CRJU 3510-E01 Drugs, Alcohol and Crime

This course looks at the socially constructed nature of drugs and drug policy. The course explores the connection between drugs and crime within the socio-historical context of contemporary U.S. drug policy. Special emphasis is placed on the relationships between drugs and alcohol abuse and criminal offending, including the historical and contemporary criminal justice system responses to illegal substances.

Instructor: Sheila Huss is a senior instructor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver. Sheila received her Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Colorado Denver. She has taught numerous courses, including Environmental Crime and Justice; Criminological Theory; Research Methods; Introduction to Criminal Justice; and Race, Social Structure, and Crime. Her research primarily focuses on environmental justice and theory. In 2010, Sheila received the International Technical Rescue Symposium Best Conference Paper Award, and in 2014, her dissertation received honorable mention for best dissertation in the School of Public Affairs at UC Denver.

CRJU 4120-E01 Race, Class and Crime

This course examines the relationships between race, social class and crime. Attention is given to theoretical explanations, empirical research and patterns of criminal behavior and focuses on historical frameworks that are relevant to current perspectives on the impact and interactions of race, class and crime in the field.

Instructor: Louise Dwight scholarly interests are drawn from her childhood in the rural South, focusing on the intersection of race and place with particular consideration of inequality, public policy, and racial attitudes in the contemporary U.S. Her recent work has connected these interests to the criminal justice system. Dr. Dwight completed her MA and Ph.D. in sociology at Penn State. Her undergraduate degree in public health was earned at UNC-Chapel Hill. Prior to joining UC-Denver, she was a member of the faculty at the University of Denver and Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. She also worked for several years in Institutional Research at UC-Denver, and she has consulted with several policy organizations in the Denver area. She primarily teaches statistics and research methods, and occasional courses on urban issues as well as race and public policy.
CRJU 4520- E01 Gangs and Criminal Organizations

*Online Course*

This course traces the origins and historical development of the activities known as "organized crime." These crimes are some of the most dangerous to American society and range from the commonly known offenses of gambling and narcotics to the more subtle and sophisticated, less understood but equally serious, crimes of extortion, commercial bribery and political corruption.

Instructor: Wesley Jennings is an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Colorado Denver. He has a Ph.D. in criminology and over 10 years’ experience in teaching a variety of criminology and criminal justice courses. He received his doctorate degree in criminology from the University of Florida. He has over 175 publications, his \( h \)-index is 25 (\( i \)-index of 56), and he has over 2,000 citations to his published work. He was recently recognized as the #1 criminologist in the world (at his previous rank of Assistant Professor: Copes et al., *JCJE*, 2013) and the #3 criminologist in the world across all ranks in terms of his peer-reviewed scholarly publication productivity in the top criminology and criminal justice journals (Cohn & Farrington, *JCJE*, 2014). He is also the author (with David Farrington & Alex Piquero) of a recently published, academic press book with Springer, *Offending from childhood to late middle age: Recent results from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development*, and is the author (with Jennifer Reingle) of a recently published textbook with Wolters Kluwer, *Criminological and Criminal Justice Research Methods*. His major research interests include longitudinal data analysis, police body-worn cameras, sex offending, gender, race/ethnicity, the victim-offender overlap, and early childhood prevention. In addition, he is a member of the American Society of Criminology, a Lifetime Member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and a member of both the Midwestern and the Southern Criminal Justice Associations.