Criminal Justice Course Offerings

The following Fall 2017 CRJU courses are available and run August 21st – December 16th. Please refer to the Syllabi page on the SPA website closer to the start of term to view your course syllabi and textbook information.

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CRJU 5001 – CJ Systems, Policies/Practice
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. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | In-Person: Thurs, 5:00-7:45 PM

Instructor: Lonnie Schaible | Lonnie.m.Schaible@ucdenver.edu
Dr. Lonnie Schaible joined the School of Public Affairs as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in 2009. His research is currently focused on assessing the degree to which cultural features can help to explain cross-national variations in levels of homicide. He is also interested in how organizational change and occupational values are consequential for police cynicism and burnout. Prior to coming to UCCS, Dr. Schaible has worked as a Police Planner for the Spokane Police Department and as an Assistant Professor at Eastern Washington University. He earned his Ph.D. from Washington State University with emphases in Criminology and Social Psychology.

Growing up in a working class family in Montana and being a first generation college graduate, Dr. Schaible never imagined that he would one day become a professor. As such, he views his path to UC Denver as the culmination of a series of fortunate encounters and opportunities. At a high school guidance counselor’s suggestion, he applied for and was admitted to the University of Montana in the fall of 1993. Uncertain as a freshman about his major, he had the good fortune of enrolling in Dr. Bill McBroom’s (now retired from UM) introductory sociology and social psychology classes. It was at this point that he developed his passion for the study of sociology and more broadly human behavior. Benefiting from Dr. McBroom’s mentoring and relentless attention to academic rigor, as well as instruction from other outstanding faculty members at UM, he went on to complete his BA in Sociology and Psychology (1997) and MA in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology (1999).

Subsequent to completing his MA at UM, he accepted an assistantship to the doctoral program in Sociology at Washington State University where he completed coursework in the areas of Social Psychology and Criminology. While completing his doctoral work at WSU, he had the opportunity to be exposed to world renowned scholars in the areas of criminology and social psychology including Peter Burke and Jan Stets (identity theory), Charles Tittle (control balance), Louis Gray (satisfaction balance), Gene Rosa (risk and environment) and Viktor Gecas (self efficacy and socialization). He also benefitted from the influences of a number of up and coming scholars in residence at WSU, such as Carter Hay, Tom Rotolo, and Clay Mosher. Among the most significant of these intellectual influences was Vik Gecas who served as chair of his dissertation committee, and greatly contributed to development of ideas for his dissertation on the impact of values and emotional labor within policing. Following a desire to apply his knowledge outside of academia, he elected to work as a Police Planner with the Spokane Police Department while he worked toward completing his dissertation. Although he enjoyed his time and service at Spokane Police Department, he found himself longing for the academic “life of the mind” and accepted a tenure-track position in Sociology and Justice Studies at Eastern Washington University. However soon he found that his teaching load did not permit sufficient time to fully pursue his research interests. In August 2009 he joined the School of Public Affairs on the Colorado Springs campus, and now works out of the Denver campus.
CRJU 5002 – Criminological Theory
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. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section E01 | Online

Instructor: Lori Hughes | Lorine.Hughes@ucdenver.edu
Lorine Hughes, PhD (2003), is Associate Professor in the School of Public Affairs at University of Colorado Denver. She has taught a variety of university courses since receiving her Master of Arts in Sociology from Washington State University in 1998, including Corrections, Criminology, Gangs and Gang Control, Hate Crimes, Social Problems, Minorities and Criminal Justice, and Statistics at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Her scholarly interests include street gangs, criminological theory, quantitative methods, and social network analysis. Recent publications appear in Criminology, European Journal of Criminology, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, and Justice Quarterly.

CRJU 5003 – Research Methods
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. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | In-Person: Weds, 5:00-7:45 PM

Instructor: Lucy Dwight | Lucy.Dwight@ucdenver.edu
Lucy Dwight's 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 5004 – 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, logistic regression analyses. Max hours: 3 Credits.
CRJU 5005 – Law & Society
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. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | In-Person: Mon, 5:00-7:45 PM
Instructor: Sheila Huss | Sheila.Huss@ucdenver.edu
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CRJU 5325 – Qualitative Methods in Criminal Justice
Focuses on qualitative methods applicable to research in the field of criminal justice. The primary focus is on ethnographic approaches employing such fieldwork techniques as observation, participant observation, interviews, content analysis, life histories and case studies. Cross-listed with CRJU 7325. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | Online
Instructor: Kristin Grosskopf | Kristin.Grosskopf@ucdenver.edu
Kristin Grosskopf, Ph.D. works for the UC Denver School of Public Affairs (SPA) as an adjunct faculty member. She has taught a wide range of courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels including: juvenile delinquency; gangs and gang response; research methods; race, ethnicity & criminal justice; social problems; adolescent development; learning in the classroom; and politics and policy. Kristin’s academic interests include the intersections of psychology, criminal justice, and social justice. She is published in the American Journal of Online Education, is a regular contributor to various organizational
newsletters, presents at public forums on issues such as hate crimes, and is a speaker’s bureau panelist addressing issues related to ethnic diversity and the LGBTQ population. She presides on a non-profit board, striving to further promote support, education and advocacy for marginalized populations. She also works with CASA, serving as a court-appointed advocate for youth in the juvenile justice system.

