

College of Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

103. Introduction to Geography. Credit 3 hours. This course surveys the fundamentals of location and map use. Introduces the student to physical and human geography, and describes the major cultural regions of the earth.

131. Geography of Louisiana. Credit 3 hours. A regional treatment of the state, emphasizing both physical and cultural factors. 205. Introduction to Physical Geography. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Geography 103 or consent of the Department Head. A survey of earth-sun relationships, elements of weather and climate, climatic regions, landforms, vegetation, and soils of the earth.

301. Geography of Europe. Credit 3 hours. A regional treatment of the continent, emphasizing both cultural and physical factors.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and the Department Head and Junior standing. Student works with an instructor on a one-to-one basis and prepares a research report on an appropriate topic. May be repeated in one to three hour credits for a total of 6 hours. New materials are investigated in each repeat.

401/501 [401UG]. Historical Geography of the United States. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing, or consent of the instructor. An historical study of the changing geographic aspects of the

land area of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the present. Emphasis is placed upon the sequence of land occupation and utilization in various regions of the country. Especially recommended to teachers of the social studies.

402/502 [402UG]. Geography of Anglo-America. Credit 3 hours. A regional treatment of the area, emphasizing both physical and cultural factors.

405/505. The North American Indian. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Anthropology 101, Junior standing, or permission of instructor or Department Head. Also offered as Anthropology 405/505. A course dealing with the American Indian from the time of his arrival in the New World to the present. In considering the pre-Columbian period, emphasis is placed upon the cultural development of various Indian groups relative to the geographic environment. Study of the post-Columbian period is directed primarily at investigating the relationships of the Indian to the modern social system. May not be used for credit with Anthropology 405/505.

410. Cultural Geography. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Geography 103 and Junior standing or consent of the Department Head. A study of man-land relationships, with emphasis on the distribution of peoples and variations in cultural landscapes.

431/531. World Regional Geography I. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. A regional geography of the developed, industrial world, including Europe, the former Soviet Union, Anglo-America, Australia, and Japan. Especially recommended for elementary and secondary school teachers.

432/532. World Regional Geography II. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. May be scheduled prior to or without Geography 431. A regional geography of the less-developed world, including Latin America, Africa, and parts of Asia. Especially recommended for elementary and secondary school teachers.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

101. Introduction to Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. The criminal justice system. Study of the historical development of criminal justice. Overview of the functions and responsibilities of law enforcement, the judiciary and corrections.

201. Criminal Law. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. A general approach to laws relating to crimes and offenses and the punishment of their violation.

202. The American Judicial Process. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An overview and analysis of the legal transactions involved in the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of criminal offenders.

- 204 [102]. Contemporary Law Enforcement.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An examination and discussion of selected topics dealing with contemporary problems affecting law enforcement.
- 205 [103]. The Corrections Process.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. The systematic study of all the official ways in which society reacts to persons who have been convicted of committing criminal acts, including persons handled by the juvenile courts.
- 206. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the instructor. A study and comparison of the world's major justice systems.
- 207. Psychology of Criminal Justice.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 and Psychology 101, or consent of the Department Head. Also offered as Psychology 205. Applications of psychology to the criminal justice system. Topics will include: theories of violence, eyewitness testimony, jury selection and procedures, expert testimony, victims, and prisons. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 207 and Psychology 205.
- 302. Criminal Investigation.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, 204 or permission of instructor. Fundamentals of investigation; duties and responsibilities of the detective; interrogation techniques; search; techniques of protecting the crime scene; collection and preservation of evidence; modus operandi system; scientific aids and other sources of information; court preparation and case follow-up.
- 303. Criminal Justice Administration.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101. This course focuses on the analysis of problems, procedures, organization, and functions of all the criminal justice components.
- 304. Victimology.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of instructor. This course examines the criminal process from the perspective of the victim. The probability and effects of victimization will be discussed; the effectiveness of victim support programs will be analyzed.
- 310. Community Corrections.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101. A survey of the history, development, current status of probation, parole, and related forms of community-based corrections with emphasis on supervision and treatment of criminal offenders.
- 323. Business and Industrial Security.** Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of the instructor. An overview and explanation of the functions of the security executive in providing protection for the personnel and assets of private companies and non-governmental agencies.
- 333. Crime in America.** Credit 3 hours. A study of the types of crime and criminal offenders peculiar to the American culture. This course emphasizes the nature of conventional crime as well as the growth and development of contemporary workplace crime.

