



2017-18 Course Descriptions

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Criminal Justice – Bachelor of Science

(45 credit hours)

Bethel's Bachelor of Science Degree specializing in Criminal Justice is tailored to offer the convenience and flexibility of studying online. Students study one course at a time for 5 weeks each.

TERM 1 15 semester hours

OL 3051 Introduction to Adult Online Learning (3 credit hours)

This course is an introduction to learning in the online environment. Topics include the learning management system, library resources, and other support mechanisms within the program.

CCJ 3010 Principles of Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)

The agencies and processes involved in administering justice: the police, the prosecutor, the courts, and correctional systems. Focus is on the formal crime control process in the United States.

CCJ 3090 Ethical Issues in Law Enforcement (3 credit hours)

This course explores ethical issues, questions, and problems relevant to law enforcement. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing these ethical issues, applying personal and professional decision-making skills, explaining the consequences of ethical and unethical behaviors, and analyzing the roles of moral maturity and personal character in the professional life of law enforcement officers.

CCJ 3210 Principles of Corrections (3 credit hours)

An overview of the policies and practices that affect offenders in institutional and community settings. Topics of discussion include mandatory sentencing laws, offender education programs, institutional and community drug treatment programs, boot camps, house arrest, intensive supervision probation, work release, and community work service.

CCJ 3300 Statistics in Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)

Methods of analysis of statistical data frequently used in criminal justice decision-making.

TERM 2 15 semester hours

CCJ 3500 Principles of Law Enforcement (3 credit hours)

A course designed to provide students with an understanding of the foundations of law enforcement. Discussion begins with the history of policing in this country and continues to topics that examine the the relevant characteristics of city, state, and federal police work. Services and importance of different police activities (patrol, traffic, criminal investigation) are explained. Particular attention is paid to current issues and trends in law enforcement.

CCJ 3605 Management for Law Enforcement (3 credit hours)

A systems-based course focusing on the organization, management, and administration of local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies with emphasis on how the structure and functions of such agencies affect the administration of justice.

CCJ 3750 Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial (3 credit hours)

This course emphasizes the pre-trial rights of persons suspected or accused of crime. The topics covered include but are not limited to arrest, search and seizure, interrogation, and pre-trial processes.

CCJ 3820 Review of Forensic Science (3 credit hours)

The concepts, techniques, and methodologies of forensic science are examined in this course. Topics discussed may include fingerprint and firearm identification, forensic anthropology, odontology, serology, DNA tracing, forensic document examination, crime scene kits, and trace evidence.

CCJ 3950 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (3 credit hours)

Examination of criminal procedure beginning with an accused's right to representation at a lineup and ending with post trial issues. Topics discussed are admissibility of evidence, search and seizure, prosecutorial and judicial misconduct, and sentencing. This is a continuation of CCJ 3750.

TERM 3 15 semester hours

CCJ 4050 Introduction to Crime Theory (3 credit hours)

A survey of the major schools of thought related to crime causation with particular theories about crime and delinquency.

CCJ 4295 Introduction to Juvenile Justice (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the concept of delinquency and the field of juvenile justice. Students will examine the nature of delinquency, as well as a variety of theories and suspected causes of delinquent behavior. Topics include gender, family, peers, drug use, school, and community. This course will also familiarize students with the history of juvenile justice and the juvenile justice process. Students will develop an understanding of the juvenile court process, juvenile detention, prevention and treatment.

CCJ 4395 Community-Based Corrections (3 credit hours)

A study of probation, parole, pre-trial release, and intermediate sanctions. Specifically, this course will review critical issues and trends in community-based corrections.

CCJ 4495 Criminal Victimization (3 credit hours)

An introductory course to the field of victimology. Student will discuss the history and theories behind criminal victimization; addressing issues such as race, gender, class, ethnicity, and sexual-orientation.

CCJ 4650 Crisis Management in Law Enforcement

(3 credit hours)

The course explores the basic knowledge and procedures necessary for law enforcement leadership to plan, mitigate, and respond to a crisis and its consequences. Same as MOD 4450.

*128 credit hours are required to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree. The balance of the credits needed after the major coursework is completed can be fulfilled with electives, previous transferred credit, and other advanced standing credit options. Contact your recruiter or advisor for details.