a democratic society; interrelationships of law enforcement with customs, mores, and norms in controlling human behavior. Survey of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

LWJ205/Criminology 4 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

A general introduction to the study of criminal behavior from an interdisciplinary perspective. The main focus is on the classical and contemporary theories developed over the past two hundred years to explain and predict criminal behavior in society. The propositions, assumptions, empirical validity, and policy implications of these criminological theories, as well as the social context in which they were developed, will be examined. In addition, the ability of these theories to explain crime rates across different countries and cultures will be examined. Other significant issues in criminology such as the measurement and extent of crime, the role of demographics (age, race, gender, social class) in the causation of and reaction to crime, and explanations of specific crime types such as substance abuse and white collar crime will also be discussed.

LAWJ 205/History and Philosophy of Corrections 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Theory and practice of correctional institutions and their functions. Historical development and underlying philosophy of approaches used in the care and treatment of both adult and juvenile offenders.

LAWJ 210/Introduction to Forensic Science 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(annually)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 101 or permission of the instructor

This course will introduce students to the fundamental principles of forensic science. Students will learn the meaning and significance of scientific evidence and its role in criminal investigations and in criminal trials. Students will learn the scope of the work performed by various specialists subsumed under the title "forensic scientists" including evidence technicians, criminalistics experts, fingerprint examiners, forensic chemists and toxicologists, ballistic experts, forensic pathologists, forensic odontologists, forensic anthropologists, forensic serologists, and DNA specialists.

LAWJ 215/Juvenile Delinquency 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Nature and causes of juvenile delinquency: psychology and sociological factors; characteristics and typologies of youthful offenders. Concepts and theories of delinquency related to modern trends in prevention, control, and treatment.

LAWJ 225/Prisoners' Rights 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 100 or LAWJ 101 or permission of the instructor

Study of the legal rights and civil disabilities of convicted persons (prisoners, parolees, and probationers) at the present time. Attention is also given to the historical background of these groups and their rights.

LAWJ 230/Women in the Criminal Justice System 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(annually)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 101

An understanding of the treatment of women as professionals, litigants, victims, and offenders in the justice system.

LAWJ 240/Legal Research and Writing 3 cr.

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 101

This course is designed to give the layman a working knowledge of legal analysis, research, and writing.

LAWJ 245/Torts I **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

An in-depth study of the civil law of torts. The study will include the civil liability theories and defenses thereto. The numerous variations in the doctrinal theories, rules, and formulas utilized by the courts will be examined.

LAWJ 250/White-Collar Crime **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

An investigation and analysis of white-collar crime in American society. Based on the major classic and contemporary writings in this area of law violation, this course is designed to explore white-collar crime in relation to the political economy, corporate and government organization, the legal system, and structural and cultural features of the workplace.

LAWJ 255/Legal Problems in the Domestic Setting **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Through reading and discussion of legislation, judicial opinions, journal articles, and government documents, students develop an awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals within the family setting. The course examines the legal status of premarital proceedings and arrangements, marriage and its dissolution as well as the status of children in their relationships to the family unit.

LAWJ 300/Police Administration and Organization **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(annually)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 200

Principles of organization and management in the law enforcement field. Introduction to concepts of organizational behavior as applied to complex organizations. Planning, research, and systems analysis in police administration.

LAWJ 310/Victims in the Criminal Justice System **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

The discipline of victimology has developed quite recently out of the social sciences of sociology and criminology. In historic terms, concern for the victim has been a major consideration in society. In contemporary times, however, the state has assumed surrogate victim status, and as a result, individual victims have been relegated to the role of witnesses in their cases. This course explores the traditional role of the victim as an agent of social control: one who alerts the community to norm violations, establishes his or her status as a victim, and negotiates a settlement for the wrong.

LAWJ 315/Contemporary Police Problems **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(annually)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 200

Aspects of law, ethics, and custom affecting and determining relationships between police and the policed. Police-minority-group relations, police-juvenile relations, community relations programs, police personnel considerations, police contacts with citizens, and grievances of citizens.

LAWJ 320/Probation and Parole **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100, 101, and 205

History, philosophy, practice, and theories in the fields of probation and parole, with emphasis on significant problems, developments, and recommendations for improvement.

