

Course: CRM 210

Course Title: Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System

Credit Hours: 3

Department: Criminology & Criminal Justice

Prerequisite: 12 hours.

General Education Area:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - Public Issues (*GEC 116*)

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Typically Offered During:

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 st Block:	NO	Fall 2 nd Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 st Block:	NO	Spring 2 nd Block:	NO
Summer:	YES				

Typical Instructional Modality:

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

May Also Count Toward Department Offering:

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	NO
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Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.

How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?

The class provides an overview of the criminal justice system (law enforcement, courts, and corrections), focusing on key concepts like the definitions of crime, police practice, due process, and justifications of punishment and examining pressing justice-related issues and controversies.

Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?

Crime control is regularly discussed in political debates and substantial sums of money are put toward funding the criminal justice system. CRM 210 students can develop informed perspectives on a host of topics that will somehow affect them and their communities.

Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?

Students interested in psychology, medical professions, social work, education, journalism, politics, economics, and forensics.

Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)

This course provides an overview of the American criminal justice system, and examines its functions, problems, and potential solutions. Students explore citizen rights and responsibilities relevant to the fair and equal distribution of justice and examine how communities can be strengthened to aid crime prevention.