

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sample course offerings for fall and spring semester:

The Politics of Crime exposes how political influences directly and indirectly affect criminal legislation, enforcement and remediation of crime. Law enforcement agencies, the courts, and correctional institutions will be included in this review. The course will also focus on issues of victims' rights, investigations of political corruption, allegations of police brutality, criminal sentencing, prisoner treatment, and other crime and policy matters, with consideration to the differences in political systems in the United States and China inform these issues.

Organized Crime exposes students to the history and impact of organized crime in its various guises, comparing how the challenge of organized crime has been addressed in the United States and China. The course examines the economic and social conditions that foster criminal enterprises within diverse societies, the current status of traditional and non-traditional gangs, and the means through which those organizations control illegal activities by using violence, bribery, and political corruption to overcome societal controls.

Criminal Justice Ethics examines moral issues and dilemmas facing criminal justice practitioners around the world. An understanding and appreciation for the principles of justice serves as a foundation for considering case studies involving ethical decision-making in various criminal justice agencies, in the United States, China, and beyond.

International Law and Organizations provides a broad overview of the everchanging world of international law and organizations. The course will start with examining the general principles of international law, including the key actors, creation and sources of international law, and enforcement mechanisms, or the lack thereof. The role of China within specific international institutions, and its approach to international law, also will be explored.

Human Trafficking examines the scope of modern slavery, including debt bondage, child trafficking, forced labor of men, domestic work, and sexual exploitation of women. Further, the course examines specific international, regional, Chinese, and US laws and evaluates their effectiveness. Special emphasis will be placed on China, which is viewed by anti-trafficking activists as a both a source and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking.

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