

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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Welcome

The Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety offers the following degrees, minors, and certificates:

- Basic Peace Officer Training Academy Certificate (one semester during the day at YSU or two semesters in the evening at YSU Steubenville)
- Criminal Justice (AAS, BSAS, MS, and eight minors) [Note: the AAS, BSAS, and MS are offered in both traditional and online venues.]
- Fire Science (AAS)
- Homeland Security Certificate (available at both the undergraduate and graduate levels)
- Six other Undergraduate Certificates: Behavioral Health in Criminal Justice, Corrections, Criminology, Cybersecurity in Criminal Justice, Police Science, and Practical Skill Enhancement for Justice Professionals

Program Details

In each degree or certificate program, a grade of "C" or better must be received in each required Criminal Justice or Fire Science course.

The Criminal Justice undergraduate programs are available via the traditional face-to-face and 100% online ways.

The Fire Science program is 100% online.

The graduate program is available via two methods: traditional face-to-face as well as 100% online, both leading to the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

We offer a "3+3" program with the University of Akron Law School as well as an Accelerated Bachelor to Master of Science in Criminal Justice program (aka "4+1"). Refer to the Graduate Catalog for details.

Admission Policy

Students wishing to transfer into the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. **Note: individuals with a felony, drug, and/or domestic violence conviction will experience difficulty gaining employment in the criminal justice field.** Students with misdemeanor convictions should seek advice from an advisor in the Criminal Justice or Fire Science program. Students with juvenile sex offense convictions should also seek advice.

Retention Policy

The Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety expects its majors and students enrolled in its courses to engage in **legal**, ethical, professional, and civil behavior which respects the rights of all persons. Disruptive and inappropriate behavior (as defined in department, college, or University policy) may lead to removal from, or non-acceptance into, the department as a major or as an enrolled student in one of its courses. YSU requires a 2.0 overall GPA in order to graduate.

For more information, visit the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety website (<https://academics.ysu.edu/bitonte-college-of-health-and-human-services/criminal-justice/>).

Police Academy and Internships

YSU's Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety now offers a full-service police academy, Basic Peace Officer Training Academy. Admission to

the academy is open to all qualified applicants who meet admission standards of YSU and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. All instructors in the Academy are certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and meet all of the requirements to teach in the Basic Police Academy. YSU students who successfully complete the Academy will receive 18 semester hours of credit (24 if taken at YSU Steubenville) and a letter from the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission that will qualify them for certification upon being commissioned. The new curriculum consists of a minimum 740 hours of training. Application packets can be picked up at the Police Academy Office, Cushwa Hall Room 2361.

YSU's Department of Criminal Justice and Public Safety has an internship experience that provides students with an opportunity to integrate academic studies with the daily operation of a Criminal Justice or Public Safety-related agency. Internships also foster the development of networking relationships with practitioners who can assist in procuring future employment. **Certain criminal convictions may prohibit students from being eligible for an internship experience.** Student interns register for 3 to 12 semester credit hours. Each credit hour requires approximately 45 on-site hours. This program is for juniors and seniors.

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Baccalaureate Degrees

- BSAS in Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/bsas-criminal-justice/>)
- BSAS in Criminal Justice 4+1 Graduate Track (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/bsas-criminal-justice-four-plus-one-graduate-track/>)

Associate Degrees

- AAS in Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/aas-criminal-justice/>)
- AAS in Fire Science (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/aas-fire-science/>)

Minors

- Minor in Criminal Behavior (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-criminal-behavior/>)
- Minor in Corrections (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-criminal-justice-corrections/>)
- Minor in Criminal Justice Ethics (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/departments-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-criminal-justice-ethics/>)

- Minor in Criminal Justice System (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-criminal-justice-system/>)
- Minor in Criminal/Legal Processes (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-criminal-legal-processes/>)
- Minor in Juvenile Justice System (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-juvenile-justice-system/>)
- Minor in Law Enforcement (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-law-enforcement/>)
- Minor in Security Studies (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/minor-security-studies/>)

Certificates

- Certificate in Basic Peace Officer Training (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/certificate-basic-peace-officer-training/#overviewtext>)
- Certificate in Homeland Security (undergraduate) (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/certificate-homeland-security/>)
- Certificate in Practical Skill Enhancement for Justice Professionals (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-health-human-services/department-criminal-justice-public-safety/certificate-practical-skill-enhancement-for-justice-professionals/>)

CRJS 1500 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 s.h.

