CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

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Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.S. in Criminal Justice

Undergraduate courses are regularly taught by faculty from the Departments of Sociology and Social Work and History/Government.

The Criminal Justice Program offers an undergraduate major leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. A minor in Criminal Justice is also offered. The criminal justice major provides students interested in the various aspects of criminal justice with a broad, general education with emphasis on the social sciences. Students become acquainted with the legal aspects, agencies, procedures, and operations of the criminal justice system including law enforcement, the judicial system, corrections, and social services. To help prepare for careers in the criminal justice system, students are encouraged to consider a wide range of internship opportunities offered in the program. Students are prepared to work in a variety of careers in the criminal justice system and in related occupations.

Transfer Students

Transfer students are welcome to complete their criminal justice major in this program. Special care has been taken to structure the curriculum to facilitate transfer of credit from all community college programs in Texas. All required courses for the major can now be completed online within a two year period.

Special Requirements

No grade lower than C can be counted as credit toward completion of a major in Criminal Justice. A course can be repeated for credit no more than twice – that is, taken a total of three times.

No more than three semester credit hours of Internship credit can be counted toward a major in Criminal Justice, and none can be counted toward a minor.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

The major in Criminal Justice is interdisciplinary and social science based. Course offerings include Crime in America, Sociology of Deviance, Constitutional Law, Correctional Systems and Practices, Comparative Criminal Justice, and Women, Crime, and Justice. Opportunities for practical work experience are provided through internships and the University’s Cooperative Education program.

Completion of a B.S. degree with a major in Criminal Justice requires that the student meet all the university’s general requirements for the appropriate degree. The major in Criminal Justice consists of 54 semester credit hours as outlined below. A minor is optional and if elected, students are encouraged to consider such minors as accounting, business administration, computer science, economics, government, management, psychology or sociology. Elective semester credit hours are available to allow the student to pursue individual interests as well as to further strengthen career preparation.

For descriptions of required and elective courses, please see the Sociology and Social Work course descriptions and the History/Government course descriptions.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements.

Courses

Government Courses

GOV 2013. U.S. National Government. (TCCN GOVT 2305) Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution; structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federalism; democratic theory, political participation, and the national election process; policy-making and factors influencing national policy decisions; civil liberties and civil rights; American foreign relations; demographics and the politics of race, gender, and class in the American political system. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 2023. Texas Government. (TCCN GOVT 2306) Origin and development of the Texas Constitution; structure and powers of the state government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federal-state relations; political participation and the election process in Texas; local governments; policy-making and factors influencing policy decisions in Texas; demographics and the politics of race, gender, and class in the Texas political system. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 2223. Criminal Investigation. (TCCN CRIJ 2314) Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

