

Criminal Justice Course Descriptions with Prerequisites

SCRJ 101. Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) Survey of the law enforcement, judicial, correctional, and juvenile systems; interrelationships between criminal justice agencies and the community.

SCRJ 210. Policing in America (3) Police organizations; the recruitment, training, and socialization of police officers; the role of police in society; and critical issues in policing. The problem of coercive power as it relates to policing is also examined. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101.

SCRJ 220. The Criminal Courts (3) The administration of criminal justice in the American federal and state court systems. The nature and concept of justice, court personnel, functions, jurisdictions, policies, procedures, discretion, and current developments in court technology and organization will be reviewed. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101.

SCRJ 230. Introduction to Corrections (3) Penology emphasizing the history, philosophy, programs, policies, and problems associated with correctional practice. Topics include probation, prisons, jails, parole, community corrections and alternative sanctions. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 301. Crime in America (3) Manifestations of crime, its victims, societal control strategies, correlates, and the collection and use of criminal statistics. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 317. Policing: Theories and Programs (3) The development of police organizational theories, practices and methods from the turn of the twentieth century to the twenty-first century. Major emphasis is on development and implementation of new programs and application to urban policing. Prerequisite: SCRJ 210.

SCRJ 321. Criminal Law (3) Origin and development of criminal law in America along with basic elements of crime and defenses. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 325. Criminal Trial Practice (3) The criminal trial, including the rules of evidence, trial strategy, opening statements, the presentation of evidence, arguing objections, closing arguments, and a critical analysis of the entire process. Prerequisites: SCRJ 101 or consent of instructor.

SCRJ 330. Institutional Corrections (3) Functions, structure, procedures and philosophy of American correctional institutions; constitutional limitations and the impact of law on correctional practices. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 333. Community-Based Corrections (3) Development and impact of community programs, halfway houses, group homes, work-release, and educational release programs, including the role of the community and citizens in the correctional process. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 343. The Juvenile Justice System (3) History, philosophy, and evaluation of the juvenile court, juvenile court practices and procedures; the role of the police, correctional alternatives, prevention and intervention strategies in the juvenile justice process. Prerequisite: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220, SCRJ 230.

SCRJ 345. Juvenile Delinquency (3) (=SSOC 355) Social factors in the development, identification and treatments of delinquents and juvenile delinquency in the context of juvenile justice systems. Prerequisite: SSOC 101.

SCRJ 350. Victimology (3) Forms of victimization, the Forms of victimization, the decisions to report crimes and help prosecute offenders, victim-offender mediation, and victim compensation. The national crime survey regarding patterns and trends in victimization is introduced. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101.

SCRJ 361. Criminal Justice Research Methods (3) Quantitative, qualitative and comparative methods used in criminal justice research, focusing on research design, data collection and analysis, and ethical issues. Prerequisites: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220 and SCRJ 230.

SCRJ 371. Theories of Crime (3) Analysis and critical assessments of traditional and contemporary crime and theories of criminal behavior. Prerequisites: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220, SCRJ 230 and SSOC 101.

SCRJ 380. Minorities, Crime, and Criminal Justice (3) The involvement of minorities in crime and in the criminal justice system: theory, social policy, and effects. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 381. Alcohol, Drugs, and Public Policy (3) History and theories of alcohol and other drug use, types and effects of drugs, crime associated with drugs, prevention and treatment of abuse, and efforts to control and regulate drug use. Both past and present public policies for the control of licit and illicit drugs will be evaluated. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101, SPSY 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 382. Women and Crime (3) The traditional and contemporary explanations of female delinquency and criminality, the differential treatment accorded female defendants and victims, the nature of crime against women, the quality of state and federal correctional systems for women, and the status of females as criminal justice professionals. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 383. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3) International criminal justice systems, their legal foundations, current structures, and strategies of crime control. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101.

SCRJ 391. Criminal Justice Field Study (3) History, jurisdiction, and departmental interaction between various law enforcement, correctional, legislative, and judicial agencies, involving travel to a major metropolitan city. Course may be taken twice if the city is different.

SCRJ 399. Independent Study (3) A planned individual study program in conjunction with a Criminal Justice faculty member. Course may be repeated once with the consent of the advisor. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or consent of instructor.

SCRJ 401. Criminal Justice Management and Organization (3) Problems, processes, and theories of communication, decision making, and control in criminal justice agencies. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101 or SSOC 101.

SCRJ 402. Civil Liability in Criminal Justice (3) Liability of criminal justice practitioners, agencies, municipalities, and other criminal justice entities including types of actions, defenses, damages, injunctions and other remedies for civil wrongs as mandated by state and federal law are included. Prerequisites: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220, SCRJ 230.

SCRJ 420. Criminal Procedure (3) Police investigation through the adversarial system and sentencing. Prerequisite: SCRJ 101.

SCRJ 474. Social Deviance (3) (=SSOC 351) Theories, methods, and substantive issues in the creation, involvement, recognition, and control of deviance. Sociological theories and pertinent research data are integrated in the context of contemporary societal issues. Prerequisite: SSOC 101.

SCRJ 484. Selected Current Topics (3) A seminar for advanced students. May be repeated once with the consent of the adviser. Prerequisites: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220, and SCRJ 230; or consent of instructor.

SCRJ 490. Criminal Justice Internship (3-6) A planned program of observation, study and work in selected criminal justice and related agencies. The purpose is to broaden the educational experience of seniors by giving them an opportunity to work with practitioners in the field. Prerequisites: SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220 and SCRJ 230; minimum of 75 hours with at least 15 of these hours from USC Upstate, minimum GPA of 2.25 and consent of instructor.

SCRJ 501. Senior Seminar (3) Exploration, at an advanced level, of issues, topics and dilemmas related to crime and the criminal justice system. The specific topics covered vary depending upon the instructor. Prerequisites: One statistics course, SCRJ 210, SCRJ 220, SCRJ 230, SCRJ 361, SCRJ 371 and SSOC 101.