Justice (JUST)

Courses

JUST A110 Introduction to Justice 3 Credits
Survey of philosophies, functions and methods of social control with emphasis on role of law and those involved in its administration--police, courts, and correction organizations. Includes study of history, organization, processes, and problems related to law and justice agencies in a heterogeneous, democratic society.

Special Note: This course is a prerequisite to most Justice courses.

Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

JUST A200 Introduction to Research Methods in Justice 3 Credits
Introduces social science research methods used in justice studies, including explication of the scientific method, experimental and quasi-experimental designs, sampling, data collection methods, and analytical strategies.

JUST A201 Justice Data Analysis 3 Credits
Introduces students to descriptive statistical analysis and presentation of crime and justice data. Topics include measures of central tendency, dispersion, hypothesis testing and statistical significance. Data presentations focus on the production and interpretation of tables and graphs to impact justice policy and practice.

Registration Restrictions: If the prerequisite is not satisfied, an approved UAA placement test score is required.

Prerequisites: MATH A105 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A121 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A151 with a minimum grade of C or STAT A200 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A210 Principles of Corrections 3 Credits
Presents an overview of the field of corrections. Topics include theories of punishment and sentencing, history of the prison and jail, inmate prison life, inmate litigation, and the organization of prisons and staff. Issues of gender, race/ethnicity and class are integrated throughout the course.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A211 Introduction to Restorative Justice 3 Credits
Introduces the development of community and government responses to crime that encourage healing, accountability, competency, and citizen involvement while holding offenders and communities accountable. Includes theoretical and cultural roots, as well as an overview of restorative justice practices in the U.S. criminal system.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A221 Justice Organization and Management 3 Credits
Survey of organization and management of police, court, correctional and legal operations, agency roles, goals, structural arrangements and administrative practices; applicability of theory and research; techniques and instruments of organization and management; and principles of change.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A241 Business Law I 3 Credits
Introduction to business law. Covers topics such as the American legal system, dispute resolution, constitutional and government regulation of business, torts, contract laws and theory, international law, and business ethics.

Crosslisted With: BA A241.

JUST A242 Business Law II 3 Credits
Continuation of Business Law I. Covers topics such as sales and leases, negotiables, debtor-creditor relations, agency, business organizations, and property protection.

Crosslisted With: BA A242.

Prerequisites: BA A241 or JUST A241.

JUST A251 Crime and Delinquency 3 Credits
Presents theoretical perspectives on the causes, consequences, and control of crime and delinquency. Surveys the major theoretical perspectives in the study of crime and delinquency with special attention to the application of empirical research methods to important theoretical issues.

Crosslisted With: SOC A251

Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

JUST A255 Criminal Investigation 3 Credits
Introduces fundamentals of investigation. Topics include crime scene search and recording, collection and preservation of physical evidence, and scientific aids. Explores modus operandi, sources of information, interviews and interrogations, follow-up, and case preparation.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A310 Introduction to Forensic Science 3 Credits
Provides an overview of forensic science and its relationship within the justice system. Focuses on the various areas of criminalistics, which typically involve the analysis done in government crime labs on physical evidence gathered in the course of a criminal investigation.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A315 Development of Law 3 Credits
Examines the philosophy and development of law in the United States from colonial times to the present. Explores American constitutional history and the role of the courts, the legislature and the executive branch in the lawmaking process. Analyzes legal developments as they relate to changing economic, political, social and intellectual trends.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of Written Communication Skills GER for baccalaureate degrees with a minimum grade of D.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A320 Crime Prevention 3 Credits
Examines primary, secondary, and tertiary crime prevention strategies and concepts. Explores in a multidisciplinary context the legal, moral and ethical considerations and problems of human and environmental manipulation. Emphasizes contemporary approaches to preventing criminal behavior.

Prerequisites: JUST A200 and JUST A201 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).
Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A330 Justice and Society 3 Credits
The evolutionary influence of ideology, technology and social interests on the justice system. The dynamic impact of long-term emerging concepts such as 'equality' and 'privacy' will be viewed against the background of requirements of political and economic organization.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

JUST A332 Environmental Crime Prevention 3 Credits
Examines the theoretical background to opportunity-reducing in environmental crime prevention. Explores the application and implementation of crime prevention through environmental design, defensible space, and problem-oriented policing. Illustrates the practical and policy difficulties of environmental crime prevention through the use of case studies and field work.

Special Note: JUST A320 recommended

Prerequisites: JUST A200 and JUST A201 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).

