

Justice (JUST)

Courses

JUST A110 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credits

Surveys philosophies, functions and methods of social control with emphasis on the role of law and those involved in its administration--police, courts, and corrections 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 A175 Introduction to Juvenile Justice 3 Credits

Provides an introduction to juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system. Covers the historical development of juvenile justice in the United States. Special focus is given to linkage between theoretical explanations of juvenile delinquency and the prevention/intervention strategies implemented in the juvenile justice system.

Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

JUST A200 Introduction to Research Methods in Justice 3 Credits

Introduces research and how it is different from other ways of knowing; how to research the causes, correlates and consequences of criminal justice issues; and how criminal justice research is used by various actors, including criminal justice practitioners, policy-makers and members of the public.

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 and data visualization. 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 A104 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A113 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A115 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 MATH A152 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A155 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A221 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A251 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A252 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A253 with a minimum grade of C or MATH A1Q with a minimum grade of C or MATH A2Q with a minimum grade of C or STAT A200 with a minimum grade of C or STAT A253 with a minimum grade of C or STAT A2Q 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 with a minimum grade of C.

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 with a minimum grade of D.

JUST A221 Dynamics of Criminal Justice Organizations 3 Credits

Surveys organization and management of police, court, correctional and affiliated social service (such as victim services) agency operations. Includes 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 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A251 Theories of Crime and Criminal Offending 3 Credits

Introduces theories of crime causation, including biological, psychological, sociological, situational and environmental perspectives. Discusses relative strengths and weaknesses of competing theoretical perspectives. Explores connections between theories of crime and crime/criminal justice policy.

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.

JUST A310 Forensic Science and Criminal Justice 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.

Special Note: Prior completion of JUST A255 is recommended.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of D or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of D.

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 A251 with a minimum grade of D.

JUST A330 Ethics in Criminal Justice Practice and Policy 3 Credits

Examines philosophical and moral questions, dilemmas, and conflicts encountered by criminal justice professionals. Introduces theories in ethics and philosophy for the analysis and evaluation of criminal justice practices and policies. Emphasizes ethical inquiry as a component of criminal justice professional development, and of criminal justice education, training, practice, and research.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A333 Crime Victimization and Justice 3 Credits

Explores the experiences of crime victims and the importance of understanding victimization. Explores past efforts to create justice for crime victims, controversies surrounding these efforts, and new directions for justice moving forward.

Special Note: This course includes explicit discussion of and visual representations of serious crimes, including violent crimes. These graphic depictions can cause adverse reactions, particularly among students who have been victimized.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C.

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 criminal behavior and models of justice across the rural-urban continuum.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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 with a minimum grade of D or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of D.

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 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A365 World Justice Systems 3 Credits

Compares and contrasts global justice systems and examines international problems related to crime and justice.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of D.

JUST A366 Substance Use and Crime 3 Credits

Provides a comprehensive overview of the linkages between crime and substance use. Discusses the history of drug use, theories as to why drugs are used, and preventive/treatment methods.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of D.

JUST A371 Cinematic Images of Justice 3 Credits

Analysis of the criminal justice system as portrayed in the cinema. Compares discrepancies between scientific research findings and popular stereotypes portrayed by the media. Focuses on each component of the criminal justice system. The 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 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C.

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. Focuses on the impact of the various court actors, including both the accused and the victim, in the delivery of just outcomes within the Criminal Justice System.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or Senior standing

Crosslisted With: LEGL A374

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C.

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. Analyzes issues ranging from examining contemporary explanations of United States punishment policies to evaluating treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C.

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: Instructor approval

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A421 Situational Crime Prevention 3 Credits

Examines the theoretical background to opportunity-reducing in situational 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 situational crime prevention through the use of case studies and field work.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing; JUST A320 recommended

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A430 Homelessness and Crime 3 Credits

Introduces methods for measuring homelessness and definitions of homelessness. Examines causes of homelessness and the intersection between homelessness, crime and criminal victimization. Explores conflict over use of public space, techniques used to address this conflict, and policy responses to homelessness.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

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 A433 Murder and Justice 3 Credits

Explores the causes and consequences of homicide. Introduces social scientific study of homicide offenders and victims, including patterns of offending and victimization.

Special Note: This course includes explicit discussion of and visual representations of murder, including crime scene photographs. These graphic depictions may cause adverse reactions, particularly among students who have been victimized.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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. Emphasizes recent developments aimed at ameliorating strained relationships between the police and various communities.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A445 Offender Reentry and Community Supervision 3 Credits

Covers the history and development of probation and parole, including notions of rehabilitation, reentry and reintegration. Investigates evidence-based standards and diverse types of supervision, treatment, control, restoration and supportive programs for criminal offenders within the community.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PS A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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 junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

JUST A463 Biosocial Criminology 3 Credits

Examines biosocial 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 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

JUST A484 Prisons and Jails 3 Credits

Analyzes various issues and problems pertaining to the operation of prisons and jails with an emphasis on theory. Includes prison health care, inmate health, inmate violence, special inmate populations, punishment within correctional facilities, and the stresses of correctional work.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C or JUST A251 with a minimum grade of C or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of C or LSSS A111 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A102 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A111 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C or SOC A201 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.

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 C and JUST A200 with a minimum grade of C and JUST A201 with a minimum grade of C.

JUST A490 Contemporary Justice Issues 1-6 Credits

A variable topics course which addresses current issues. Topics of national interest as well as those specific to Alaska will be included.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits with a change of subtitle.

Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of D or LEGL A101 with a minimum grade of D.

JUST A495 Internship 1-6 Credits

Specially arranged field experiences for advanced justice majors. 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: Junior or senior standing and approval of the internship coordinator

Prerequisites: JUST A110 with a minimum grade of C.