

Criminal Justice Career Exploration Track

Major Description:

The Criminal Justice Program at NKU provides a conceptual understanding of criminal justice institutions and processes, theories of crime and punishment, criminal law, and social science research methods through its core courses.

Course Plan:

Semester	Course
1 st Semester	JUS 101: Intro to Criminal Justice
2 nd Semester	JUS 231: Race, Gender, and Crime
3 rd Semester	Pick one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUS 200: Police in America, • JUS 201: Corrections in America, • JUS 203: The Criminal Court Systems
4 th Semester	Pick one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUS 200: Police in America, • JUS 201: Corrections in America, • JUS 203: The Criminal Court Systems

Course Descriptions:

JUS 101: Intro to Criminal Justice

This course provides an overview of the criminal justice system; organization and operation of police, courts, and corrections; race, ethnicity, gender, and criminal justice decision-making, current trends and future prospects. General Education Credit: Individual and Society

JUS 231: Race, Gender, and Crime

Political formulation of race and gender; race and gender issues related to criminality, victimization, prosecution; adjudication, sanctions, and employment within the legal system; antecedents of contemporary practice; prospects for change. General Education Credit: Global Viewpoints

JUS 200: Police in America

Philosophy and history of law enforcement; crime and police problems; organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; professional career opportunities and qualifications.

JUS 201: Corrections in America

An interdisciplinary examination of all areas of corrections in the United States informed by law, psychology, sociology, and public policy. Topics explored include history and philosophy of punishment, prisons and jails, institution programming, management of various offender populations, incarceration trends, intermediate sanctions, and parole.

JUS 203: The Criminal Court Systems

Analysis of the American courts; structure, functions, and roles of incumbents in the courts; emphasis on political and economic contexts within which the court works. Includes survey of research on American legal system.

Links:

[Criminal Justice Program Website](#)