

# CRIJ - CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

This course provides a historical and philosophical overview of the American criminal justice system, including the nature, extent, and impact of crime; criminal law; and justice agencies and processes.

**CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices CAPSTONE 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

This course is a study of the court system as it applies to the structures, procedures, practices, and sources of law in American courts, using federal and Texas statutes and case law.

**CRIJ 1307 Crime in America 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

American crime problems in historical perspective; social and public policy factors affecting crime; impact and crime trends; social characteristics of specific crimes; prevention of crime. Spring

**CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

This course is the study of criminal law including application of definitions, statutory elements, defenses and penalties using Texas statutes, the Model Penal Code, and case law. The course also analyzes the philosophical and historical development of criminal law and criminal culpability.

**CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

A study of the juvenile justice process to include specialized juvenile law, role of the juvenile law, role of the juvenile courts, role of police agencies, role of correctional agencies, and theories concerning delinquency. Spring, Fall, and On-line.

**CRIJ 2301 Community Resources in Corrections 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

An introductory study of the role of the community in corrections; community programs for adults and juveniles; administration of community programs; legal issues; future trends in community treatment. Spring and On-line

**CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

This course is a survey of institutional and non-institutional corrections. Emphasis will be placed on the organization and operation of correctional systems; treatment and rehabilitation; populations served; Constitutional issues; and current and future issues. Fall and On-line

**CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation. Spring

**CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

Police authority; responsibilities; constitutional constraints; laws of arrest, search, and seizures; police liability.

**CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices 3 Credit Hours (3 Lec)**

This course examines the establishment, role and function of police in a democratic society. It will focus on types of police agencies and their organizational structure, police-community interaction, police ethics, and use of authority.