334. Violence and Aggression. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101, Junior standing or permission of Department Head. This course will examine the problem of violence and violent offenders in America. The role of the criminal justice system in controlling these acts will be discussed, and current policy approaches to this problem will be evaluated for effectiveness.

343. Law and Society. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Sociology 101 or Criminal Justice 101. The course examines the social, economic, and political conditions under which laws are created, interpreted, and enforced; the social organization of law; and the legal profession. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 343 and Sociology 343.

353. Criminal Justice Ethics. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or permission of instructor. An overview of philosophical, theoretical, and practical considerations bearing on the moral conduct of participants in the criminal justice process, including police, court, and correctional personnel.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and the Department Head and Junior standing. Student works with an instructor on a one-to-one basis and prepares a research report on an appropriate topic. May be repeated in one to three hour credits for a total of 6 hours. New materials are investigated in each repeat.

404/504. Seminar in Organized Crime, Drugs and Vice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of all Criminal Justice core (required) courses. A study of organized crime and drug and vice offenses within the strictures of a constitutional democracy.

405/505. Criminal Justice and the U.S. Constitution. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of the instructor. An investigation and analysis of basic constitutional problems involving criminal justice procedures with an emphasis on landmark US Supreme Court decisions. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 405/505 and Political Science 405/505.

406/506. The Administration of the American Court System. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of Department Head and instructor. An examination of the theory, practice, people, major issues and problems of the American civil and criminal court systems. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 406/506 and Political Science 406/506.

407. Criminal Behavior Typology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 101 or consent of instructor. This course will examine the various types of violent and personal crimes. Particular attention will be given to serial crimes and the people who commit these crimes. The motives and methods of serial criminals will be discussed, as well as policy implications for the control of serial crime.

412/512. Criminology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Sociology 412/512. A study of the incidence, nature, factors influencing, and social treatment of crime. May not be used for credit with Sociology 412/512.

425/525. International Criminality, National Security, and Terrorism. Credit 3 hours.

Prerequisites: Junior standing and completion of all criminal justice core courses. A study of the various forms of international crime with an emphasis on terrorism. Study focuses on the policies and methods used by governments to protect their national interests.

440/540 [440UG]. Juvenile Delinquency. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Sociology 440/540. A scientific study of the nature, extent and causes of delinquency. Methods of prevention, treatment, and correction will be analyzed. Designed especially for teachers, social workers, police and correctional workers. May not be used for credit with Sociology 440/540.

444. Internship in Criminal Justice. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor and Department Head; an adjusted GPA of 3.0 or higher; and completion of 90 or more credit hours toward the degree including all core courses. Provides upper level students the opportunity to perform as participant observers in established criminal justice agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.

495/595. Special Topics Seminar. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 101 and Junior standing or Criminal Justice 101 and consent of the instructor. Studies in defined topical areas such as youth crime, family violence, business crime, criminal rehabilitation, and agency law. May be repeated for a total of six hours credit.

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

101. Introductory Sociology. Credit 3 hours. A study of culture, social organization, and social relations.

212. Social Problems. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Sociology 101. An examination of the major social problems in society with an emphasis on how these problems are interrelated and the role of society in their creation and perpetuation.

222[321]. Marriage and Family Life. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: None. A functional study of courtship, mate selection, preparation for marriage, marriage adjustment, discord, and parenthood. Credit cannot be given for both Social Work 321 and Sociology 321.

232. Introduction to Social Statistics with Computer Applications. Credit 4 hours. Prerequisite: Six hours of mathematics, to include Mathematics 160. Elementary descriptive and inferential statistics as applied to social science problems; micro-computer applications. Three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week.

241. Comparative Family Patterns. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. Also taught as Anthropology 241. A comparison of selected family patterns in various cultures. Attention given to role performance in each society and comparison of norms, values and attitudes related specifically to the family. Credit is not to be given for both Anthropology 241 and Sociology 241.

300. Medical Sociology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or consent of instructor. This course examines the health care system and experience of health and illness in American society from a sociological perspective.

331. Sociology of Religion. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. The complex relationship between religion, culture, and society is explored in a comparative perspective, Religion is examined as a social fact which shapes, and is shaped by, modernism, nationalism, globalization and other historical forces.

