



CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

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Course #	Title of Course	Hours Required	Semester Completed	Grade
Required Courses:				
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		
SEC 300	Criminal Law	3		
Electives: <i>Students must take four of the following electives. At least two of the electives must be taken in two different departments and at the 300 level or above. Other courses may be accepted based on the approval of the minor coordinator</i>				
PSY 315	Psychology of Personality	3		
PSY 330	Addictive Disorders	3		
PSY 340	Forensic Psychology	3		
PSY 390	Abnormal Psychology	3		
POL 211	American Government and Politics	3		
POL 305	International Law and Organizations	3		
POL 314	American Constitutional Law & Politics	3		
POL 316	American Jurisprudence	3		
POL 370	Drugs, Politics, and Public Policy	3		
SOC 111	Intro to Sociology	3		
<u>or</u> PSY 113	Psychology as a Social Science	3		
SEC 201	Introduction to Security Studies	3		
SEC 312	Terrorism	3		
SOC 332	Prisons and Social Control	3		
Strongly Recommended Courses				
SPA 204	Intermediate Spanish II			
	An internship in a related field			
TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR		18 hrs		

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

CRJ – Criminal Justice

CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hrs.) This course provides a survey of the American criminal justice system. Topics of discussion include the roles of the three main components of the criminal justice system: the courts, law enforcement, and corrections. Special populations and issues addressed by the criminal justice system will also be examined.

POL – Political Science

POL 112 Introduction to Political Science (3 hrs.) An introductory study of political action, institutions and argument. Some current controversies in American politics will be considered, together with the experience of other countries where comparison is helpful.

POL 211 American Government and Politics (3 hrs.) An introduction to American government and politics through an examination of interactions between citizens and political institutions in the formation and the execution of public policies.

POL 212 Introduction to International Relations (3 hrs.) This course explores key issues in the international system including war, terrorism, human rights, and international law, international institutions like the United Nations, and theories of international relations.

POL 301 The American Presidency (3 hrs.) A study of the modern American presidency in terms of its concepts and controversies. Prerequisites: POL 211.

POL 304 American Political Theory (3 hrs.) Focuses on the political philosophies expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Considers the viability of these philosophies in the context of contemporary American society and politics. Prerequisites: POL 112 or 205, or permission of the instructor.

POL 305 International Law and Organizations (3 hrs.) An analysis of the nature, sources, function and development of international law and organizations with special reference to the role and function of the United Nations' system for resolving international disputes. Prerequisites: POL 212 or permission of the instructor.

POL 306 West European Government and Politics (3 hrs.) A study of the foundations, structures and functions of the governments of selected major European countries. Offered every other spring semester. Prerequisites: GTS 201 or HIS 106 or POL 112 or POL 212 or SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

POL 308 Post-Soviet Politics (3 hrs.) An examination of the history of the Soviet political system since 1917; the influence of ideology; the role played by the Communist Party, the bureaucracy, interest groups and other actors; political culture, socialization and participation; current economic and social policy issues; and the future evolution of the system. Prerequisites: GTS 201 or HIST 106 or POL 112 or POL 212 or SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

POL 311 Political Parties, Voting and Campaign Strategies (3 hrs.) Reviews the evolution and role of political parties and elections in the American political system. Examines the decline-of-parties thesis and recent developments in campaign strategy. This course is offered in the Fall semester of even-numbered years and students are required to participate in political campaigns of their choice. Prerequisites: POL 112 or 211.

POL 314 American Constitutional Law and Politics (3 hrs.) This course, (1) explores how the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have influenced the country's understanding of the Constitution, (2) considers the political forces that shaped the decisions, as well as the political effects of those decisions and (3) details the contours of the significant rights articulated in the decisions. Prerequisites: POL 211.

POL 316 American Jurisprudence (3 hrs.) This course, (1) introduces and critiques the major philosophies of law, (2) applies these philosophies to various issues and cases and (3) orients the student to legal reasoning and other legal methods of analysis and inquiry. This course should help prepare students for the study of law, or law-related topics. Prerequisites: POL 211.