JUST A334 Police and Society 3 Credits
Provides a foundation in American policing. Examines the history, social organization, institutional contradictions and contemporary challenges of the police in the United States. Special emphasis given to the use of empirical research methods to advance our understanding of policing.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201.

JUST A340 Family Law 3 Credits

Crosslisted With: LEGL A340.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A343 Constitutional Law 3 Credits
Introduces students to American constitutional law through a study of the history of the Constitution and selected landmark Supreme Court cases. Topics covered are separation of powers, judicial review, civil rights and liberties, property and economic rights and others.

Crosslisted With: PS A343.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or PS A101.

JUST A352 Criminal Law and Procedure 3 Credits
Examines elements and functions of substantive criminal law together with constitutional, statutory and rules-based limits on law enforcement in the United States. Includes federal and state law of crimes, defenses, search and seizure, interrogations and confessions, identification, arrests and charging, right to counsel, right to jury, sentencing, and double jeopardy.

Registration Restrictions: LEGL A215 recommended.

Crosslisted With: LEGL A352

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A355 Rural Justice 3 Credits
Investigates rural crime and criminal justice. Examines the specific geographic, social and cultural characteristics of rural communities and how these factors influence the prevalence and nature of crime and criminal justice. Reviews and assesses competing theories of justice. Comparative analysis of rural crime and criminal justice in other countries, with emphasis given to other Circumpolar nations.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A356 Organized Crime 3 Credits
Provides a review of the operations, structures, history and theories of organized crime in the United States and internationally. Emphasis is given to the implications of organized crime on the development of criminological theory and the impact organized crime has on the legal and criminal justice system in the United States.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A360 Justice Theory and Policy Analysis 3 Credits
Critiques the essential theories underlying the operation of the justice system and analyzes contemporary policies within the framework of justice theory and policy. Analyzes the influence of politics and ideology on the operation of the justice system and evaluates the role of social science research evidence in formulating evidence-based justice policy.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).

JUST A365 Comparative Justice Systems 3 Credits
Compares and contrasts global justice systems and examines international problems related to crime and justice.

JUST A366 Substance Use and Crime 3 Credits
Introduces the psychopharmacology, physiological effects and schedule classification for substance of abuse. Reviews data estimating extent of use, abuse and related consequences. Provides a critical analysis of the connection between crime and substance use. Differentiates between policy responses to substance use and abuse including prevention, treatment, enforcement and harm reduction.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A371 Cinematic Images of Justice 3 Credits
Visual survey of how the cinema has portrayed the criminal justice system. Special attention devoted to discrepancies between scientific research findings and popular stereotypes portrayed by the media. Attention given to each component of the criminal justice system. Impact of fictionalized events and justice system action/reaction will be juxtaposed with the reality of the justice system.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110.
JUST A374 The Courts 3 Credits
Examines the basic components of the U.S. courts with particular emphasis on case processing through the court system and the roles of court actors. Covers the history as well as the current structure and function of the court system and assesses the gap between the ideals and the realities of court processes and practices.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or Senior standing
Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.

JUST A375 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency 3 Credits
Examines the theory and practice of juvenile justice. Reviews changing conceptions of justice and their impact on policy and legal rights. Explores formal and informal responses to juvenile delinquency, with specific attention to gender, race, and ethnic disparities.

Registration Restrictions: Junior standing and above
Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

JUST A384 Contemporary Corrections 3 Credits
Reviews current theory, research and policy in the field of corrections and evaluates the operation of correctional policies using evidence-based standards of effectiveness. Issues analyzed range from examining contemporary explanations of American punishment policies to evaluating treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201.

JUST A398 Individual Research 1-6 Credits
Applies substantive and methodological training to a selected justice topic under the direction of a supervising faculty member. Research activities may include, but are not limited to, conducting literature reviews; compiling bibliographies; formulating research hypotheses; developing research designs; collecting, entering and analyzing data; and interpreting findings.

Special Note: May be repeated for maximum of 6 credits.
Registration Restrictions: Faculty permission
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201.

JUST A413 Communications Law 3 Credits
Legal rights, privileges, and regulations of press, radio, television, Internet and films; libel, contempt, copyright, rights of privacy; decisions of regulatory bodies.

Crosslisted With: JPC A413.
Prerequisites: JPC A202 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A110.

JUST A432 Crime Analysis and Mapping 3 Credits
Introduces analytical concepts and computer applications used in the study of temporal and spatial crime data. Demonstrates how these techniques can be used by justice agencies with a special emphasis given to police departments.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing
Prerequisites: JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of C.
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

JUST A434 Police-Community Relations 3 Credits
Examines police-community relations in the United States. Explores common conceptions of the police role, from the perspective of both the public and the police themselves, and their impact on police-community relations. Particular emphasis is given to recent developments aimed at ameliorating strained relationships between the police and the various communities they serve.