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GOV 3123. Legal Research. Techniques of legal research and writing, sources of the law and how each can be found; case analysis, legal citation, legal bibliography, and computer-assisted legal research. Prerequisite: GOV 3113 or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3133. Legal Research II. Analysis of legal problems, and effective communication of that analysis through drafting legal documents such as office memoranda, letters, pleadings, motions, briefs, contracts, and wills. Discussion of writing style focusing on the policies underlying conventions of composition and presentation of legal authority. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3153. Law, Politics, and Public Policy. Interaction between law, politics, and public policy; the role of the courts in the American political system; the role of the court as policymaker; overview of the American legal system; value conflicts and public policy questions which arise within it. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3163. Media and Politics. Survey of the many roles that mass media play in democratic politics. How the news is created, its potential biases, and its impact on people's political opinions and actions. How journalists, politicians, and the public work to construct meaning about political issues, people, and events. How emerging technologies transform news gathering and consumption. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3173. Introduction to Comparative Politics. Introduction to the study of comparative political systems around the world. Comparative analysis of political institutions, political culture, policy-making, and historical development of selected cases (states) within the country categories of Liberal Democracies, Communist and post-Communist states, New Democracies, Developing countries, Marginal states, and the Islamic world. Foundational concepts of comparative political science and basic research skills using inductive and deductive reasoning. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3233. Police, Policies, and Practices. The police profession; organization of law enforcement systems; the police role; police discretion; ethics; police-community interaction; current and future issues. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3243. Criminal Law. A study of the nature of criminal law; philosophical and historical development; major definitions and concepts; classification of crime; elements of crimes and penalties using Texas statutes as illustrations; criminal responsibility. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3253. Criminal Evidence and Procedure. The judiciary in the criminal justice system; structure of American court system; prosecution; right to counsel; pre-trial release; grand juries; adjudication process; types and rules of evidence; sentencing. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3303. The American Legislative Process. The legislative branch of government; including both Congress and state legislative bodies; influences on the legislative process. Course offered in alternate spring semesters coinciding with the biennial sessions of the Texas Legislature and using the current session for special class study. Prerequisites: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3393. Gender, Identity, and the Law. Impact of gender, identity, race, and class on legal status; evolution of the current legal environment, with an emphasis on parallels between gender discrimination and discrimination based on racial, ethnic, and sexual identity; substantive law regarding working conditions, compensation, education, the family, reproductive rights, and criminal law; feminist perspectives on legal reforms to improve the professional lives of individuals of all genders. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3413. Estate Planning. Probating wills; family planning; stocks; buying or selling a home; insurance needs; minimizing taxes; Social Security; consumer purchasing; bank accounts; urgent need for a will. Three lecture hours a week. Prerequisite: Three hours of government or permission of instructor. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3513. Japanese Culture and Politics. An introduction to modern Japan with particular emphasis on Japanese politics. Topics include Japanese language and literature, geography, religion, the arts, social dynamics, education, economics, history, constitutionalism, government institutions, political parties, elections, and foreign policy. The Japanese way of politics is related to larger forces in Japanese culture. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3613. The Politics of Food in America. United States food policy in global perspective; political and global nature of food production and consumption; history, institutions, and economy of food in America situated in an international context; ethical problems facing the modern food economy and ways to overcome challenges. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 3723. Modern Political Thought. A study of Western political theory from the Renaissance to the present with particular emphasis on the development of contemporary ideologies: liberalism, socialism, nationalism, Marxism, fascism. Prerequisites: Three hours of government or permission of instructor or head of department. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4013. Alternative Dispute Resolution. Introduction to alternatives to litigation to resolve disputes. Consideration of traditional negotiation, mediation, arbitration, moderated settlement conferences, and mini-trials. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4073. Constitutional Law: Governmental Structure. The development of the American Constitution through judicial interpretation by the Supreme Court, including cases involving commerce, taxation, divisions of powers, and separation of powers. Prerequisites: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4083. Constitutional Law: Individual Rights. Judicial cases, especially those involving the Bill of Rights, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. Prerequisites: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4093. Constitutional Rights and Criminal Justice. Constitutional rights as interpreted by courts and application by criminal justice system. Analysis of decisions and empirical research assessing the extent to which decisions are consistently applied by the criminal justice personnel. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4113. Public Administration. Introduction to the study of bureaucracies. Examines such theoretical, political, and practical issues as decision-making, budgeting, staffing, and organizational structure. Considers the influence of bureaucracy on policy formation and implementation. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
GOV 4133. Women in Leadership. An introduction to the principles and practices of leadership, with emphasis on women in exercising leadership. Stresses political leadership, but includes business and community leadership as well. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or above. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4203. Civil Trial Practice and Litigation. Texas and federal laws regarding preparation and trial of civil actions; procedures for recovering compensation from automobile accidents, miscellaneous torts, and breach of contract. Follow a civil suit through the judicial system from the initial client interview through trial and appeal. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4433. Family Law. Study of the legal aspects of marriage/other relationships; duties and liabilities of husband/wife/children; adoption; illegitimacy; annulment; separation; divorce, delinquent children; field trip(s). Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4453. Real Estate Law. Legal principles governing real estate transactions, with particular attention to sales contracts, deeds, mortgages, title insurance, and Texas community property and homestead laws. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4503. Criminal Justice Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours advanced, and approval of internship director. May be repeated. Eight practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4506. Criminal Justice Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours advanced, and approval of internship director. May be repeated. Sixteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