POL 324 Central Europe (3 hrs.) This course will examine the unique problems of this region from an interdisciplinary perspective. Since the demise of the Cold War in 1989, and with it the collapse of the wall between eastern and western Europe, this region has become a crucible for a changing world order and a changing Europe. Analysis of a series of current themes from a political science and a historical perspective will form the backbone of the course. We will also look at the issues from both a regional and a national point of view. These topics will include: the reunification of Germany; the ethnic/nationality question; the legacy of communism; the rise of neo-fascism; diplomatic integration into NATO or the European Union; tensions over Ukraine. Prerequisites: HIS 110, GTS 201, or POL 212.

POL 325 Middle East and North African Politics (3 hrs.) An examination of political issues within and between the countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In this course, students will examine the role of religion in politics, the causes and consequences of military conflicts in the region, efforts to promote (and diminish) the rights of marginalized groups, and the wide diversity of political institutions that exist in the area. Prerequisites: GTS 201, SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

POL 326 Environmental Politics and Policy (3 hrs.) This course seeks to explore and understand four broad, interrelated topics: (1) the major political processes, actors, conditions and controversies involved in the formulation and implementation of environmental policies at the local, national and international levels; (2) some of the major pieces of legislation that constitute environmental policy in the United States and the world community; (3) some of the techniques and approaches that policy analysts employ to assess the effectiveness and costs of environmental policies and (4) issues that will shape environmental politics and policies in the immediate future, such as population growth, global warming, habitat destruction and resource depletion. Offered every other fall semester. Prerequisites: POL 112 or POL 211 or ENV 105.

POL 328 National Security Agencies (3 hrs.) To understand the politics and processes of national security, we must have an understanding of the national security labyrinth at the national level. The purpose of this course is to ensure the students' knowledge about the institutional design, oversight mechanisms and shortcomings, missions, and relationship of the varied institutions of the national security bureaucracy. Prerequisites: POL 211, SEC 201, or permission of the instructor.

POL 332 National Security Law I (3 hrs.) The purpose of this class is to provide an understanding of the sources, impact and limitations of laws that impact the national security of the United States. We will look at the three branches of government and the roles that each plays in the legal environment related to national security. Additionally, there will be discussion of international laws and their effect on the security of the United States. Prerequisites: Any of the following: POL 211; POL 301; POL 305; POL 314; POL 362; any Security Studies course (SEC designation); OR permission of the instructor.

POL 333 National Security Law II (3 hrs.) This class delves deeply into legal issues facing national security, including traditional legal frameworks, and legal questions in emerging areas of national security law. Prerequisite: POL 211, POL 301, POL 305, POL 314, POL 362, or any Security Studies Course.

POL 335 Politics and Security of Developing Nations (3 hrs.) In this course, students will undertake a comparative investigation of the political dynamics of the developing world. Looking across Latin America, Asia, and Africa, students will identify and contrast patterns of political behavior across regions and analyze models of economic development, governance, and security challenges that occur in the developing world. By taking a policy-making perspective, students will assess problems and analyze solutions to current issues in developing nations. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

POL 337 Human Rights and Security (3 hrs.) This course examines the evolution of the international system of human rights. It will consider fundamental legal, moral, and political debates related to human rights and look for avenues to make progress in human rights protection. It will also examine the relationship between human rights and human security and the challenges associated with the provision of human security in the 21st century, with special attention paid to human trafficking and economic development. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201, GTS 201, or permission of the instructor.

POL 342 U.S. Supreme Court (3 hrs.) This course is intended to provide insight into the United States Supreme Court. It will cover subjects that include, but are not limited to: understanding Supreme Court opinions; how justices are chosen to sit upon the Court; the reasons why the Supreme Court makes the decisions it does; and the impact of the Supreme Court on the political and legal landscape in the United States. Prerequisite: POL 211 or permission of the instructor.

