

NCCU Department of Criminal Justice - Concentration Options

Wake Technical Community College Partnership

One of the Criminal Justice degree requirements include 12 credits from one of four concentration options listed below. Students will need to select one of the following:

LAW ENFORCEMENT (Online)

Emphasizes theoretical and practical issues related to law enforcement. Coursework focuses on the history of law enforcement, investigative techniques, management, constitutional rights, public policy, comparative law enforcement and contemporary issues. Possible careers include police officer, deputy sheriff, state and federal law enforcement, private security, law school.

CRJU 2500 – Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science Application (3) An examination of criminal investigation fundamentals including crime scene search, collection and preservation of evidence, interviews, interrogation, case preparation, and the familiarization with specific instrumentation in crime detection and evidence selection for evidentiary value. Prerequisites: CRJU 2350

CRJU 4150 – Police Management Theory (3) An advanced course focusing on management theories, current management systems, supervision and supervisory principles as applied to police administration. This course examines leadership skills, planning and implementation, decision-making and creative problem-solving for the police administrator. Prerequisites: CRJU 2350

CRJU 4250 – Criminal Law for Criminal Justice Personnel (3) A course designed to provide a basic concept of criminal law and to provide the legal groundwork for those who seek to enter the criminal justice system. The structure, definitions, and interpretations of the most frequently used criminal statutes and the purpose of criminal sanctions will be analyzed. Prerequisites: CRJU 2350

CRJU 4630 – Law Enforcement Theory, Policy, and Practice (3) This course will serve as a capstone course for the law enforcement concentration. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of theory, policy, and practice in law enforcement through their participation in a project that addresses a contemporary issue in law enforcement. Best practices in law enforcement will also be discussed. Prerequisites: CRJU 2350, CRJU 2500, CRJU 4150, CRJU 4250

CORRECTIONS (Online)

Emphasizes theoretical and practical issues related to corrections. Coursework focuses on the history of corrections, administration, community corrections, counseling and management in prisons and jails, comparative corrections and contemporary issues. Possible careers include corrections officer, case management, probation and parole officers.

CRJU 2470 - Jail Policy and Practice (3) An analysis of jail policy and practices from both historical and contemporary perspectives. Specific attention will be devoted to jail administrative and staff demands as well as legislative and policy issues, fiscal constraints, special populations and best practices for the management of jail facilities.

CRJU 2510 - Corrections in the Community (3) This course examines the historical development of probation, parole, and community-based alternatives. Emphasis will be placed on community-based programs that can be a viable alternative to prison and the re-entry of offenders in their communities.

CRJU 4160 - Correctional Counseling (3) An overview and survey of counseling and rehabilitation approaches that are relevant to contemporary corrections. Techniques will be examined in the use of treatment, counseling, and rehabilitative practices. Prerequisites: CRJU 2450

CRJU 4620 - Correctional Theory, Policy and Practice (3) This course will serve as a capstone course for the correction concentration. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of theory, policy, and practice in corrections through their participation in a project that addresses a contemporary issue in corrections. Best practices in corrections will also be discussed. Prerequisites: CRJU 2450, CRJU 2470, CRJU 2510, CRJU 4160

HOMELAND SECURITY (Online)

Emphasizes theoretical and practical issues related to homeland security. Coursework focuses on the development of homeland security, domestic and international terrorism, legal and public policy concerns connected to homeland security, emergency management, and contemporary issues. Possible careers include federal law enforcement, emergency management, state and local law enforcement.

HLS 3000 - Introduction to Homeland Security (3) This course is designed to introduce the student to the scope of issues facing the American public, the private sector and law enforcement on securing the country against threats posed by domestic and international terrorist groups. Threats to American interests abroad will also be analyzed.

HLS 3200 - Emergency Management and Recovery (3) This course exposes students to emergency management, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The course concentrates on the recovery phase, which involves bringing the affected area back to status quo and explores how mitigation for the next event ties in with recovery. Included is discussion of eminent domain in the disaster recovery context as well as the roles of federal, state, and local governments.

HLS 3500 - Infrastructure Protection (3) This course is designed to familiarize the student with the principles of Homeland Security infrastructure protection as outlined in presidential directives, executive orders and federal and state law, court opinions, regulations, policies, and procedures.

HLS 4640 - Homeland Security Theory, Policy and Practice (3) This course will serve as a capstone course for the homeland security concentration. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of theory, policy, and practice in homeland security through their participation in a project that addresses a contemporary issue in homeland security. Best practices in homeland security will also be discussed. Prerequisites: HLS 3000, HLS 3200, HLS 3500

JUVENILE JUSTICE (Hybrid)

Emphasizes theoretical and practical issues related to juvenile justice. Coursework focuses on the development of the juvenile justice system and practices, constitutional rights of youthful offenders, patterns of delinquency, public policy, juvenile victims of crime, comparative juvenile justice and contemporary issues. Possible careers include juvenile court counselors, juvenile detention staff, law school.

SOCW 3500 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3) An examination of the bio-psycho-social determinants of behavior at each stage of the life course. This course focuses on the varying life course stages and levels of environmental influence on behavior.

SOCW 3600 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3) This course employs systems theory and social entities such as culture, communities, and formal organizations. Groups and families are conceptualized as macro, mezzo, and micro systems that form the social environment of the individual. The course is based on the social work principle that human behavior and problems are determined by interaction between individuals and macro, mezzo, and micro systems by which they are surrounded.

CRJU 3650 – Counseling in Juvenile Justice (3) This course focuses on research-based prevention and intervention strategies. Emphasis will be placed on strategies that improve psychosocial functioning via risks and needs assessments, treatment planning, behavioral management techniques, and therapeutic relationships.

CRJU 4650 – Juvenile Justice Theory, Policy and Practice (3) This course will serve as a capstone course for the juvenile justice concentration. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of theory, policy and practice in juvenile justice through their participation in a project that addresses a contemporary issue in juvenile justice. Best practices in juvenile justice will also be discussed.