GOV 4523. American Foreign Policy. Constitutional framework and actors in foreign policy decision-making; roles of the President and Congress; the art of diplomacy. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4533. International Relations. The interaction of countries and nonstate actors in the area of diplomacy, international law, international economics, international organization, and war. A study of the general pattern of political, economic, social, geographical, and technological relationships in world affairs. Prerequisites: Six hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4553. Modern Nationalism. Modern nationalism; patriotism and national identity; the impact of nationalism on current world events. How nationalism can lead to terrorism and civil warfare. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4603. Legal Studies Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Nine hours of legal studies courses and approval of internship director. Eighteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4606. Legal Studies Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. May be repeated. Prerequisites: Nine hours of legal studies courses and approval of internship director. Sixteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

GOV 4613. Comparative Government: Europe. Constitutional structures, methods, philosophies, and policies of selected governments in the Western world. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


GOV 4653. German Politics Since 1945 Through Film. Survey of political and social history of the two German states post-1945, German Democratic Republic and Federal Republic of Germany, and reunified Germany since 1990. Major events of the Cold War era and contemporary political challenges in unified Germany. Analysis of political institutions and social and economic development of the two German states utilizing films that illustrate major periods in modern Germany history. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4703. Public Affairs Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours advanced, and approval of internship director. Eight practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4706. Public Affairs Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours advanced, and approval of internship director. Sixteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

GOV 4803. Government Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours of advanced government, and consent of internship coordinator. May be repeated. Eight practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4806. Government Internship. Integrates practical experience with the student's academic program through supervised work in a related professional environment. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of government, including six hours advanced, and approval of internship director. Sixteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

GOV 4813. Seminar in Public Policy. Analysis of the formation, implementation, and impact of public policy in selected areas of current interest. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4833. Political Science: Scope and Methods. Research in political science; emphasis on the scope of the discipline and methodology used in the field. Includes analyses of sources and documentary study and interpretations of the standard literature of political science. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4901. Special Topics. Organized course with each section's title and content varying with specific subject matter and topic offered. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. One lecture hour a week. Credit: One hour.

GOV 4902. Special Topics. Organized course with each section's title and content varying with specific subject matter and topic offered. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Two lecture hours a week. Credit: Two hours.
GOV 4903. Special Topics. Organized course with each section's title and content varying with specific subject matter and topic offered. Prerequisite: Three hours of government. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4911. Independent Study. Individual study of selected topics in government. Prerequisites: Three hours of government and consent of instructor. Credit: One hour.

GOV 4913. Independent Study. Individual study of selected topics in government. Prerequisites: Three hours of government and consent of instructor. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4933. Senior Seminar. Capstone course for all government majors; focus on extensive readings and portfolio development including both verbal and written presentations of research findings. Prerequisite: Fifteen hours of advanced government or consent of instructor. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4953. Cooperative Education. Nine practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

GOV 4956. Cooperative Education. Eighteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

Sociology Courses

SOCI 1013. Introductory Sociology. (TCCN SOCI 1301) Basic concepts, theoretical orientations, research, and applications in sociology. Survey U.S. and global contexts of social organization, culture, socialization, institutions, populations, and society diversity. Examines basic sociological ideas of social interaction, structure, and change in the U.S. and globally. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 1023. Current Social Problems. (TCCN SOCI 1306) Examines linkages between personal problems, social problems, and social policy. Critical analysis of problems such as inequality, health care, substance abuse, the environment, family violence, etc. as these relate to societal conditions. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 1413. Culture, Inequality, and Self. Human behavior as affected by culture, social institutions, class, ethnicity, and interpersonal relations. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.


