

CRJU 1101: Foundations of Criminal Justice

3 Credit Hours

This course provides an overview of the American criminal justice system including law enforcement, the court system, and the correctional system. Emphasis is placed on crime in the U.S., the criminal justice process from arrest through sentencing, and the roles and responsibilities of criminal justice actors. Current topics in the criminal justice system are addressed such as the death penalty, offender treatment, and criminal justice reform among others.

CRJU 2201: Crimes and Defenses

3 Credit Hours

This course explores substantive criminal offenses and defenses. Topic areas include the types and elements of felony and misdemeanor criminal offenses, defenses to crimes, and lower and appellate case law interpretations of crimes and defenses. Emphasis is placed on federal and state criminal law, including those pertaining to Georgia. The course also evaluates the historical development of crimes and defenses, public policy implications, and the underlying principles that guide the development of crimes and defenses.

CRJU 3300: Criminal Courts

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101

This course examines the history, development, structure, operation, and organization of criminal court systems in federal and state courts in the U.S. Topic areas include the roles of major professional and non-professional courtroom participants, stages in the process of adjudication of criminal cases from initial charging through post-conviction review, and an introduction to the constitutional rights of the accused.