Registration Restrictions: Senior standing or instructor approval
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201.

JUST A443 Civil Liberties 3 Credits
Examines civil liberties in the United States with emphasis on the First Amendment, discrimination, the right to privacy and criminal justice. Focuses on Supreme Court cases and literature and considers various influences on legal analysis and judicial decision-making.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing
Crosslisted With: LEGL A443
Prerequisites: JUST A315 or JUST A343 or PS A343.
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

JUST A444 Terrorism 3 Credits
Examines contemporary and historical terrorist ideology, organization and tactics including international and domestic groups. Focuses on the balance of prevention, security and liberty.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).

JUST A445 Probation, Parole and Community Corrections 3 Credits
Covers the history and development of probation and parole, including notions of rehabilitation, reentry and reintegration. Investigates evidence-based standards, and numerous and diverse types of supervision, treatment, control, restoration and supportive programs for criminal offenders within the community.

Prerequisites: JUST A110.

JUST A460 Justice in Crisis 3 Credits
Critically examines various perspectives on justice and the ability of a society to maintain the ideal of justice. Compares conditions in different countries and investigates different social and historical conditions when justice was challenged. Analyzes the influence of culture, race/ethnicity and socioeconomic inequality on the operation of the American justice system.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and senior standing
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

JUST A463 Biobehavioral Criminology 3 Credits
Examines biobehavioral correlates of crime and ways these factors interact with socio-environmental and psychophysiological factors to impact crime. Analyzes historical and contemporary theories and research. Applies interacting factors to explain specific types of violent and non-violent criminal behavior.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and senior standing
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201 and (JUST A251 or SOC A251).
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.
JUST A484 Corrections Theory and Policy 3 Credits
Analyzes various issues and problems pertaining to the operation of correctional facilities with an emphasis on theory. Issues investigated include prison health care, inmate health, inmate violence and the practical day-to-day work of correctional staff.
Prerequisites: JUST A110 and JUST A200 and JUST A201.
JUST A485 Tribal Courts and Alaska Native Rights 3 Credits
Registration Restrictions: Completion of all GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior or senior standing
Crosslisted With: LEGL A485
Prerequisites: JUST A110 or LEGL A101.
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.
JUST A488 Research Practicum 1-6 Credits
Explores the application of research skills to the study of a problem in the justice field. May involve field research and related independent study.
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
Registration Restrictions: Faculty permission
Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of B and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of B and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of B.
JUST A490 Contemporary Justice Issues 1-6 Credits
A variable topics course which addresses current issues. Topics of national interest as well as those peculiar to Alaska will be included.
Special Note: May be repeated once for credit with a change in subtitle.
Registration Restrictions: Junior standing.
Prerequisites: JUST A110.
JUST A495 Internship 1-6 Credits
Specially arranged field experiences for advanced justice majors and paralegal certificate students. Designed to expand knowledge and skills through supervised placements in justice, law and governmental settings.
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
Registration Restrictions: Approval by internship coordinator.
JUST A625 Seminar in Criminal Violation 3 Credits
Applies theories of crime causation to specific types of criminal violations in a seminar format. Assesses methods of prevention and potential treatment of the violator. Includes crimes of violence, crimes against the public order, organized crime and white collar crime.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
JUST A630 Justice Administrative Theory and Practice 3 Credits
Synthesizes policy development with theory and research in the administration of justice organizations. Analyzes theories, practices, innovations and administration strategies.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
JUST A640 Corrections Theory and Research 3 Credits
Reviews and assesses the historical development of corrections including the social and economic costs of imprisonment and the research evidence on effectiveness. Examines changes in punishment philosophy, contemporary correctional practice and the emergence of mass incarceration in the late 20th century.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
Special Note: Offered as Demand Warrants.
JUST A650 Policing Theory and Research 3 Credits
Reviews and assesses prevailing theories of the historical development, social organization and behavior of police. Examines the role of police as a response to public safety and public health problems. Evaluates recent police reforms and the overall effectiveness of public policy efforts that place emphasis on a police response.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
JUST A670 Administrative Law 3 Credits
Examines legal guidelines for adoption, enforcement, and adjudication of violations of agency regulations at federal, state, and local levels as exercised by public sector management. Analyzes legislative, executive, and judicial controls on agency action. Research project required.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
Special Note: Offered Spring Semesters.