POL 343 Congress (3 hrs.) This course will broadly examine the legislative branch of the United States government. Topics include: elections, committees, inter-branch relations, and spatial models of voting. The roles of Congress in our political system are two-fold: 1) to represent issues and concerns of the citizenry; and 2) to make policy for the nation – “to govern.” How does the structure of Congress impact the behavior of its members? What makes for “quality” representation? These questions, and more, will be discussed in this course. Prerequisites: POL 112, POL 211 or permission of the instructor.

POL 345 Politics and Film (3 hrs.) Film and visual images can help us understand contemporary politics. Films often shape and illustrate the public's perception of politics. This course will examine the portrayal of politics in movies. The course will have different themes each semester it is taught, including, but not limited to, the American presidency, race and gender, legislative politics, war, terrorism, and elections. Prerequisites: Any of the following: FAR 215, HIS 104, POL 112, or POL 211.

POL 351 Women and Politics (3 hrs.) This course explores the connection between gender and politics in America and in international contexts. Topics under investigation include political participation and the exercise of political leadership by women, the evolution of social movements in support of women's rights, critical social and political issues of concern to women such as health, employment, security, and education, and debates over relevant public policies. Prerequisites: POL 112, 211, 212, WGS 210, or permission of the instructor.

POL 362 American Foreign Policy (3 hrs.) A study of the diplomatic process designed to provide a realistic insight into the stresses and demands upon modern policy-making, including the roles of the president and Department of State. The course includes an analysis of postwar American programs, policies and difficulties in foreign affairs. Prerequisites: POL 211 or 212.

POL 370 Drugs, Politics and Public Policy (3 hrs.) Examines the response of the American political system to the use of psychoactive drugs. Class will consider questions pertaining to the explanation of human behavior, the structure and dynamics of American society and politics, the formation of public policy and fundamental issues of moral and political philosophy to encourage critical and sophisticated thought regarding the actual and desired relationship of American citizens with psychoactive drugs and possible political strategies for responding to perceived issues. Prerequisites: POL 112, or 212.

PSY – Psychology

PSY 112 Psychology as a Natural Science (3 hrs.) An introductory analysis of mental processes and behavior from the perspective of natural science. Includes such topics as the nervous system, sensation and perception, animal and human learning, cognition, memory, and intelligence. Includes a computer-based laboratory designed to explore methodology and key concepts. Offered every semester.

PSY 113 Psychology as a Social Science (3 hrs.) An introduction to human behavior and mental processes from the social science perspective. Includes such topics as social inference, interpersonal relations, cognitive and social development, personality structure and function, motivation and emotion, stress and adjustment, abnormal behavior, and psychotherapy. Includes a computer-based laboratory designed to explore further course topics. Offered every semester.

PSY/EDU 221 Educational Psychology (3 hrs.) The application of psychological principles of learning, cognition, and child and adolescent development to the educational process in elementary and secondary schools. Topics include the impact of psychological knowledge on student learning, teaching, motivation, management of the classroom, and assessment of student learning. Offered every spring.

PSY 231 Sports Psychology (3 hrs.) An examination of the psychological factors influencing participants and, to a lesser extent, spectators in sport. Topics include the use of behavioristic principles to develop skills, and the effects of causal attribution, attention, anxiety, coaching strategy, and imagery on athletic performance. Additional special topics include audience effects, children in sports, and the psychological benefits of exercise. Offered every fall.

PSY 270 Research Tools (3 hrs.) A hands-on exploration of how the psychologist uses the computer to search for literature, analyze data, and report results. Through a series of exercises using primarily PC computers in the psychology laboratory, students learn how to use the Internet to search for previously published research, how to locate and use electronic literature, how to use statistical packages such as Jamovi, and how to generate graphs and other APA style documents. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and MAT 114. Offered every fall.

PSY 274 Methods in Experimental Psychology (3 hrs.) An examination of experimental methods and designs utilized in laboratory research. Topics include the assumptions of science, hypothesis formation, statistical analysis of data, and assessment of theory. Also technical skills associated with reading literature and presenting findings using APA-style elements are emphasized. MAT 114 Elementary Statistics is recommended but not required. Offered one semester a year. Prerequisites: PSY 112 and 113. Offered every spring.