Overview of the American criminal justice process with emphasis on its constituent foundations, its constitutional limits, and the rights of the individual from arrest through sentencing and release.

Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Science, Social Science 2024.

CRJS 2601 Policing 3 s.h.

The evolution, structure, and function of modern police organizations; the role of police in a democratic society; the impact of social, political, and economic influences; contemporary practices and controversies.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

CRJS 2602 Criminal Courts 3 s.h.

Structure and function of criminal courts in American society, perceptions of national commissions; organization, administration, and caseload relationships with appropriate social agencies.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500 or permission of the Chair.

CRJS 2603 Corrections 3 s.h.

Development and description of the American correctional systems' history and philosophy; the constitutional foundations of its control, and the rights of those within it. Overview of treatment approaches.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3702 Correctional Strategies 3 s.h.

Contemporary theory, practice, and research findings in the administration of juvenile and adult corrections. Community-based programs, including probation/parole/post-release control; institutional resources examined within the perspectives of prevention, control, and rehabilitation of the criminal offender.

Prereq.: CRJS 2603.

CRJS 3702L Correctional Strategies Practicum 2 s.h.

Contact, observation, and on-site examination and comparison of community programs and institutional facilities. On-site 6 hours per week for 7 weeks (students are divided into two groups).

Prereq.: CRJS 2603; Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.

Coreq.: CRJS 3702.

CRJS 3710 Social Statistics 3 s.h.

Coverage includes purposes of statistics, its importance and role in the field, descriptive, comparison, relational, and explanatory stats, as well as their set-up, creation, interpretation, application, and critique. Coverage will include stats in both normal and non-normal situations. 3 hours of lecture per week.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

Cross-Listed: SOC 3701, ANTH 3701.

CRJS 3712 Criminal Justice Research 3 s.h.

Analysis of the major components of social research, including research design, sampling, measurement, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of findings.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3715 Criminal Justice Management Concepts 3 s.h.

Modern criminal justice management theory; organizational behavior, organizational development, personnel management, executive decision making, supervision problems. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.

Prereq.: CRJS 2601 or CRJS 2602 or CRJS 2603.

CRJS 3718 Family Law 3 s.h.

Fundamental elements of family law, including premarital contracts, traditional and nontraditional marriages and families, procreation rights, legitimacy and paternity, adoption, divorce and separation, property division and support, custody and termination of parental rights, juvenile law, intra-family tort liability and domestic violence.

Prereq.: SOC 1500.

Cross-Listed: CHFM 3718.

CRJS 3719 Criminal Law 3 s.h.

Development, theories, and purposes of criminal law; elements of a crime, parties to a crime.

Prereq.: CRJS 2602.

CRJS 3720 Legal Research 3 s.h.

In-depth study and legal research of case law, statutes, rules and regulations at the federal and state levels. Emphasis on how to find and use primary and secondary authority, how to conduct legal research, in-depth legal writing in areas such as torts, contracts, real estate, and criminal law.

Prereq.: CRJS 2602 or permission of the Chair.

CRJS 3721 Evidence 3 s.h.

Admissibility of evidence, the hearsay rule and its exceptions, opinion evidence, circumstantial evidence, documentary evidence, presumptions, corpus delicti, and evidentiary privileges.

Prereq.: CRJS 2602.

CRJS 3735 Crime and Delinquency 3 s.h.

Study of the social context of crime in society, including a review of historical theories offered in explanation of criminal behavior. Review of social and psychological factors underlying delinquency, touching on treatment and preventive measures. 3 hours of lecture per week.

Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CRJS 3736 or CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3736 Criminal Victimization 3 s.h.

Dynamics of the victim-offender relationships within the Criminal Justice System. Review of advocacy programs including information on victim compensation/assistance programs. Examination of society's attitudes towards victims. Review of current laws advocacy for compensation of crime victims.

Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3740 Criminal Justice Information Systems 3 s.h.

Information theory and practice applied to criminal justice agencies; automated systems in policing, courts, and corrections at the federal, state, and local levels; problems and constitutional constraints. Microcomputer and Internet assignments.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3751 Prevention Strategies 3 s.h.

Concepts and strategies of crime prevention, the protection of assets in the public and private sectors. Must be CJFS major, or have permission of chairperson.

Prereq.: CRJS 2601.