SOCI 2133. Crime in America. (TCCN CRJ 1307) U.S. crime problems in sociological perspective; public policies affecting crime; impact of inequality, race, and gender on crime; crime trends; crime patterns; theories of criminal behavior; prevention of crime. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 2213. Introduction to Criminal Justice. (TCCN CRJ 1301) History and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical considerations; crime defined: its nature and impact; overview of criminal justice system; law enforcement; court system; prosecution and defense; trial process; corrections. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3003. Theories of Crime and Deviance. Examination of leading theories of crime and deviance. Classical and contemporary theories are reviewed, with particular attention to the context within which each developed. Emphasis is on applications to the study of crime and crime control. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3023. Introduction to Sociological Theory. Historical development of sociological theory, structure and role of theory, sociological theoretical perspectives, and major sociological theories from classics to contemporary sociology. Required of sociology majors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3043. Deviant Behavior and Social Control. Examines social definitions of deviant behavior; the historical development of knowledge concerning deviance; theories of deviance; and the development, organization, and operation of systems of social control including criminal justice, mental health, and welfare. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3053. Social Research. Introduction to research in the social sciences and practice fields. Emphasizes the decision making involved in planning and executing a study. Gives practice in all stages of the research process. Students are expected to plan and carry out a group or individual research project. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3063. Topics in Urban Sociology. Historical and contemporary developments in urban sociology including the local community. Emphasis will vary depending on current issues and research, such as classical and contemporary theory and research, urban political economy, community organization-development, community relations, and the non-profit sector (community assessment, social activism, and volunteerism). May be repeated for credit as topics vary. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3073. Social Inequality. The study of social inequality in human society, with emphasis on the social class structure of society, its origins, development, and consequences for the society and the individual. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3083. Population Dynamics. Population theories, the use and interpretation of demographic data, population change and policy, relationships between population, and socioeconomic factors. Emphasizes demographic processes and compositions in age, sex, residence, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status of U.S., and world populations. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3093. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States. Sociological perspectives on the dynamics of racial and ethnic relations focusing on social structure, group interaction processes, group inequality, cultural diversity, and gender relations within and between groups. Uses sociological-historical analysis, gendered analysis, social theory/research to study Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and European Americans. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3113. Juvenile Delinquency. The adjustment of youths as they take on the roles and statuses culturally defined for their age group; emphasis on causation, treatment, and prevention of juvenile delinquency; sociological principles for working with youth. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3133. Sociology of Religion. Religious behavior in primitive, folk, and modern societies, religious participations, practices, and control in contemporary society; religion as a social institution and its relation to other institutions. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3153. Sociology of Health and Illness. Introduction to the field of medical sociology. Sociology theories and concepts applied to the field of health care: cultural definitions of illness, social roles of health care personnel, emphasis on input of social research in health care. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.
SOCI 3163. Social Statistics. Introduction to basic statistical techniques in
the social and behavioral sciences and data analysis using computers.
Basic descriptive statistics, measures of central tendency and variation,
normal curve, hypothesis testing, t tests, ANOVA, chi square test,
measures of association, regression and correlation. Three lecture hours
a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3193. The Mexican American in Contemporary Society. A
sociological analysis of Mexican American history, heritage, and people,
and of their contributions to American life. Focus on the political, social,
and cultural forces that affect this group in the United States. Three
lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3213. Women's Roles. Women's roles are examined in the context of
social institutions such as the family, the economy, and the government.
Implications of sexual inequality; changing gender roles; and diversity by
race, ethnicity, class, and age. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three
hours.

SOCI 3223. Women, Crime, and Justice. Introduction to gender, crime,
and justice. Focus on women as offenders, as crime victims, and as
employees in criminal justice. Feminist and critical perspectives on
women, girls, and crime. Issues of gender inequality in criminal justice
policy and practice. Prerequisite: SOCI 1013, SOCI 3213, WS 3213, WS
2013, or WS 3023. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3273. World Regional Geography. Introduction to major concepts
in geography. Criteria for definition of regions. Survey of world cultural
regions with emphasis on factors (physical, demographic, economic,
political) affecting level of development and patterns of regional
interaction. This course will not satisfy sociology requirement for the
baccalaureate degree. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3293. Asian Americans. Survey of major Asian American groups:
Emphasis on origin, culture, immigration history, adaptation experience,
and current status. Sociological perspectives related to Asian American
experiences and issues. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3303. Cultural Anthropology. Description and analysis of human
cultures: the socially learned traditions of past and present ages. Global
and comparative perspective for understanding the origin and prospects
of societies in the modern world. Three lecture hours a week. Credit:
Three hours.

