Juvenile Justice (JJUS)

Courses

**JJUS 5113 Foundations of Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours.**
An in-depth examination of the history and origin of the American criminal justice system as it relates to contemporary issues in the United States.

**JJUS 5123 Foundations of Juvenile Justice: 3 semester hours.**
An examination of the juvenile justice system: History, structure, and interrelationships among law enforcement, juvenile and adult courts, and juvenile corrections. Includes an exploration of federal, state, county, and local laws and programs; emphasizes case and statutory law, constitutional procedures, and the philosophy of parens patriae. Required of all MSJJ students.

**JJUS 5223 Substance Abuse: 3 semester hours.**
Provides a critical examination of various policy responses to the "drug problem" in the United States based upon a review of selected empirical and theoretical studies. Includes an overview of drug usage by youth and adults and the relationship between drug usage and juvenile crime.

**JJUS 5233 Community Structure and Problems: 3 semester hours.**
Explores political and management structures and their relationships to a variety of community factors, including: community size and makeup; social stratification or levels of visibility between those of lower, middle, and higher socioeconomic status; and relative availability of goods and services, including those of helping agencies. Additionally, the relationships among race, ethnic, gender diversity and delinquency will be examined. Finally, political, social policy, and organizational behavior, as they affect community structures, poverty, unemployment, crime, racism, ethnocentrism, and sexism will be examined.

**JJUS 5243 Community Building and Organizing: 3 semester hours.**
Includes an understanding of theories, methods of analysis, and techniques of intervention employed in pursuing community change. By studying juvenile justice agencies, child helping programs and organizations in the community, a special emphasis is placed on juvenile crime prevention. Techniques for the empowerment of people, problem solving, community building, discovering resources within the community and issues of volunteering are addressed.

**JJUS 5253 Domestic and Family Violence: 3 semester hours.**
Addresses types of family violence by examining the extent of the problem, factors contributing to violence, and the consequences of family violence upon the individual, family, community, and society. Emphasis is placed on prevention techniques, non-violent conflict resolution strategies, and programs and services for training and interventions.

**JJUS 5413 Economic Life and Juvenile Crime: 3 semester hours.**
Provides a foundation of economic analysis as it applies to juvenile crime and delinquency; elements of supply/demand, elasticity and economic choice theory, production, cost and output determination under different market conditions, resource pricing, labor market and job search are examined. Additionally, issues of national income, output determination, unemployment, inflation and elements of monetary and fiscal policies, income distribution and poverty are addressed.

**JJUS 5423 Conflict Mediation/Resolution: 3 semester hours.**
Examines the nature and uses of mediation as a conflict resolution method while taking into consideration the adversarial legal system. The course expands upon the variety of dispute resolution methods applicable to settings in families, neighborhoods, classrooms and juvenile justice agencies.

**JJUS 5433 Correctional Programming: 3 semester hours.**
Reviews the broad range of correctional programming options in the field of juvenile justice. Presents the theoretical foundations and empirical research that illuminates the most effective correctional programming of reducing juvenile delinquency and offending recidivism.

**JJUS 5523 Management of Juvenile Justice Organizations: 3 semester hours.**
An examination of management and leadership principles as they apply to juvenile justice organizations and agencies. A special focus is placed on the study of government and nonprofit agencies.

**JJUS 5763 Theories of Delinquency: 3 semester hours.**
An in-depth analysis of selected theories of crime causation. Readings will include theories chosen from the sociological, economic, psychological, and biological literature. Required of all MSJJ students.

**JJUS 5773 Juvenile Law Pract: 3 semester hours.**
An examination of juvenile law. The course is designed to give the student a better understanding of the law as it relates to the juvenile justice system and its process. Special attention is placed on Texas and U.S. Supreme Court cases.

**JJUS 5783 Ethics: 3 semester hours.**
The analytical and normative inquiry into the philosophical foundations of decisions. Emphasis is placed on understanding dilemmas faced by juvenile justice professionals.