LAWJ 325/Juvenile Justice **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100 and 101

An in-depth study of the juvenile justice system including its philosophical basis, its historical origins, and both its theoretical and actual practice.

LAWJ 330/Forensic Toxicology, Drugs, and the Law **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(annually)

Prerequisite: Junior or senior, or permission of the instructor

This course is designed to expose students to the basic principles of drug actions on the human body and the implications of drug use for the criminal justice system. This is a science-based course which focuses on the pharmacological and toxicological characteristics of commonly abused drugs. Principles stressed include anatomy and physiology relevant to drug absorption, metabolism, and excretion; routes of administration and mechanism of action for popular drugs of abuse; receptor theory and central nervous system reactions to various neurotransmitters; and both acute and long-term effects of drugs of abuse on the human body.

LAWJ 340/International Terrorism **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(annually—fall)

Perspectives on the World: Social Sciences-Content

A critical examination of the theories, literature, and practices of terrorists from Robespierre's Reign of Terror to the present.

LAWJ 345: The Trial Process **3 cr.**

Prerequisites: LAWJ 101/Judicial Process and LAWJ 415/Criminal Procedure, or permission of the instructor

The United States justice system centers around the legal trial. Using weekly role-playing exercises in simulated courtroom situations, this course explores pretrial and trial techniques with an emphasis on procedural, evidentiary, tactical, and ethical problems experienced by lawyers, witnesses, and parties as part of the legal trial process. Mock-trial simulations require students to engage in all aspects of the trial process: voir dire, opening statements, direct and cross-examinations, and closing arguments. Special attention is paid to the rules of evidence governing relevance, hearsay, scientific evidence, chain-of-custody, demonstrative evidence, and expert testimony.

LAWJ 350/Municipal Court Practice and Administration **3 cr.**

(occasionally)

This course is designed to explore the jurisdiction, administration, and operation of the municipal court. The municipal court handles criminal, quasi-criminal, and civil matters. Topics discussed will include arraignment, criteria for setting bail, indictables and non-indictables, sentencing options and criteria, and alternative dispute resolution.

LAWJ 360/Homicide **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

An exploration of the legal, medical, cultural, social, geographical, and ethical issues relevant to the crime of homicide, a psychiatric view of those who kill, patterns in criminal homicide, and the prosecution of a homicide matter.

LAWJ 365/Psychiatry and the Law **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(annually)

A historical overview, evaluation, and analysis of mental health issues and the judicial process.

LAWJ 400/Correctional Administration **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100 and 205, or permission of instructor

Principles of organization and management in correctional administration. Concepts of organization behavior as applied to complex organizations; prisons, probation, and parole. Specialized problems faced by institutional management.

LAWJ 405/Institutional Corrections **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100 and 205, or permission of instructor

Evaluation of principles, practices, and problems of services and programs designed to rehabilitate offenders in various types of adult and juvenile correctional institutions.

LAWJ 410/Community-Based Corrections **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(occasionally)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 205

Analysis of theories, rationale, efforts, and practices to provide services for the offender in the community, exclusive of probation and parole.

LAWJ 415/Criminal Procedure **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)
(every semester)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100 and 101, or permission of instructor

Rules of evidence as applied to evidence in criminal cases. Development of constitutional doctrine as control on the administration of justice; the effect of the due-process clause as applied to the states through a study of the leading Supreme Court decisions.

LWJ422/Substantive Criminal Law **4 cr.**

(3 class hours)

(every semester)

Prerequisites: LWJ 100 and LAWJ 101

This course exposes students to the limits of criminal law not only from an academic point of view, but also from practical and legal viewpoint with a focus on constitutional, jurisdictional and organizational behavioral restraints on the law. This course turns to a study of the basic elements of all crimes and the theoretical bases for imposing a criminal liability. Those principles are then explored in detail in an applied manner via the study of law regulating crimes against the person (e.g., homicides, sex crimes, assaults and batteries. etc.). All crimes are covered from an interdisciplinary perspective which integrates public policy issues and research from the humanities and social sciences into the study of crime. The major criminal defenses are also covered, again with an emphasis on public policy and psychology.