PSY 290 Biological Psychology (3 hrs.) An exploration of the relationship between human behavior and biology. Basic material on genetics, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology is included, although the focus of the course is behavioral and mental phenomena that can be understood better via an analysis of brain function. Topics covered are: vision, learning, memory, motivation, emotion and abnormal behavior. Offered once every two years. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or BIO 114. Offered every odd spring.

PSY 301 Human Sexual Behavior (3 hrs.) The focus of this course is on the scientific study of human sexual behavior. Current research findings are presented and discussed in class. Topics include: Human anatomy and sexual functioning, pregnancy/childbirth, sex education, sexual and gender expressions, intimate relationships, as well as sexual problems, infections, and sex therapy. Students will discuss and process their own beliefs, attitudes, and assumptions about sexuality through in-class discussion and assignments. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

PSY 305 Industrial-Organizational Psychology (3 hrs.) This course applies the principles of psychology to work and other organizational settings. It presents both traditional industrial applications (personnel selection, job design, training, and performance evaluation), more recent perspectives on organizational performance (group dynamics, romance in the workplace, leadership, problem solving, organizational design, organizational development, and organizational culture and socialization), and recent work in ergonomics and engineering psychology. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

PSY 310 Social Psychology (3 hrs.) A survey of the field of social psychology emphasizing social cognition and inference, patterns of interpersonal relationship, the development and change of attitudes, and group structure and function. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

PSY 311 Social Psychology Laboratory (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 310. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 312 Developmental Psychology (3 hrs.) A survey of cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development across the lifespan, including the identification of general trends and individual differences in developmental patterns. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

PSY 313 Developmental Psychology Laboratory (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 312. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 315 Psychology of Personality (3 hrs.) A survey of the field of personality, emphasizing historical theories of personality, including those of Freud, Jung, Adler, Rogers, Maslow, and others, modern theoretical approaches including trait theory, the self, person-situation interactions, emotion and motivation, and basic methods of investigation. Offered every odd spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

PSY 316 Personality Laboratory (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 315. Offered every odd spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 320 Memory and Cognition (3 hrs.) An investigation of theories and research dealing with cognitive structure and processes. Such topics as long- and short-term memory, forgetting, iconic and echoic storage, concepts, heuristics, and problem solving are included. Offered every even spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

PSY 321 Memory and Cognition Laboratory (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 320. Offered every even spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 330 Addictive Disorders (3 hrs.) This course will integrate biological, psychological, social and cultural aspects of the use and abuse of a wide variety of psychoactive substances ranging from caffeine to alcohol to heroin. The course will focus on the nature of and criteria for diagnosing substance use disorders (SUDs), and predictors of SUDs. Existing and new/emerging approaches to treatment (medications, counseling, support groups) will also be discussed and explored in class, with a strong focus on reading, understanding, and critiquing original peer-reviewed research on SUDs and their treatment. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 274 or PSY 290 or BIO 107 or BIO 114.

PSY 340 Forensic Psychology (3 hrs.) This course will explore the basic principles surrounding the interaction of psychology and the legal system. Forensic Psychology's foundation is within the rubrics of psychological, political science and sociological principles. It is inherently an interdisciplinary course due to its interaction between several fields of learning. Students will learn about several areas within forensic psychology including, but not limited to, what forensic psychology entails, the roles of forensic psychologists, use of psychology in the selection of law enforcement, techniques in criminal investigation, risk assessment, child custody cases, interrogation and confessions, insanity and competency to stand trial, and death penalty trials and appeals. Discussions regarding the cooperative and conflicting nature of the relationship between the legal system and psychology will be prevalent. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: POL 112, POL 211, PSY 113, or SOC 111.

