

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ 8 PC 832.3 Campus Law Enforcement (2.0 Units)

This course complies with the state requirements for K-12 and Community College peace officer training per Penal Code 832.3g, certified by the state Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. This course includes the role and responsibilities of campus police, search and seizure, student discipline and records, Crimes against persons and property, mandatory reporting of child abuse, and Disaster Preparedness. This course does not apply to the Associate Degree.

Lecture Hours: 36.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 30 PC 832 Firearms (0.5 Units)

This course satisfies the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) firearms certification for PC 832. Additional, this course exceeds the State of California firearms safe handling and use certification required from any person purchasing a firearm in California. This course does not apply to the Associate Degree. Pass/No Pass.

Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 31 Fingerprint Recognition & Classification (2.5 Units)

This course is designed to give instruction and training to a person without any prior knowledge in fingerprint classification. Every person who successfully completes this course will be able to recognize and identify a known fingerprint and have the skills to recognize and identify an unknown fingerprint to known fingerprint. This course does not apply to the Associate Degree. Pass/No Pass.

Lecture Hours: 45.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 58 PC 832 Laws of Arrest (3.0 Units)

This course complies with the requirements of the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training for certification in PC 832. This course includes professionalism, law, evidence, investigation, arrest methods and control, community relations, and communication skills for interviewing and interrogation. Pass/No Pass.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 64 Basic Corrections Officer Academy (8.5 Units)

This course satisfactorily meets the requirements of section 1020 of the California Administrative code, Minimum Jail Standards and the Basic Jail/Adult Institution requirements of the Standardized Training for Corrections. program through the BSCC (Bureau of State and Community Corrections).

Lecture Hours: 126.0; Lab Hours: 81.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 67 Crime Scene Investigation (3.5 Units)

This course will focus on the technical aspects of evidence collection, crime scene reconstruction, crime scene photography, evidence packaging, and courtroom testimony. This course will prepare the student to distinguish between trace, stain, and impression evidence and the role of these types of evidence in criminal investigations.

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 76 Level III Pre-Academy Orientation (0.5 Units)

This course is a pre-academy orientation to CJ 80 and is intended to prepare the student for the strenuous and academically challenging academy they are about to undertake. Students must complete an academy application packet to include a DOJ live scan, Medical Clearance, and other associated forms.

Lecture Hours: 9.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 77 Level II Pre-Academy Orientation (0.5 Units)

This course is a pre-academy orientation to CJ 81 and is intended to prepare the student for the strenuous and academically challenging academy they are about to undertake. Students must complete an academy application packet to include a DOJ live scan, Medical Clearance, and other associated forms.

Lecture Hours: 9.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 80 Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course (8.0 Units)

This course complies with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements for the Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course. This course includes professionalism and ethics, criminal law, laws of arrest and search and seizure, report writing, vehicle operations, use of force and force options, chemical agents, and firearms training. State Mandated.

Lecture Hours: 117.0; Lab Hours: 81.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 81 Module II Law Enforcement Basic Course (10.0 Units)

This course includes community relations, victimology, crimes against property and persons, crimes against children, specific sex crimes, search and seizure law, investigative report writing, crimes in progress and patrol tactics, use of force, defensive tactics, and firearms training. There are a minimum of 144 hours of lecture and 60 hours lab. Pass/No Pass
PreRequisite : DOJ criminal records clearance for Firearms. Must have completed Module III within three years and passed the End of Course Final Exam within one year.

Prerequisite(s): CJ 80, Minimum grade C, and DOJ Criminal Record Clearance. Must have completed Module III within three years and passed the End of Course Final Exam within one year.

Lecture Hours: 162.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 92 Writing for Criminal Justice (3.0 Units)

Techniques of communicating facts, information, and ideas effectively in a simple, clear, and logical manner in the various types of criminal justice system reports: letters, memoranda, directives, and administrative reports with an emphasis on criminal justice terminology in note taking and report writing.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 93 Traffic Enforcement and Investigation (3.0 Units)

A study of the fundamentals of accident investigation and reconstruction employing the principles of crime scene initial survey, evidence collection, skid mark analysis, and interviewing techniques. Includes the study and application of the California Vehicle Code and CHP traffic collision manual.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3.0 Units)

