

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 010 Victim Prev and Basic Self-Defense Wmn (0.0 Units)

This course is designed to empower women with the knowledge and basic skills necessary to help prevent them from being victims of crime. They will learn the importance of awareness and assertiveness in reducing the risk of victimization. Learners will identify everyday risk factors of victimization and learn tools to reduce the impact of those risk factors. Topics will include situational awareness, cyber security and oversharing, and basic home safety. The course will also build learner self-confidence and assurance by using a low-stress environment to teach command presence skills, weaponless defense tactics, chemical agents familiarization, and basic firearms handling and safety.

Lecture Hours: 1.5; Lab Hours: 4.5

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 020 Pre-Academy Orientation for Cj 80 (0.0 Units)

This course will serve as the academy orientation for CJ 80, the Level III Modular Law Enforcement Academy. Students enrolled in the CJ 81 Level II Modular Academy, who completed the Level III Academy at an institution other than Victor Valley College are also encouraged to enroll in this orientation.

Lab Hours: 9.0

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. Prerequisite: DOJ criminal records check for firearms clearance through NLETS, CLETS, and FBI databases. Pass/No Pass.

Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 58 PC 832 Laws of Arrest (2.0 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: 27.0; Lab Hours: 27.0

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 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. Prerequisite: DOJ Criminal Record Clearance for Firearms (State Mandated) Pass/No Pass. State Mandated.

Lecture Hours: 117.0; Lab Hours: 81.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 81 Module II Law Enforcement Basic Course (10.2 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. Prerequisite: CJ 80, Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course and DOJ Criminal Record Clearance. 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.

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Lecture Hours: 162.0; Lab Hours: 67.5

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 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. CSU/UC

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. CSU

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. CSU/UC

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. CSU

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. CSU,UC

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. CSU

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. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 138 Work EXP Edu of Criminal Justice (1-8 Units)

Work Experience Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Work Experience 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. Work Experience 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. More details are available in the Work Experience Education Office, (760) 245-4271, ext. 2281. The office, located in the Academic Commons, is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 2:00-6:00 p.m., and by appointment. Please refer to the Work Experience Education section in this catalog for more information. CSU

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. CSU

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. CSU

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. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only