PSY 364 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict (3 hrs.) This course uses experimental social psychology as the foundation to explore the affective, behavioral, and cognitive processes associated with group interaction and conflict. Utilizing an interdisciplinary perspective, it will integrate psychological, sociological, political, historical, and security-related approaches to understanding stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination on a local and global scale. Offered occasionally. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

PSY 390 Abnormal Psychology (3 hrs.) This course explores the psychological, cultural, and social factors involved in defining patterns of thought and behavior as abnormal with a focus on mental/psychiatric disorders as defined by the Diagnostic and statistical manual. A strong emphasis is placed on understanding scientific research on predictors of and biological psychological treatments for a wide range of mental disorders (mood, anxiety, personality, substance use, eating/body image, dissociative, psychotic and sexual disorders). Offered every spring. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

PSY 391 Abnormal Psychology Lab (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 390. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 398 Independent Study (1-4 hrs.) This course gives the psychology major an opportunity to increase his/her/their understanding of psychology as a discipline through a program of individual research supervised by a faculty member. The course may be repeated with change of topic. Enrollment by permission of the instructor. Offered occasionally.

PSY 405 International and Cross-Cultural Psychology (3 hrs.) Utilizes an interdisciplinary perspective to focus on a contemporary challenge facing our world: the need to understand persons from different cultures as the globalization of our communications and commerce forces close contact with persons who have a different cultural background from our own. The course includes a cross-cultural examination of many of the basic topics in the field of psychology such as sensation-perception, gender, personality and abnormal. Also focuses on cross-cultural behavioral expectations and fosters development of the skills needed to evaluate a situation and determine the behavioral rules existing in that situation. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and one of the following: HIS 334, 356, HUM 277, 278, 294, GTS 201, PHL 102, POL 212, REL 102, SOC 111, WGS 210.

PSY 412 Counseling Theories and Methods (3 hrs.) An introduction to the major theories of counseling and psychotherapy, current issues in the field, and applications for specific groups and settings. The course includes both theoretical and experiential components. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

PSY 418/SOC 318 Adult Develop & Aging (3 hrs.) An investigation of theories and research in adult development, from young adulthood to old age. Emphasizes gains and losses in cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development as well as death and grieving. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112, 113, or SOC 111.

PSY 422 Psychology Seminar (3 hrs.) Discussions, readings, and individual papers based on special problems in psychology. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and either PSY 270 or 274.

PSY 430 Pre-Thesis (3 hrs.) The first course in a two-semester sequence for students wishing to complete a senior thesis. Students will be asked to complete an extensive literature review of a topic approved by their thesis advisor. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

PSY 431 Senior Thesis (3 hrs.) The senior thesis is a report of extended library research and an experimental study focusing on a topic chosen by the student and approved by a sponsoring member of the department. Library research is performed during enrollment in pre-thesis and the experimental project is executed while taking this course. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, PSY 270 and 274, completion of PSY 430 with a C or higher, and senior standing.

SPA – Spanish

SPA 101 Elementary Spanish I (3 hrs.) Pronunciation, basic conversation, fundamentals of grammar, and easy reading. Offered every fall semester.

SPA 102 Elementary Spanish II (3 hrs.) A continuation and honing of skills learned in Spanish 101, concentrating on the subjunctive and more advanced points of grammar. Offered every spring semester. Prerequisites: SPA 101.

SPA 103 Accelerated Elementary Spanish (4 hrs.) This seven-week online course covers the material taught in our regular elementary Spanish I and II classes. This is an introductory language course in which the student is expected to acquire and develop basic communicative and written competence in Spanish. The class is designed to provide an introduction of the vocabulary, verbs, and grammatical concepts typical of an elementary Spanish course. Prerequisites: None.

SPA 200 Study Abroad Spain (3 hrs.) A fully immersive experience in Latin America and Spain designed to improve communication, comprehension, writing, and cultural appreciation skills. The course includes a mandatory preparation Spring Seminar (2 credit hours) and a May Term experience in the Hispanic country offered that year (1 credit). Offered every year. No prerequisites.