343. Law and Society. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Sociology 101 or Criminal Justice 101. The course examines the social, economic, and political conditions under which laws are created, interpreted, and enforced; the social organization of law; and the legal profession. Credit cannot be given for both Criminal Justice 343 and Sociology 343.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and the Department Head and Junior standing. Student works with an instructor on a one-to-one basis and prepares a research report on an appropriate topic. May be repeated in one to three hour credits for a total of 6 hours. New materials are investigated in each repeat.

401/501 [401UG]. Population. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. This course examines the global impacts of population growth and distribution on resources and the environment, and how government policies in the areas of migration, health, education, and employment affect, and are affected by, changes in the size and composition of population.

411/511 [411UG]. Race and Ethnic Relations. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also taught as Anthropology 411. Designed to give an insight into the attitudes of groups, particularly racial groups where interrelations are marked by antagonism, discrimination, and conflict. Influence on community welfare considered. Credit is not to be given for both Anthropology 411 and Sociology 411/511.

412/512 [412UG]. Criminology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Criminal Justice 412/ 512. A study of the incidence, nature, factors influencing, and social treatment of crime. May not be used for credit with Criminal Justice 412/512.

430/530 [430UG]. The Development of Social Theory. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and Junior standing. An introduction to the field of social theory and the relation of social thought to the history of sociology.

440/540. Juvenile Delinquency. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Also offered as Criminal Justice 440/540. A scientific study of the nature, extent and causes of delinquency. Methods of prevention, treatment, and correction will be analyzed. Designed especially for teachers, social workers, police, and correctional workers. May not be used for credit with Criminal Justice 440/540.

451/551 [451UG]. Methods of Social Research. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Philosophy, methods, and techniques, including research design; methods of observation and other sources of social data, analysis, inference and research report writing.

453. Applied Social Research Methods: Practice Effectiveness and Program Evaluation. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Mathematics 161 and Mathematics 162 or 163 or 223, and Sociology 232. Ethics, logic, methods and data analytic techniques of human service practice assessment and program evaluation.

465/565. Social Change and Globalization: Credit 3 hours. An examination of the nature, development, and dimensions of globalization. Globalization is conceptualized as a long-term emergent phenomenon. Major theories of social change and development are introduced. Cultural, economic, technological, environmental, military, political, and other aspects of globalization are considered. Anti-systemic social movements resisting globalization are analyzed.

471/571 [471UG]. Advanced Sociology. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing. A review of the basic concepts, theories, and methods in sociology; subsequently, an analysis of topics of contemporary relevance to sociology.

495/595. Special Topics Seminar. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Sociology 101, Junior standing and consent of instructor. Studies in defined topical areas such as mass media and society; sociology of cyberspace; social change and development; structure of the new world order, etc. May be repeated for a total of six hours credit.

ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

101. Cultural Anthropology. Credit 3 hours. A study of the ways man has devised to cope with his natural setting and social environment; and how bodies of customs are learned, retained, and handed down from one generation to the next.

241. Comparative Family Patterns. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. Also taught as Sociology 241. A comparison of selected family patterns in various cultures. Attention given to role performance in each society and comparison of norms, values and attitudes related specifically to the family. Credit is not to be given for both Anthropology 241 and Sociology 241.

301 [CRMP 301]. Exploring Archaeology. Credit 3 hours. An introduction to the past as revealed by the archaeological record.

400/500. Independent Study. Credit 1-3 hours. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and the Department Head and Junior standing. Student works with an instructor on a one-to-one basis and prepares a research report on an appropriate topic. May be repeated in one to three hour credits for a total of 6 hours. New materials are investigated in each repeat.

401/501. Special Topics in Anthropology. Credit 3 to 6 hours. May be repeated for a total of six hours. No more than three hours in any one semester. Prerequisite: Junior standing. An in-depth study of selected cultural aspects of man's development.

403 [CRMP 401]. Archaeological Studies. Credit 3 hours. An examination of the goals, methods, techniques, and interpretation of archaeological investigation.

405/505. The North American Indian. Credit 3 hours. Prerequisites: Anthropology 101, Junior standing, or permission of instructor or Department Head. Also offered as Geography 405/505. A course dealing with the American Indian from the time of his arrival in the New World to the present. In considering the pre-Columbian period, emphasis is placed upon the cultural development of the various Indian groups relative to the geographic environment. Study of the post-Columbian period is directed primarily at investigating the relationships of the Indian to the modern social system. May not be used for credit with Geography 405/505.

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