

BCJ (Bachelor of Criminal Justice) Course Descriptions

PRE-FIX	CODE /#	COURSE NAME	COURSE DESCRIPTION
COMS	304	Principles and Techniques of Interviewing	Methods used in two-party, face-to-face oral communicative situations commonly encountered in organizational and professional environments. Intensive practice through role-playing and real-life interviews in and out of class, emphasizing skills involved in giving and getting information, persuasion, and job-employment situations. Prerequisites: JR OR SR Credit Hours: 4 Repeat/Retake Information: May be retaken one time excluding withdrawals, but only last course taken counts.
COMS	410	Cross Cultural Communication	Analysis of processes and problems of communication as affected by national cultures; effects of differences in language, values, meaning, perception, and thought. Prerequisites: JR OR SR Credit Hours: 4 Repeat/Retake Information: May be retaken one time excluding withdrawals, but only last course taken counts.
PRCM	325J	Professional Communication	Provides opportunities to practice and improve written and spoken communication skills, both individual and collaborative, which are appropriate for career success. Utilizes strategic managerial communication skills in analyzing business problems or situations and choosing the appropriate communication processes, products, or events to meet organizational needs. Prerequisites: TIER I ENG & (JR OR SR) Credit Hours: 4
POLS	301	The Politics of Law	Introduces the study of law as a political process with special emphasis on courts, legal ideologies, violence, and the mobilization of rights claims in social and political conflict. Prerequisite: POLS 101 Credit Hours: 5
PSY	221	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics with emphasis on inferential statistics. No credit for both 221 and any of the following: MATH 251, PSY 121, QBA 201, COMS 301, ECON 381. Prerequisites: (PLACEMENT LEVEL 2 OR HIGHER OR MATH 113 OR 115 OR 163A OR 263A OR 266A) & (NOT MATH 251 OR PSY 121 OR QBA 201) Credit Hours: 5 General Education Code: 1M – Tier I

NOTE: These course descriptions are for the BCJ degree only, they do not include electives.

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SOC	260	Criminal Justice	Examination of structures and decision processes of agencies that deal with crime and criminal offenders. An emphasis is placed on how practice is based on politically derived public policies, and how sociology can be used to analyze the practice of these agencies. Topics include criminal law, policing, court systems, sentencing, and corrections. Prerequisite: SOC 101. Credit Hours: 4
SOC	351	Elementary Research Techniques	Research techniques in sociology. Research design; collection, recording, and analysis of data. Prerequisites: SOC 101 and (PSY 121 or 221 or MATH 251 or COMS 301 or QBA 201 or ECON 381). Credit Hours: 4
SOC	362	Criminology	Theories and research in criminal behavior and societal reaction to criminality. Causes and consequences of crime. Prerequisite: SOC 260 Credit Hours: 4
SOC	363	Juvenile Delinquency	Theories and research in delinquency. Causes and consequences of delinquent behavior among juveniles. Prerequisite: SOC 260 and 351 or SW 350 Credit Hours: 4
SOC	366	Sociology of Correction	Examination of history, operation, and problems of punishment. Patterns of prison organization, inmate group structure, personnel organization, and racism examined. Purpose and effectiveness of penal institutions described. Prisons, juvenile institutions, parole, halfway houses, and alternatives to punishment studied. Prerequisite: SOC 260 Credit Hours: 4