CRJU 3301: Research Methods in Criminal Justice

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101

This course provides an introduction to the scientific method and the concepts and techniques of social science research. Topic areas include levels of measurement, sampling techniques, research design, survey methodology, and various research techniques. Emphasis is placed on the application of these techniques to the study of specific research questions in criminal justice. This course also examines how to interpret basic statistics and analyze data in a statistical software program.

CRJU 3305: Technology and Criminal Justice

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101 or SOCI 1101

This course involves an in-depth study of technology as it relates to crime and the criminal justice system. Topics discussed include technology associated with criminal investigations, law enforcement practices, offender monitoring and supervision, and homeland security. Legal issues and laws pertaining to the use of technology for investigative purposes, privacy issues, and fourth amendment issues are examined. Various technologies used by police, courts, and corrections are also addressed.

CRJU 3310: Police in America

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101

This course provides an overview of American law enforcement including the role and purposes of police in society, the major functions and responsibilities of police, and police subculture. This course also examines legal issues related to policing, police discretion and decision-making, and police behavior including use of force and misconduct. Emphasis is placed on police effectiveness in controlling and preventing crime, police/community relations, and future trends in law enforcement.