CRJS 3752 Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America 3 s.h.

A critical analysis of current research and theories of racial and ethnic discrimination within the American criminal justice system. The discussion will center on issues relating to: patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, police practices, court processing and sentencing, the death penalty, and correctional programs. 3 hours of lecture per week.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500 or SOC 1500 or PSYC 1560.

CRJS 3765 Human Relations 3 s.h.

Methods of coping with conflicts arising from law violation intervention; programs for improving interpersonal relations between police and the community. 3 hours of lecture per week.

Prereq.: SOC 1500 or PSYC 1560 or CRJS 1500.

CRJS 3777 Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy 8-18 s.h.

Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training. The Ohio Attorney General's Office, Peace Officer Training Academy's requirements for peace/police officers are taught in the academy. The training academy at YSU consists of approximately 740 classroom hours (5 days a week, 8 hours a day for 15 weeks, plus a minimum of three weekends). Upon completion, students receive eligibility from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for certification if they successfully pass the physical, skills, and written exams.

Prereq.: Permission from the Police Academy Commander.

CRJS 3799 Directed Individual Study 1-5 s.h.

Individual study or field research of a special topic related to the criminal justice field. Application must be made to the department prior to registration. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 s.h.

Prereq.: Senior standing and 15 s.h. of CRJS and permission of the Chair.

CRJS 4800 Senior Seminar 3 s.h.

Overview of the criminal justice system in the United States. Review of constitutional issues, discussion of contemporary issues. Serves as the criminal justice senior capstone course. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.

Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of chairperson.

Gen Ed: Capstone 2024.

CRJS 4803 Correctional Case Management and Treatment 3 s.h.

Theory and techniques of counseling and interviewing the correctional client including case management. Simulated field and clinical situations to provide experience in interviewing and report writing. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.

Prereq.: CRJS 3702 or CRJS 2603.

CRJS 4807 Criminal Justice Internship 3-12 s.h.

Field experiences in an appropriate criminal justice agency under the direction of qualified and experienced professionals. Grading is CR/NC. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 semester hours.

Prereq.: Junior standing or higher and permission of the Chair; CRJS 2601 or CRJS 2602 or CRJS 2603.

CRJS 4807C CE Criminal Justice Internship 3-12 s.h.

Field experiences in an appropriate criminal justice agency under the direction of qualified and experienced professionals. Grading is CR/NC. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 semester hours.

Prereq.: Junior standing or higher and permission of the Chair; CRJS 2601 or CRJS 2602 or CRJS 2603.

CRJS 4848 Loss Prevention and Assets Protection Administration 3 s.h.

Security standards, policy, and regulations at the state and federal levels as they impact on the security operations. Administrative decisions regarding security program. Plant protection, safety and security; credit and insurance investigative procedures.

Prereq.: CRJS 3751 and senior standing in criminal justice or permission of chairperson.

CRJS 4850 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3 s.h.

Contemporary issues in criminal justice. Topics are announced prior to enrollment. May be taken more than once as long as course content is substantially changed each time.

Prereq.: Junior standing or higher or permission of the Chair.

CRJS 4851 Women and Justice 3 s.h.

Examines the historical development and current women's issues as they related to the justice system. Women's roles in the legal system, prisons (as staff and offenders), victims and perpetrators of violence, policing society and organized crime. Female juvenile delinquency and controversial topics such as abortion and capital punishment.

Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of the chair.

CRJS 4870 Law Enforcement Administration 3 s.h.

Detailed examination of the administration of line and staff services of law enforcement agencies and the role of technology in administration. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson.

Prereq.: CRJS 3715 and senior standing.

CRJS 4890 Judicial Process and Policymaking 3 s.h.

Course covers judicial process and policymaking. Court management is examined in light of structure, judicial responsibility, and inherent power of courts. Case flow, case management, automation, and judicial staffing are all critically examined.

Prereq.: CRJS 3715 with a "C" or better and CRJS 3719 with a "C" or better; or permission of Chair.

CRJS 5802 Corrections Law and Liability 3 s.h.

Analysis and examination of legal mandates and restrictions affecting the field of corrections. History of the development of offender rights, current issues surrounding offender rights, and future concerns in this area. Jail and prison standards, accreditation standards, case law, and liability concerns.

Prereq.: CRJS 3719 or graduate student standing.

CRJS 5825 Criminal Procedures and Constitutional Issues 3 s.h.