SPA 203 Intermediate Spanish I (3 hrs.) Emphasis is placed on a review of grammar and practice in Spanish composition. The readings are drawn from contemporary Spanish and Latin American literature. Offered annually in the fall semester. Prerequisites: SPA 102 or 103.

SPA 204 Intermediate Spanish II (3 hrs.) Continuation of SPA 203. Offered annually in the spring semester. Prerequisites: SPA 203.

SPA 210 Intermediate Spanish Conversation (3 hrs.) Intensive oral practice in Spanish designed to improve pronunciation, increase students' basic vocabulary, and develop communication skills for everyday situations. Prerequisites: SPA 102 or 103.

SPA 303 Advanced Spanish Conversation (3 hrs.) Continued intensive work in Spanish. Oral practice will concentrate on helping students to organize and express their ideas on a variety of topics: literature, culture, and contemporary problems related to the Hispanic world. Offered annually in the spring semester. Prerequisites: SPA 204 or 210 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 305 Commercial Spanish (3 hrs.) This course gives practice in translating commercial documents and correspondence from Spanish to English, and from English to Spanish as well as on the development of a specialized vocabulary in both languages. Prerequisites: SPA 204.

SPA 310 Special Topics in Literature (3 hrs.) Courses on various topics in Spanish literature are offered under this listing. Topics: Survey of Spanish Literature since the 18th Century, Spanish Novel, Spanish Drama, and Spanish-American Short Story. It can be taken multiple times as long as the topic is different. Prerequisites: SPA 381 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 330 Translation I (3 hrs) This is the first course in a series of three and introduces students to the principles of Spanish-English translation. Topics include: translation as a process and as a product, cultural issues, genre, and formal aspects of texts. The discussion seminars include in-class practical exercises, translation exercises and a final project allowing students to experiment with translation and translation theory. Prerequisites: SPA381 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 331 Translation II (3 hrs) This is the second course in a series of three. Topics include: issues with different registers and dialectal aspects, literal/connotative meaning, and stylistic editing. Students also practice specialized translation (scientific, technical, legal, and consumer-oriented translation). The Discussion seminars include in-class practical exercises, translation exercises and a final project allowing students to experiment with translation and translation theory. Prerequisites: Translation I.

SPA 332 Translation III (3 hrs) This course is a capstone project for students completing the Spanish major (Translation Track only) and the Translation certificate. The topic and the nature of the project is determined in consultation with the instructor. Prerequisites: Translation II

SPA 351 Introduction to Spanish Literature (3 hrs.) This course covers Spanish literature, from the Middle Ages to the present. The selected works will include plays, novels, short stories and poetry. Prerequisite: SPA 381 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 353 Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Latin American Literature (3 hrs.) Readings of selected novels, short stories, plays, essays, and poetry of Latin American literature from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Prerequisites: SPA 381 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 363 Spanish-American Novel (3 hrs.) A study of the major currents in the Spanish-American novel in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The selected works reflect the main cultural, political, and economic aspects in society. Prerequisites: SPA 381 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 377 Spanish Civilization (3 hrs.) An introduction to Spanish civilization from its beginnings to the present. Taught in Spanish. Offered annually in the spring semester. Prerequisites: SPA 204 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 378 Latin American Civilization (3 hrs.) An introduction to the culture and civilization of Latin America, from the colonial period to the present, with concentrated study of contemporary Latin American culture. Includes historical, social, and economic aspects, as well as art and literature. Taught in Spanish. Offered annually in the fall semester. Prerequisites: SPA 204 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 381 Advanced Grammar and Composition (3 hrs.) A systematic review of all common elements of Spanish grammar. Exercises are designed to develop proficiency in both spoken and written Spanish. Offered annually in the fall semester. Prerequisites: SPA 204 or permission of the instructor.

SPA 425 Senior Honors Thesis/Project (3 hrs.) Students majoring in Spanish who wish to graduate with Honors in their subject area may elect to write a thesis or complete a project during their senior year. The topic and nature of the thesis or project will be determined in consultation with the instructor. The student must receive a grade of A for this work in order to graduate with Honors. Prerequisites: three 300-level courses and permission of the instructor.