**JJUS 5913 Special Topics in Juvenile Justice: 3 semester hours.**
A seminar designed to allow flexibility in master's student degree plans and to promote awareness and understanding of issues in Juvenile Justice as these develop.
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**JJUS 5943 Research Methods: 3 semester hours.**
Includes defining and specifying research problems; developing and testing hypotheses; the logic of causal interference; learning to use the variety of research designs; sampling procedures; the collection, processing; and storing of research data; and the ethics of research.
Prerequisites: JJUS 5123 and JJUS 5763.

**JJUS 5963 Applied Statistical Methods and Computing: 3 semester hours.**
A study of descriptive and inferential statistics, measures of central tendency and variability, estimation, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, simple and multiple regression and nonparametric methods. Students learn the use and value of each statistic while using SPSS as a problem-solving tool.
Prerequisites: JJUS 5123 and JJUS 5763.

**JJUS 5973 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation: 3 semester hours.**
Examines theories and methods of policy analysis and program evaluation relevant to juvenile justice agencies. Identifies the complex effects of policy change as well as techniques for developing a continuous capacity for program assessment in these agencies.

**JJUS 5986 Thesis: 6 semester hours.**
Independent and original research leading to an acceptable master's thesis.

**JJUS 7113 Juv Just Issu Pract: 3 semester hours.**
Includes the history of juvenile justice, an overview of juvenile justice agencies and process, and an introduction to issues and trends in the field of juvenile justice. Introduces major questions and problems within the field of juvenile justice and juvenile crime prevention.

**JJUS 7623 Seminar in Grant Writing: 3 semester hours.**
Develops skills needed to become successful grant writers. Delves into methods of discovering funding sources. Explains problem definition and formulation, identifying target populations and risk factors, provision of background literature, goals and objectives, development of study design, budgeting, staffing and developing job descriptions and evaluative strategies.

**JJUS 7643 Management and Administration: 3 semester hours.**
Examination of management and administrative thought and practice as these relate to public agencies and private organizations of juvenile justice and youth and child service.

**JJUS 7653 Seminar on Juvenile Corrections: 3 semester hours.**
Examination of juvenile corrections in Texas and the nation, including the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, county probation departments, juvenile parole, and private agencies. Discusses historical and national juvenile correctional trends.

**JJUS 7661 Juvenile Justice Statistics Lab: 1 semester hour.**
A one-hour course which must be taken in conjunction with JJUS 7963. Includes the history of juvenile justice, an overview of juvenile justice agencies and process, and an introduction to issues and trends in the field of juvenile justice. Introduces major questions and problems within the field of juvenile justice and juvenile crime prevention.

**JJUS 7673 The Juvenile Offender and Youth Gangs: 3 semester hours.**
Explores the nature and extent of juvenile crime. Also considers the socialization of children, the creation of childhood and crime as social constructs, and the etiology of juvenile offending.

**JJUS 7683 Philosophy of Punishment: 3 semester hours.**
Concentrates on questions of personal blame and individual, moral, and legal accountability. Compares classical views of punishment with the restorative justice perspective. Aspects of punishment considered are definitions of punishment, philosophical justifications for punishment, and punishment as a component of culture. Reviews the implications for criminal and civil liability of key concepts such as free will, voluntary action, omission, negligence, recklessness, compulsion, insanity, and excuse. Seeks guidance from penal and civil codes, judicial decisions, legal doctrines, and philosophical perspectives.

**JJUS 7693 Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: 3 semester hours.**
Familiarizes students with the nature and utility of qualitative fieldwork in various areas of criminological research, emphasizing areas of juvenile justice.

**JJUS 7713 Special Topics in Juvenile Justice: 3 semester hours.**
A seminar designed to allow flexibility in doctoral student degree plans and to promote awareness and understanding of issues in Juvenile Justice as these develop.