CRJU 5331 – Crime Analysis and GIS
Serves as an introduction to the uses and applications of analysis within law enforcement including the role of analysis in law enforcement, theories which guide analysis and police practices, commonly used data and technology, and a practical introduction to the techniques for various types of analysis utilized in law enforcement. Prereq: "B" or better in CRJU 5003 and 5004 OR permission of instructor. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | In-Person: Wednesdays, 6:30-9:15 PM
This course will meet in the FAST Lab in North 5032.

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CRJU 5361 – Capstone Seminar
Synthesizes competencies gained throughout the course of study into a client-based research project. Students conduct independent research, complete a final written project demonstrating their qualifications and expertise, and orally present findings to a committee of faculty and criminal justice professionals. Prereq: CRJU 5000, CRJU 5100, CRJU 5120, CRJU 5321. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section E01 | Online

Instructor: Angela Gover | Angela.Gover@ucdenver.edu
Angela Gover is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver. Dr. Gover received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Maryland. Her research primarily focuses on victimization, violence against women and children, and gender and crime. Some of her published work has appeared in the journals Violence and Victims, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, and Violence Against Women. Dr. Gover has been the recipient of numerous college and university-wide awards, including the 2012 UCD Research and Creative Activities Symposium Student Mentor Award, 2012 School of Public Affairs Excellence in Research Award, 2012 School of Public Affairs Excellence in Service Award, 2010 UCD Excellence in Teaching Award, 2010 School of Public Affairs Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008 UCD Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award, and the 2008 School of Public Affairs Excellence in Research Award. Dr. Gover remains active in her profession by serving on editorial boards for Justice Quarterly, Women and Criminal Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, the American Journal of Criminal Justice, Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Law & Society, and Criminal Justice Studies.

CRJU 5553 – Women and Crime
Explores issues surrounding women as offenders, victims, and criminal justice professionals. Investigates explanations for the involvement of women in illegal activities. Analyzes the plight of battered women, rape victims, and other female victims. Examines the participation of women in law enforcement judicial processes, corrections and lawmaking. Cross-listed with CRJU 7553. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Section 001 | In-Person: Tues/Thurs, 12:30-1:45 PM (cross-listed)

Instructor: Mary Dodge | Mary.Dodge@ucdenver.edu
She and Gilbert Geis co-edited the book Lessons of Criminology and share authorship on the book Stealing Dreams: A Fertility Clinic Scandal. She also authored the book Women and White-Collar Crime. Dr. Dodge was the 2007 recipient of the campus-wide CU Denver Excellence in Teaching Award.

CRJU 5910 – Nature and Scope of Interpersonal Violence*

This course will analyze the social, historical, political, legal, and psychological aspects of gender based violence. Topics addressed include: definitions of the problem, demographics, children and youth exposed, national and global

*This course is part of the Gender Based Violence program; please contact Barb.paradiso@ucdenver.edu for further information.

Section H50 & H51 | Hybrid (Intensive): Aug 13-17, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM plus online components

Instructor: Kathryn Woods | Katherine.Woods@ucdenver.edu

Dr. Kathryn Woods is an Assistant Professor at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan as well as an Adjunct Faculty Member for the University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs. Dr. Woods teaches advanced clinical skills as well as courses about interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, and stalking. She has been teaching in higher education since 2004 and teaching is her greatest passion. Kathryn lives in Michigan with her miniature dachshund, Zoe.

CRJU 6600 – Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Section 001 | In-Person: Tues/Thurs, 2:00-3:15PM (cross-listed)

Topic: Case Study

This seminar attempts to examine the lives of people who live on the margins of a society that perceives them as outsiders. Ethnographic (qualitative) studies, which utilize observation, participant observations, and interviews as their primary research methodology, are assigned in order to develop a critical understanding of the social marginalization and cultural aspects of the lives of real human beings living on the constant edge of the law.

Instructor: Mark Pogrebin | Mark.Pogrebin@ucdenver.edu

Mark Pogrebin has his M.A. from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. A nationally-recognized authority in the field of criminal justice, Dr. Pogrebin held faculty positions at Florida State University and the University of Iowa prior to joining SPA in 1976. His present interests lie in the areas of criminology and penology, sociology of law and organizations, administration of justice, deviant behavior, and qualitative research methods.

Section E01 | Online

Topic: Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Introduces emergency management and homeland security including: management of hazards, emergencies, disasters, and the networks of government and nonprofit organizations providing services. Focuses on principles of emergency management and homeland security at state and local jurisdictional levels.
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Section E02 | Online
Topic: Death Penalty
This course examines in-depth a comprehensive range of issues surrounding capital punishment. Specifically, it looks at the history of capital punishment, methods of execution, legal issues and case law, deterrence, miscarriages of justice, discrimination in the capital charging and sentencing system, and the role of the death penalty internationally. The coverage of these issues relies on many sources, including scholarly readings, non-fiction books, court cases, websites, videos and documentaries, speeches, and media.

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CRJU 6910 – Graduate Internship in Criminal Justice
For students who have not had practitioner experience, a full- or part-time internship is required. Note: Masters students must have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours at the graduate level to take this course.

Section 900* | Independently Scheduled
*Please contact the ELC for registration instructions.

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