SEC – Security Studies

SEC 201 Introduction to Security Studies (3 hrs.) This course will provide the foundations for the Security Studies minor and major, and will serve to introduce many issues in the modern search for security. By the end of the course, you should have a basic understanding of the major theories of security; current issues, conceptions threats to security; institutions related to security; and identify future threats that may loom on our horizon. Additionally, there will be several guest speakers in class who will discuss particular issues in more detail.

SEC 205 Intro to Homeland Security (3 hrs.) The principal objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive introduction to US homeland security, with a focus on the post-September 11, 2001 era. We will examine agency missions, laws, and regulations that govern America's efforts to protect the homeland. Through an examination of complex threats and threat environments, students will gain insight into contemporary issues relevant to the homeland security enterprise

SEC 312 Terrorism (3 hrs.) The major objective of this course is to increase your knowledge about terrorism: what it is, why it occurs, why targets are selected, and how to prevent it. Prerequisites: SEC 201.

SEC 325 Issues in Homeland Security (3 hrs.) The purpose of this class is to provide an understanding of the issues and policy spaces that comprise homeland security. The policy space is wide and oft-changing; as such, this course is designed to introduce the students to the critical policy spaces, and allow the student to explore these with some depth. Prerequisites: POL 211; POL 301; any Security Studies course (SEC designation); OR permission of the instructor.

SEC 328 National Security Agencies (3 hrs.) To understand the politics and processes of national security we must have an understanding of the national security labyrinth at the national level. The purpose of this course is to ensure the students' knowledge about the institutional design, oversight mechanisms and shortcomings, missions, and relationship of the varied institutions of the national security bureaucracy. Prerequisites: POL 211, SEC 201, or permission of the instructor.

SEC 334 Intelligence at Home and Abroad (3 hrs.) Nations survive and prosper on the basis of their ability to effectively gather, evaluate, and utilize information about threats. In this course, students will examine the history, context, purpose, methods, processes, and challenges of intelligence gathering at home and abroad. Prerequisites: SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

SEC 335 Politics and Security of Developing Nations (3 hrs.) In this course, students will undertake a comparative investigation of the political dynamics of the developing world. Looking across Latin America, Asia, and Africa, students will identify and contrast patterns of political behavior across regions and analyze models of economic development, governance, and security challenges that occur in the developing world. By taking a policy-making perspective, students will assess problems and analyze solutions to current issues in developing nations. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

SEC 337 Human Rights and Security (3 hrs.) This course examines the evolution of the international system of human rights. It will consider fundamental legal, moral, and political debates related to human rights and look for avenues to make progress in human rights protection. It will also examine the relationship between human rights and human security and the challenges associated with the provision of human security in the 21st century, with special attention paid to human trafficking and economic development. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201, GTS 201, or permission of the instructor.

SEC 346 Chinese Politics and Influence (3 hrs.) An examination of how China's emergence as an economic, diplomatic, and military heavyweight is shifting the global balance of power, shaping the responses of governments and intergovernmental organizations, and posing fundamental questions about the nature of world order itself. Prerequisites: GTS 201, SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

SEC 364 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict (3 hrs.) This course uses experimental social psychology as the foundation to explore the affective, behavioral, and cognitive processes associated with group interaction and conflict. Utilizing an interdisciplinary perspective, it will integrate psychological, sociological, political, historical, and security-related approaches to understanding stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination on a local and global scale. Offered occasionally. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

SEC 420 Security Studies Thesis (3 hrs.) Students will learn research methods and utilize them to write a thesis paper. The expectation is that these papers will be written at a level acceptable for off-campus conference. Prerequisites: junior or senior status; declared Security Studies major; 18 or more hours toward major completion. Students will learn research methods and utilize them to write a thesis paper. The expectation is that these papers will be written at a level acceptable for off-campus conference. Prerequisites: junior or senior status; declared Security Studies major; 18 or more hours toward major completion.