Constitutional foundations of the American criminal justice process with special emphasis on recent Supreme Court decisions. Legal and practical applications of the laws of arrest, criminal procedure, search and seizure, court structures, and federal civil rights.

Prereq.: CRJS 3719 and must be a criminal justice major or have permission of chairperson.

CRJS 5831 Violence in America 3 s.h.

Analysis of violence in America including official and unofficial statistics, types and levels of violence, research findings, and profiles of offenders. Case analysis of domestic violence, juvenile violence, gangs, and other forms of violence.

Prereq.: CRJS 3735.

CRJS 5840 Critical Incidents and Homeland Security 3 s.h.

This course provides an overview of emergency planning at all stages from the initial development of an emergency plan to the management of crisis situations to the evaluation of the response. The course culminates in the creation of an emergency preparedness plan for jurisdiction or agency of the student's choosing, and the student is encouraged to select a situation consist with present work or long-term career plans.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500, PHLT 1531, OR graduate student status.

CRJS 5841 Terrorism and Countersurveillance 3 s.h.

The course provides an introduction to terrorism and counter-terrorism techniques. Generally, the course material is divided into two parts. First, the course offers a description of terrorist and anti-government groups. Topics covered include the background and history of terrorist and anti-government groups as well as the tactics of these groups. Second, the course takes the perspective of homeland security and law enforcement agencies proactively counteracting the threats to public safety that they groups may pose.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500, PHLT 1531, OR graduate student status.

CRJS 5865 Criminal Investigations 3 s.h.

This course covers specialized communication skills to prepare criminal justice practitioners in information-gathering techniques, written presentation techniques, verbal and nonverbal communication skills within constitutional guidelines, and other criminal investigation processes and procedures applicable to any part of the Criminal Justice system. Graduate student standing required.

Prereq.: CRJS 2601 with a "C" or higher.

CRJS 5872 Drugs and Crime 3 s.h.

This course will cover the drug-crime connection. In doing so, a wide variety of topics will be highlighted from a history of criminal justice policies on various drugs to ways to prevent and treat substance abuse. The three learning objectives (LO) that will be pursued in this course are: 1) explain the context of the criminal justice approaches to specific types of drugs; 2) apply criminal justice (CJ) theories on drug use and abuse; and 3) analyze and assess drug-control policies and criminal justice intervention/management strategies. These three course objectives relate to the overall CJ degree learning outcomes in fostering critical thinking relative to CJ policies, literature review development, and the inter-relationships within the CJ system.

CRJS 5875 Juvenile Justice System 3 s.h.

In-depth analysis of the specialized agencies and procedures developed to deal with problems of juveniles from a historical and philosophical perspective. Consideration of the juvenile court, community-based programs, institutionalization.

Prereq.: Graduate student standing or CRJS 2602 and CRJS 2603.

CRJS 6910 Law and Criminal Justice 3 s.h.

An historical analysis of criminal law as a social control. An overview of substantive criminal law and criminal procedural law in the United States.

CRJS 6915 Advanced Criminology 3 s.h.

A comprehensive analysis of the causes of crime from an interdisciplinary perspective. Major criminological theories are considered in light of contemporary empirical research.

Prereq.: CRJS 3735 or equivalent or permission of the Graduate Coordinator.

CRJS 6920 Criminal Justice Studies, Practices, and Theories 3 s.h.

A critical analysis of the field of criminal justice studies including crime statistics, crime causation, the criminal justice process, and the agencies involved.

Prereq.: CRJS 1500.

CRJS 6925 Administration and Management Theory 3 s.h.

Administration and management theory as applied to criminal justice agencies. Includes the functions of the executive, the nature of authority and leadership, organizational communication, and theories of employee motivation.

CRJS 6940 Statistical Techniques in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.

A consideration of the courses of statistical information in the human resource systems and the limits of such data, with primary emphasis upon multivariate statistics and their application to the field.

CRJS 6942 Research and Statistics in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.

A consolidated statistical and research course in human services to design and use qualitative and quantitative research, use and interpret descriptive and inferential statistics, and evaluate the research of others.

CRJS 6945 Research Methods in Health and Human Services 3 s.h.

An analysis of the design and execution of both quantitative and qualitative research in the human services, and the development of research designs most useful to human services research problems.

CRJS 6950 Selected Topics in Criminal Justice 3 s.h.