LAWJ 425/Internship in Law and Justice 3–6 cr.

(every semester)

By arrangement. May be repeated for credit.

LAWJ 435/Research and Planning 3 cr.

(3 class hours)

(every semester)

Prerequisites: LAWJ 100, STAT 115

Perspectives on the World: Social Sciences-Process

Principles of research and planning in criminal justice. Analysis of the various methods of data collection. Comparative analysis of manual and computer systems for the interpretation and evaluation of criminal justice data.

**LAWJ 440/Laboratory and Field Analysis
in Forensic Investigation** 4 cr.

(4 class hours)

(annually)

Prerequisite: LAWJ 210 or permission of the instructor

This course will advance the student's understanding of the theory and fundamental principles of forensic science and take the theory out of the classroom and into the laboratory. Students will learn the scientific basis of various aspects of forensic scientists' work through lectures and "hands-on" laboratory exercises. Case studies and crime scene simulations will demonstrate the application and basis of scientific principles to forensic science.

LAWJ 445/Forensic Psychology 3 cr.

(3 class hours)

(annually)

Prerequisites: PSYC 101, junior or senior standing, or permission of instructor

An interdisciplinary examination of the relationships between clinical psychology and the legal system. Students are first exposed to the constructs of dynamic psychology, psychiatric assessment and treatment, and the nomenclature of mental disorders. Then, the class explores the medicalization of deviance when dealing with the mentally ill offender (especially in contexts of the insanity and diminished capacity defenses) and the mentally incompetent person under the civil law (especially civil commitment, guardianship, and conservatorship). Legal and ethical issues that face both the clinician and legal counsel are explored.

LAWJ 450/Principles of Forensic Medicine 3 cr.

Prerequisites: BIOL 181–182 or BIOL 183–184; or LAWJ major or minor status with senior class standing; or permission of the instructor

This multimedia course examines the various ways the medical profession contributes to the criminal justice system using lecture, slide presentations, and films. After a historic overview, the course focuses on forensic pathology and its role in the medico-legal investigation of death via post-mortem examinations. Study of the autopsy includes means of identification, thanatology, and thanatology of unexpected natural deaths, accidental deaths, suicides, and homicides. Special attention is paid to deaths by gunshot wound, sharp force injury, blunt force trauma, and asphyxiation. Forensic examination of living people is also covered with regard to selected crimes such as sexual assault, traffic offenses, child abuse, and drug crimes. No natural sciences background is required or presumed beyond a fundamental knowledge of general biology.

LAWJ 455/Applied Criminal Justice Policy Analysis 3 cr.

Prerequisites: STAT115 and LAWJ 435

Applied Criminal Justice Policy Analysis is designed to prepare students for the application of sound experimental and quasi-experimental research designs to the measurement of the effects of American crime reduction policies and programs. Students will be exposed to the underlying concepts of crime policy and program development and explore how these concepts affect political decision making regarding crime control strategies.

**LAWJ 490/International Issues in Law,
Justice, and Human Rights** 3 cr.

(occasionally)

Basic concepts related to the development of law, justice systems, and human rights. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary initiatives for establishing international standards in these areas. Discussions will include case studies of human rights violations examined within the context of specific national cultures.

LAWJ 491/Topics in the Justice System **3 cr.**

(occasionally)

Current or specialized topics proposed by faculty or students and approved by the department. May be taken for credit more than once as the topics differ.

LAWJ 498/Seminar in Law and Justice **3 cr.**

(3 class hours)

(every semester)

Prerequisites: Law and justice major, senior standing

A study of critical issues to assist in the integration of the component parts of the criminal justice system: moral dilemmas and choices faced by professionals and citizens concerning laws, law enforcement, legal system, and corrections.

LAWJ 499/Independent Study in **3 or 6 cr.**

Law and Justice

(every semester)

Prerequisites: Law and Justice major and permission of instructor

For advanced students wishing to pursue a special area of interest in law and justice. Students develop a proposal around a sophisticated research design including problems definition, hypotheses, methodology, etc. to complete a comprehensive study. Topic and research design developed in consultation with a faculty adviser.