SOC – Sociology

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (3 hrs.) This course provides an introduction to the theories and methods used by sociologists to understand society. It explores topics ranging from culture to social institutions, including education, the economy, and government. It also examines how social identities, such as race, class, and gender affect people's lives and life chances.

SOC 315 Gender and Society (3 hrs.) This course examines multiple aspects of gender, including how it is constructed through our social interactions, how it is challenged by people who do not conform to traditional conceptions of gender and sexuality, and how ideas about gender vary by culture. It will also explore the role of social institutions, such as the media, work, and family, in shaping our ideas about gender and sexuality. Prerequisites include any one of the following: SOC 111 or WGS 210.

SOC 317 Race and Ethnicity (3 hrs.) This course explores various aspects of race and ethnicity, including the social construction of racial and ethnic categories, theoretical perspectives on prejudice and discrimination, and how race and ethnicity are embedded in social institutions. The course includes discussion of some of the most pressing issues in American society, such as new forms of discrimination, racial inequality in the criminal justice system, and how the racial/ethnic system is changing over time. Although the course focuses on the United States, it draws on international examples for comparative purposes. Prerequisite: SOC 111.

SOC 318/ PSY 418 Adult Develop & Aging (3 hrs.) An investigation of theories and research in adult development, from young adulthood to old age. Emphasizes gains and losses in cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development as well as death and grieving. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112, 113, SOC 111 or ANT 115.

SOC 332 Prisons and Social Control (3 hrs.) This course offers a critical approach to the study of prisons and social control in society by focusing on prisons as complex social institutions that are shaped by social, historical, political, economic and cultural forces. The course examines such issues as the functions of incarceration and other forms of social control, the dynamics of the prison environment, and the effects of incarceration on prisoners and society more broadly. SOC 111 or ANT 115.

SOC 345 Sociology of Religion (3 hrs.) The course will endeavor to introduce students to the major thinkers in the field of the sociology of religion, to some of its central theories regarding the nature of religion and the relationship between religion and society, and to some applications of its theories to specific religions and societies. Prerequisites include any one of the following: SOC 111, ANT 115; REL 101, 102; CLA 215; HIS 105.

SOC 360 Sociological Theory (3 hrs.) This course will provide students with an overview of classical and contemporary sociological theory. Through a critical examination of primary texts, the course will explore fundamental questions concerning modern societies, including why societies change or remain stable over time, what are the forces that govern human interactions, and how can we explain some of the causes and consequences of social inequality. Prerequisites: SOC 111 or ANT 115.

SOC 363 Deviance (3 hrs.) Deviance is a fluid concept. How we determine what behaviors are “deviant” changes over time and varies according to context. This course will provide an overview of the sociology of deviance, including issues of labeling and stigma, the medicalization of deviance, and the politics that shape how deviance is defined and subject to sanctions. Specific areas of “deviance” that we will address include homosexuality, mental illness, and alcohol and drug use, among others. Prerequisites: SOC 111 or ANT 115.

SOC 375 Social Science Research Methods (3 hrs.) This course is designed to teach students how to collect and analyze data using the qualitative and quantitative methods most commonly employed in the social sciences, including surveys, ethnography, content analysis, qualitative interviews, experiments and focus groups. Students will acquire hands-on experience collecting data using four of these methods and learn how to interpret data presented in academic writing. The course will also address issues pertaining to validity, reliability, sampling, research ethics, and the use of secondary sources. Prerequisites: SOC 111, ANT 115, or POL 112.

SOC 398 Independent Study (1-4 hrs.) Topics of special interest on a tutorial basis, or supervised field research projects. Prerequisites: SOC 111 or ANT 115 or permission of instructor.

SOC 431 Sociology Honors Thesis (2 hrs.) An option for upper-class majors who successfully complete the theory and methods requirements. Students produce an original critical paper based on either library or field research in consultation with the members of the department.