Addresses specific topics relating to the crime problem and the criminal justice process. The topics may vary from semester to semester and will be announced prior to enrollment. This course is repeatable provided it is on different topics.

CRJS 6955 Independent Study 3 s.h.

Study under the personal supervision of a faculty member with the approval of the graduate coordinator. May be repeated once.

CRJS 6957 Readings in Criminal Justice 1-4 s.h.

Extensive reading assignments in the student's interest area under the supervision of a graduate faculty member. May be repeated for no more than a total of six semester hours.

Prereq.: Approval of graduate coordinator.

CRJS 6960 Program Planning and Evaluation 3 s.h.

A systematic review and evaluation of human services programs with special attention to the posing of questions in context; questions relating to the selections of design, method, and process of summative evaluation; and assessing the effectiveness of programs.

CRJS 6975 Applied Police Correction Management 3 s.h.

Systematic examinations of the principles and practices of criminal justice organizations and the historical contexts of their implementation. Readings emphasize best practices, legal standards, and interdisciplinary cooperation affecting law enforcement and corrections, especially as they affect financial management, human resources, community relations, homeland security, and the treatment of vulnerable populations.

CRJS 6985 Grant Writing 3 s.h.

Insight into the methods, strategies, and techniques of grant writing, with emphasis on the proposal components and exploration of funding sources. Each student will exhibit competence in planning, developing, and evaluating a proposal as well as creating a draft of a grant proposal based on an actual Request for Proposals.

CRJS 6990 Criminal Justice Public Policy Seminar 3 s.h.

Types of policy and how policies are formulated are covered. The evaluation of policy, with attention to what constitutes good public policy. Special attention is given to the impact of crime control policies, particularly crime legislation and current laws.

CRJS 6995 Criminal Justice Practicum 3-6 s.h.

Supervised experience in an applied criminal justice setting.

Prereq.: Approval by graduate director; Permit required.

CRJS 6995C CE Criminal Justice Practicum 3-6 s.h.

Supervised experience in an applied criminal justice setting. Permit required. Restrictions: Majority of core and track courses completed and the recommendation of student's committee and approval by graduate director.

CRJS 6998 Graduate Capstone Project 2 s.h.

Under the direction of a graduate committee, led by the committee advisor, this course will provide the student with the structure and support to develop a scholarly project or paper related to the field of Criminal Justice. The course will allow students to search, review, critique, and appraise current research and evidence in the field of Criminal Justice and to develop a project or paper making a significant contribution to the discipline. Permission of the Graduate Coordinator.

Prereq.: Permission of the Graduate Coordinator.

CRJS 6999 Research and Thesis 1-6 s.h.

A research project under the supervision of a full-time faculty member of the department in CRJS with graduate faculty status. Permission of the Graduate Coordinator. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

FIRE 1501 Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services 3 s.h.

This course gives the learner an extensive and comprehensive view concerning fire protection and emergency services; career openings in fire protection and corresponding fields; the prevalent culture and history of emergency services; fire loss concepts and analysis; the structure and function of both public and private fire safety services fire departments as they relate to and with local governments; regulations that affect fire services; fire service terminology; particular and explicit fire protection functions; fundamental fire chemistry, both inorganic and organic, along with physics basic introduction to fire safety systems; introduction to fire strategies, and lifesaving procedures.

FIRE 1503 Fire Protection and Detection Systems 3 s.h.

This course provides data concerning the design facets relating to the operations of fire alarm devices and their organizational groupings, water-based fire extermination systems, unique elimination systems for both electric and gas fires, water supplies for fire suppression, and portable fire extinguishers.

Prereq.: FIRE 1504 and FIRE 1521.

FIRE 1504 Fire Prevention 3 s.h.

This course provides fundamental knowledge relating to the field of fire prevention. Topics include: history and philosophy of fire prevention, organization and operation of fire prevention bureau, and the application of codes and standards, plans review, fire inspections, fire and life safety education and fire investigations.

Prereq.: FIRE 1501, FIRE 1511, and FIRE 1520.

FIRE 1505 Occupational Safety and Health for Emergency Services 3 s.h.

This course introduces the basic concepts of occupational health and safety as it relates to emergency services organizations. Topics include risk and hazard evaluation and control procedures for emergency services organizations.

Prereq.: FIRE 1501, FIRE 1511, and FIRE 1520.

