MCJ Core Courses
Beginning Fall 2012

CRJU5001 CJ Systems, Policies & Practices
This course examines the salient, current critical issues in the justice system affecting law enforcement, courts, corrections, and recent social developments related to personnel. The class includes in-depth explorations of the development, implementation, and analysis of public policy in the field of criminology.

CRJU5002 Criminological Theory
This course explores the origins of criminal behavior and the impact of crime on society. The course examines theories of deviant, delinquent, and criminal behavior. Additionally, practical implications and application of theoretical constructs are analyzed through current research paradigms and empirical research.

CRJU5003 Research Methods*
This course provides an assessment of research through an examination of applied designs and analytical models. The logic and rationale of these strategies are contrasted and their relative merits are critiqued. Research problems in the system are utilized to illustrate the applications and interpretation of alternative strategies.

CRJU5004 Statistics
This course covers principles of descriptive and inferential statistics and provides tools for understanding research findings. Topics include: hypothesis testing and point estimation; bivariate and multivariate measures of association; inferential statistics; ordinary least square regressions, logical regression analyses.

CRJU5005 Law & Society
This course introduces a variety of topics related to law's varying functions and societal implications. The course focuses on social/ legal theory and analyzes law and legal institutions from a critical perspective. Materials provide content on how to evaluate law and legal institutions, especially in relation to equality, justice, and fairness.

*Prerequisite for CRJU5004