SOCI 3423. Individual and Society. Sociological research on the
relationship between individuals and society; current theoretical
perspectives including symbolic interactionism, role theory, and
dramaturgy; includes personality and social structure, socialization,
deviance, and sociological research on the self. Three lecture hours a
week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3483. Developing Societies. Survey of global development issues:
definitions and theoretical perspectives. Case studies from varied world
regions illustrate development strategies and outcomes. Examines role
of international organizations and policies. Three lecture hours a week.
Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 3523. Internet and Society. Social, economic, political, and cultural
impact of the internet and electronic communication technology. Topics
including social networking, cybercapitalism, internet crime, privacy,
surveillance, and internet regulation. Three lecture hours a week. Credit:
Three hours.

SOCI 3723. Criminal Justice Ethics. Sociological study of criminal
justice ethics, including ethical issues in law enforcement, courts, and
correctional systems. Emphasis on the institutional, structural, and
cultural foundations of ethical dilemmas. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice or
Sociology major. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4013. The Family. A sociological and feminist analysis of the
family as an institution and dynamics of the interpersonal relations
of marriage and family. Examines cultural diversity among families as well
as historical changes in the family and the impact of social policy. Three
lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4023. Sexualities and Identities: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender Studies. Sexuality as an identity formation, social category,
and theoretical construct. Interdisciplinary in focus and foundation.
Aesthetic, cultural, historical, and institutional discourses that frame our
contemporary understandings of sexuality. Three lecture hours a week.
Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4043. Law and Society. Sociological analysis of the relationship
between law and society. Examination of legal institutions, law and social
structure, law and social change, and sociological theories and research.
Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4053. Race, Crime, and Justice. Relationships between crime,
criminal justice, and racial/ethnic minorities. Issues of racial and ethnic
inequality in criminal justice policy and practice. Examination of current
controversies. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4083. Comparative Criminal Justice. Sociological analysis of
world legal and criminal justice systems. Examination of systems of law,
organization of police, courts, and correctional systems. Three lecture
hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4103. Senior Seminar: Theory and Practice. Selected theories
and concepts with emphasis on application in social organizations,
occupations, research, and social policy. State of the discipline,
professional ethics, preparations for job market and/or graduate school.
Prerequisites: SOCI 3023, SOCI 3053, and senior standing. Three lecture
hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4203. Family Violence and Sexual Assault. Examines the various
forms of family violence and sexual assault with an emphasis on women
as victims and as survivors. Theoretical explanations, research literature,
treatment, and prevention will be studied in relation to child abuse,
battering, incest, and sexual assault. Three lecture hours a week. Credit:
Three hours.

SOCI 4303. Correctional Systems and Practices. Corrections in the
criminal justice system; organization of correctional systems; role of
criminal justice practitioners; institutional operations; alternatives to
incarceration; treatment and rehabilitation; current and future issues.
Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4403. Community Corrections. Sociological study of community
corrections including probation, parole, and intermediate sanctions.
Examination of contemporary practices and trends in community
corrections. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

Social factors affecting vulnerability and disaster response. Case studies
of major disasters. Relationship of disasters to social change. Three
lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4903. Special Topics. Topics of timely interest or importance but
not included or adequately covered in the present inventory of courses.
May be repeated for credit when topic varies. Three lecture hours a week.
Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4913. Independent Study. A focused, independent study. A contractual agreement between a student and an instructor who agrees to supervise the work and engage in one-on-one instruction. Research projects or concentrated reading are examples of appropriate independent study. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4953. Internship. Practical experience and supervised training in a work environment consistent with student's major and career goals. Pass-Fail grade only. Thirteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

SOCI 4956. Internship. Practical experience and supervised training in a work environment consistent with student's major and career goals. Pass-Fail grade only. 26 practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.