

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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PDF COURSE LIST

AD JUS 1, Introduction to Administration of Justice 3 units

Transfer: UC, CSU

C-ID: AJ 110.

IGETC AREA 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)

This course provides students with an overview of the characteristics of the criminal justice system in the United States. An emphasis is placed on examining the structure and functions of the police, courts and corrections. The following additional topics are explored: the origins of criminal law, theories of crime, the adjudication of a criminal case, measurement of crime, the evolution of the principles and approaches utilized by the justice system, the social impact of crime, sentencing policies and related subject areas.

AD JUS 2, Concepts of Criminal Law 3 units

Transfer: UC, CSU

C-ID: AJ 120.

This course examines the doctrines of criminal liability in the United States. It covers topics which include the sources of law, the elements of a crime, the classification of crime, the nature of credible evidence, the adversary system, criminal defenses and related subjects. The course utilizes case studies to ascertain and analyze the concepts of criminal law. It also provides a foundation for upper division criminal justice courses.

AD JUS 3, Legal Aspects of Evidence 3 units

Transfer: CSU

C-ID: AJ 124.

This course explores types of evidence and legal rules governing its admission and exclusion in a criminal court proceeding. A special emphasis is placed on examining the key rules pertaining to witness competency, privileged communications, confessions, hearsay statements and identification procedures. Case studies and judicial decisions interpreting the evidence rules are also included.

AD JUS 5, Criminal Investigation 3 units

Transfer: CSU

C-ID: AJ 140.

This course examines the basic principles, procedures and ethical challenges involved in criminal investigation. The topics covered include the organization of the investigative process, scientific analysis of physical evidence, crime scene management, documentation of evidence, interviews and interrogation, sources of information, surveillance, and the role of the investigator in the trial process.

AD JUS 8, Juvenile Procedures 3 units

Transfer: CSU

C-ID: AJ 220.

This course provides an overview of the development and organization of the juvenile justice system in the United States. The course explores topics such as the history of this system, the measurement of juvenile delinquency, California laws relating to delinquency and dependency, constitutional protections afforded through case decisions, juvenile court proceedings and related subject areas.

AD JUS 11, Introduction to Forensics 3 units

Transfer: CSU

C-ID: AJ 150.

This course provides students with an overview of the role of forensics in criminal investigations. This course explores topics such as crime scene analysis versus crime scene processing, examination of pattern evidence, principles of fingerprint identification, analysis of firearm and tool mark evidence, collection and preservation of DNA evidence, evaluation of questioned documents, and related subjects.

AD JUS 67, Community and the Justice System 3 units

Transfer: CSU

C-ID: AJ 160.

This course analyzes the dynamic relationship between the justice system and the community in addressing crime. Special attention is focused on the challenges and prospects of administering justice within a diverse multicultural population as well as strategies for resolving conflict. Additional topics covered include the evolving nature of multiculturalism, demographics of interest communities, community policing, courts and the community, among others.