FIRE 1511 Building Constructions for Fire and Life Safety 3 s.h.

This course examines the multiple components of building construction that relates to a firefighter's safety. The facets of construction and their design elements are shown to be key factors when inspecting structures, preplanning fire operations, and operating safely during emergencies.

Prereq.: None.

FIRE 1520 Public Sector Community Relations and Customer Service 3 s.h.

This course is designed to focus on the importance of effective community and public relation issues regarding the education planning process for the general public. It focuses on customer service and customer relation issues, research, ethics, and effective communication with all involved.

Prereq.: None.

FIRE 1521 Combustion Processes and Fire Behavior 3 s.h.

This course investigates the theories and basics of how and why fires begin, spread, and are hopefully controlled so that minimal damage occurs.

Prereq.: FIRE 1501 and FIRE 1520.

FIRE 2601 Fire Service Hydraulics 3 s.h.

This course lays out a foundation of knowledge, both theoretical and practical, in order for the student to understand the principles of the use of water in fire suppression and the knowledge to apply hydraulic principles to analyze and solve water supply dilemmas.

Prereq.: FIRE 1520.

FIRE 2602 Legal Aspects of Emergency Services 3 s.h.

This course will address the federal, state and local laws that regulate emergency services and include a review of national standards, regulations and consensus standards.

Prereq.: FIRE 1504, FIRE 1505, and FIRE 1521.

FIRE 2603 Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Administration 3 s.h.

This course introduces the student to the organization and management of a fire and emergency services department and the relationship of government agencies to the fire service. Emphasis is placed on fire and emergency services ethics and leadership from the perspective of the company officer.

Prereq.: FIRE 1504, FIRE 1505, and FIRE 1521.

FIRE 2620 Fire Ground Strategy and Tactics 3 s.h.

This course provides the fundamental rules of fire ground control through the correct usage of personnel, tools, and extinguishing agents.

Prereq.: FIRE 1503, FIRE 2601, FIRE 2602, and FIRE 2603.

FIRE 2630 Fire Investigation Methods 3 s.h.

This course is intended to give the student the basic technical knowledge needed for proper fire scene interpretations, including recognizing and conducting origin and cause, preservation of evidence and factual reporting, scene security, motives of the arsonist, and types of fire causes.

Prereq.: FIRE 2602.

FIRE 2631 Hazardous Materials Operations and Command 3 s.h.

This course provides the student with the opportunity to explore hazardous materials through the lens of emergency services preparedness and response. This course reviews terminology, concepts, and best practices in relation to emergency services response to hazardous materials and related incidents at the awareness and operations level.

Prereq.: FIRE 1501 and FIRE 1520.

FIRE 2640 Emergency Services Safety and Survival 3 s.h.

This course is to introduce the basic principles and history concerning national firefighter life safety initiatives and focuses on the need for cultural and behavioral changes necessary within the emergency service that is involved.

Prereq.: FIRE 1503.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

The SLOs for majors within the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Department are as follows:

Criminal Justice

Basic Police Training Certificate:

SLO 1 Cadets will demonstrate their ability to interpret key elements of the law as well as demonstrate the adequate physical fitness to enforce these elements.

Associates of Science in Applied Science:

SLO 1 Basic Knowledge: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the operation and influence of the CJ system at the subsystem levels (e.g., policing, courts, corrections).

SLO 2 Legal Processes: Students will analyze legal situations that relate to the CJ system.

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science:

SLO 1 Basic Knowledge: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the operation and influence of the CJ system at the subsystem levels (e.g., policing, courts, corrections).

SLO 2 Legal Processes: Students will analyze legal situations that relate to the CJ system.

SLO 3 Best Practices: Students will apply principles and strategies identified as best practices in the management and operation of criminal justice agencies

SLO 4 Analysis: Students will analyze and interpret patterns and trends affecting criminal-justice-related agencies through the application of theory and the use of data analysis and research methods.

SLO 5 Professionalism: Students will engage in activities in preparation for employment for further study in criminal-justice-related areas.

Master of Science in Criminal Justice:

SLO 1 Evaluation: Students will demonstrate knowledge on how to evaluate programs, policies, theories, and research related to the criminal justice system.

SLO 2 Administration: Students will demonstrate knowledge on how to use key CJ concepts to administrate programs and lead others.

SLO 3 Research: Students will demonstrate knowledge on how to perform their own research related to the criminal justice system.