

Criminal Justice Program Goals

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge

1. Knowledge of what motivates criminogenic behavior and Criminological Theory [Criminal motivations/theory].
2. Knowledge of formal and informal mechanisms of social control and Criminal Justice Theory [Mechanisms of social Control].
3. Knowledge of the function, organization, policies, and processes of the major components of the formal justice system [Criminal justice system and process].
4. Knowledge of the law and the components crime including elements of felony and misdemeanor offenses, basic criminal law, and enforcement procedures [Criminal law].
5. Knowledge of key historical, contemporary policy, and ethical issues pertaining to justice and enforcement in a democratic society [Justice policy and ethics]
6. Knowledge of key research principles, Best Practices, and government programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime [Justice programs and principles].

Skills and Abilities

7. Professional and persuasive communication, writing skills, and ability to report findings [Communication skills].
8. Ability to locate, read, understand, and critically analyze publications and data to identify “what works” in criminal justice [Identifying “what works”]
9. Ability to make simple comparisons (before and after program implementation), compare two or three groups to identify differences using basic statistics [Research methodology]
10. Ability to solve problems, create solutions and procedures that are consistent with theory and research [Problem solving / applied theory]

Summarized List

Knowledge

1. [Criminal motivations/theory]
2. [Mechanisms of social control]
3. [Criminal justice system and process]
4. [Criminal law]
5. [Justice policy and ethics]
6. [Justice programs and principles]

Skills and Abilities

7. [Communication skills]
8. [Identifying “what works”]
9. [Basic research methodology]
10. [Problem solving / applied theory]

Mapping Criminal Justice Goals to Proposed Coursework

Criminal Justice Studies Core

Criminal Justice Goal	Core Courses				
	CRJ 200 Intro to CJ	CRJ 468 Criminology	CRJ 363 Systems & Policy	CRJ 489 Crime, Law, Crime, & Society	CRJ 480 Applied CJ Theory
1. Criminal motivations / theory		X			X
2. Mechanisms of social control			X	X	X
3. Criminal justice system and process	X		X	X	
4. Criminal law	X	X		X	X
5. Justice policies and ethics	X		X	X	X
6. Justice programs and principles	X	X	X		X
7. Communication skills			X		X
8. Identifying "what works"	X	X	X		X
9. Basic research methodology					X
10. Problem solving / applied theory					X

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Criminal Justice Cognates *

Criminal Justice Goal	Criminal Justice Cognate Courses						
	Special Topics in CJ	Social Justice	Ethics	Law and Society	Human Interaction & Social Control	Research Methods	Internship or Co-op
1. Criminal motivations / theory	X	X			X		
2. Mechanisms of social control	X				X		
3. Criminal justice system and process				X			X
4. Criminal law			X	X			
5. Justice policies and ethics	X		X				X
6. Justice programs and principles		X	X				X
7. Communication skills	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. Identifying "what works"	X					X	X

9. Basic research methodology		X		X		X	X
10. Problem solving / applied theory	X	X					X

* (Excludes courses listed in the CRJ core)