This course introduces students to the characteristics of the criminal justice system in the US. Focus is placed on examining crime measurement, theoretical explanations of crime, responses to crime, components of the system, and current challenges to the system. This course will examine the evolution and practices of the police, courts, corrections and their respective role players. This course will examine the ethics, education and training requirements for the respective role players in the criminal justice system. C-ID: AJ 110.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 102 Criminal Trial Processes (3.0 Units)

Legal processes from pre-arrest through trial, sentencing and correctional procedures. An analysis of ethical decisions made by police, prosecutors, defense attorney, and the judiciary; conceptual interpretations of criminal trial procedural law as reflected in court decisions. A study of case law methodology and case research as the decisions impact upon the procedures of the justice system. C-ID: AJ 122.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 103 Criminal Law (3.0 Units)

This course offers an analysis of the doctrines of criminal liability in the US and the classification of crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare. Special emphasis is placed on the classification of crime, general elements of crime, the definitions of common and statutory law, and the nature of acceptable evidence. This course utilizes case law and case studies to introduce students to criminal law. The completion of this course offers a foundation upon which upper-division criminal justice course will build. This course also includes criminal culpability and defenses to crimes. C-ID: AJ 120.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 104 Legal Aspects of Evidence (3.0 Units)

Origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional basis of evidence; constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure; kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility and exclusion; judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies viewed from a conceptual level. C-ID: AJ 124.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 127 Introduction to Criminology (3.0 Units)

An introduction to major types of criminal behavior, characteristics of offenders, factors which contribute to crime and delinquency. An examination of the criminal justice process; the function of law enforcement, the courts, probation, parole and institutions. Explore the changes in crime control and treatment processes, the role of society.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 132 Introduction to Corrections (3.0 Units)

A survey of the field of correctional science. Historical development, current concepts and practice; explanations of criminal behavior; functions and objectives of the criminal justice system concerned with institutional, probation, and parole processes as they modify the offender's behavior; survey of professional career opportunities in public and private institutions. C-ID: AJ 200.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 135 Juvenile Law & Procedures (3.0 Units)

An overview and history of the Juvenile Justice System that evolved in the American Justice System. This course examines the sociological theories of delinquency, constitutional rights of juveniles, investigative procedures regarding juveniles, and the judicial proceedings of juveniles from intake to custodial resolutions. C-ID: AJ 220.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 138 Cooperative Education of Criminal Justice (1-8 Units)

Cooperative Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Cooperative Education is a 16-, 12-, or 8-week course that enables students to receive college credit for paid or unpaid work opportunities. This course helps students gain valuable on-the-job work experience while providing practical education, best practices in professional development, and academic guidance through the course of their work opportunity. The combination of practical experience and curricular development empowers students to be more competitive, efficient and valuable employees upon completion of this program and/or their academic program trajectory. The course is ideal for students who are cross-training at their current worksite for upward mobility or seeking career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences such as through an internship. Cooperative Education transforms community businesses, industries, and public agencies into expanded educational training laboratories. Credit is awarded on the basis of learning objectives completed and the number of hours the student trains. Students must create/complete new learning objectives each semester they enroll. Students may utilize their present work sites.

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 145 Introduction to Criminal Investigations (3.0 Units)

This course explores the techniques, procedures, and ethical issues in the investigation of crime, including organization of the investigative process, crime scene searches, interviewing and interrogating, surveillance, source of information, utility of evidence, scientific analysis of evidence and the role of the investigator in the trial process. C-ID: AJ 140.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 148 Special Topics (0.5-3 Units)

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Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 150 Introduction to Forensic Science (3.0 Units)

This course introduces the role of forensics in the criminal justice system. The course includes: crime scene processes and analysis; interpretation of patterns for reconstruction; physical pattern evidence; fingerprint identification and patterns; questioned document examination; toolmarks and firearms examinations; biological evidence and DNA; arson and explosives evidence, and drug analysis C-ID: AJ 150.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 201 Community and the Justice System (3.0 Units)

This course examines the complex, dynamic relationship between communities and the justice system in addressing crime and social conflict with an emphasis on the challenges and prospects of administering justice within a diverse multicultural population. Topics may include ethics, consensus and conflicting values in culture, religion, and law. C-ID: AJ 160.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only