**JJUS 7753 Demographics and Juvenile Justice: 3 semester hours.**
Delves into value systems of major minority groups and disenfranchised persons in the United States. Considers over-representation of these groups as victims of juvenile crime and in Juvenile Justice System processing, and their under-representation in the ranks of professionals and practitioners in the juvenile justice system. Also deals with strategies of change promotion and discusses the ecology of juvenile crime.

**JJUS 7763 Seminar on Juvenile Processing by Police and Courts: 3 semester hours.**
Considers the processing of juvenile offenders by the juvenile justice system, with a special emphasis upon the juvenile offender's contacts with police officials and with the criminal courts. Compares and contrasts the processing of accused juveniles with the processing of accused adults.

**JJUS 7773 Theories of Crime and Delinquency: 3 semester hours.**
Examines the historical development of theories of crime and delinquency. Deals with explanations of the etiology of crime which derive from the paradigms of the varied social, psychological, and biological disciplines.
Prerequisites: JJUS 5763.
JJUS 7783 Legal Aspects of Juvenile Justice: 3 semester hours.
Includes a study of the legal issues which commonly face administrators, managers, and employees of the juvenile justice system. Delves into public employment law, civil rights laws, and juvenile laws relating to the efficient functioning of agencies, and protections from lawsuits. Considers federal law and U. S. Supreme Court decisions relating to the legal rights of children as well as to the functioning of the juvenile justice system. Covers substantive and procedural issues relating to juvenile crime and delinquency. Compares and contrasts legal factors relating to juveniles with those relating to adults.

JJUS 7853 Prevention and Treatment of Crime and Delinquency: 3 semester hours.
Exploration and explanation of the theoretical development of juvenile crime prevention and treatment. The historical growth of juvenile crime prevention and models of juvenile crime control, community action programs, mentoring programs, and technology systems are examples of topics treated.

JJUS 7863 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation: 3 semester hours.
Explores theories and methods of organizational change with suggested applications to agencies and organizations related to the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems. Identifies methods of developing a continuous capacity for change in juvenile justice and criminal justice agencies. Discusses evaluation methodologies.

JJUS 7873 Advanced Seminar in Crime and Delinquency Theory: 3 semester hours.
Emphasizes analytical, critical evaluation of theory, particularly contemporary versions. Assumes that the student is knowledgeable of each of the major arguments for the causes and correlates of crime. Theory development, theory integration and techniques of theory construction will be examined.

JJUS 7943 Advanced Research Methods I: 3 semester hours.
Examines research designs most useful to juvenile justice problems. The primary focus is on quasi-experimental and survey methodologies, with discussion of data collection methods and construction of questionnaires, as well as validity and reliability.

JJUS 7953 Advanced Research Methods II: 3 semester hours.
Examines research design problems in juvenile justice at an advanced level; use of sophisticated classical research designs and data-gathering techniques; analysis of problems related to sampling theory and procedures; application of mathematical models to problems in research design and analysis; use of techniques permitting causal inferences.

JJUS 7963 Advanced Statistical Techniques I: 3 semester hours.
Discusses nonparametric and parametric statistical techniques including various ordinal tests, multiple regression, logistic regression, discriminate analysis, multivariate analysis of variance, canonical correlation, factor analysis, cluster analysis, and multidimensional scaling.

JJUS 7973 Advanced Statistical Techniques II: 3 semester hours.
Includes a survey of reliability analysis, log linear, and log it log linear analysis, nonlinear, weighted and two stage least-squares regression, profit analysis, time-series and survival analysis, and Cox regression.

JJUS 8913 Dissertation I: 3 semester hours.
Independent and original research leading to an acceptable doctoral dissertation. May be repeated.

JJUS 8923 Dissertation II: 3 semester hours.
Independent and original research leading to an acceptable doctoral dissertation. May be repeated.

JJUS 8933 Dissertation III: 3 semester hours.
Independent and original research leading to an acceptable doctoral dissertation. May be repeated.

JJUS 8943 Dissertation IV: 3 semester hours.
Independent and original research leading to an acceptable doctoral dissertation. May be repeated.