Criminal Justice (CMRJ)

CMRJ100 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3 semester hours)
This course is an introduction to the philosophy, history, and constitutional limitations of law enforcement. The course will focus on the function of law enforcement within society, ethics and professionalism, theories of law enforcement, and the legal aspects that impact law enforcement.

CMRJ101 Evidence and Procedures (3 semester hours)
This course will provide an introduction to the collection, preservation, and basic crime scene investigations. Furthermore, this course will also focus on the laws and court decisions relating to the admissibility of evidence as well as the appropriate methods of interrogation and its uses in the criminal justice process.

CMRJ201 Criminal Justice Administration (3 semester hours)
The course will provide the student with an overview of the American criminal justice system as an interdisciplinary social science involving aspects of criminology, sociology, law, and political science. This course will also examine the complexity of the American Criminal Justice System through its administrative process.

CMRJ202 Stress Management in Law Enforcement (3 semester hours)
This course will explore the stresses of law enforcement, specific stress factors in law enforcement (i.e., shift work, hazards and dangers, dealing with death and severe injury, post-shooting trauma, testifying in court, and undercover work). Methods and techniques for reducing stress will be discussed as well as applying these techniques in the field.

CMRJ203 Patrol Methodologies & Community Policing (3 semester hours)
This course will provide an in-depth overview of the concepts and theories associated with being a patrol officer. The student will become familiar with aspects of community-oriented policing; problem-oriented policing, civil liability, ethics and day-to-day police activities that make patrol work the backbone of law enforcement.

CMRJ205 Rape and Sexual Violence (3 semester hours)
This course will explore the sociological and psychological perspectives of sexual crimes as well as examine the legal and forensic aspects of rape. The impact rape has on its victims and society’s reactions to sexual violence will be analyzed not only within the United States but around the world. Additionally, this class will focus on aspects of causation and rehabilitation of rape crime as well as the proper collection, preservation and analysis of evidence in rape crimes.

CMRJ206 Juvenile Delinquency (3 semester hours)
This course will introduce students to the principles of juvenile delinquency. It will provide a historical overview of juvenile delinquency in America. The course will examine the psychological, social, and environmental theories of juvenile delinquency while also covering the juvenile court system and treatment options for delinquency.

CMRJ206 Criminal Justice Sophomore Seminar (3 semester hours)
This course is the final course needed for the completion of the Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice degree. The course is designed to allow the student to review, analyze and integrate the work the student has completed toward a degree in Criminal Justice. The student will complete an approved academic project or paper that demonstrates his or her grasp of the criminal justice field. This is a culminating course to be taken after all other Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice courses have been satisfactorily completed. Students must have completed at least 49 semester hours in their program. This course is to be taken as the LAST course in the AA in Criminal Justice program.

CMRJ302 U.S. Law Enforcement (3 semester hours)
This course is an evaluation of the breadth and complexity of contemporary police administration from a systems perspective, a traditional structural perspective, a human behavioral perspective, and a strategic management perspective. Students will apply terms and ideas in the study of policing; and be able to demonstrate and assess the historical development of law enforcement at local, state and federal levels. Additionally, they will be able to critically analyze contemporary problems and trends facing law enforcement agencies including their functions, operations and management styles. Managerial theories and practices in organizations will be examined and assessed as to their application in law enforcement organizations.

CMRJ303 Criminology (3 semester hours)
This course examines criminal behavior in relationship to various criminological theories and analyses these theories through a historical context. These theories include classical theories and current theories of crime as they relate to criminal involvement. Additionally, this course will analyze society’s response to criminal behavior through the assessment of legal approaches and the various aspects of the criminal justice system. Additionally, types of criminal behavior and the systems reaction to these crimes will be distinguished. Research affecting social policy and public crime concerns are examined including social problems and social responsibility perspectives as well.

CMRJ306 Criminal Investigation (3 semester hours)
This course is an analytical examination of crime detection and solution, including such topics as crime scene procedures, physical evidence, interviews, field notes and reporting, follow-up investigation, interrogation, and rules of evidence. Specific detail is given to investigations involving homicide, sex-related offenses, and crimes against children, robbery, larceny, vehicle thefts, computer crime, environmental crime, arson, and drug abuse. There is an in-depth analysis of investigation methodologies addressing inductive and deductive reasoning to assess the decision making process to solve crimes.
CMRJ308 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 semester hours)
This course concentrates on the major functions, structures and processes that underline ethical issues within the American Criminal Justice System. This course will explore the structure and nature of the various types of ethical debates within the American judicial system. There will be an assessment of the ethics in criminal justice, as it explores the issues of morality, virtue, honesty, and making ethical decisions in the United States criminal justice system. Assessments of various issues will be examined as they relate to decision making and ethics.

CMRJ316 Corrections and Incarceration (3 semester hours)
A comprehensive study of the context, practices, and special interests of corrections. Topics include the early history and current trends of correctional thought and practice, jails and other short-term facilities, intermediate sanctions, the prison experience, women in prison, institutional management, educational/treatment programs, prisoners’ rights, and race/ethnicity challenges.

CMRJ317 Probation and Parole (3 semester hours)
An examination of the theory and practice of probation and parole, including pre-sentence investigation, supervision of probationers, parole administration and services, treatment theory, parole officers, juvenile services, and new concepts (such as community-based corrections, the justice model, and determinate sentencing) that have impacted traditional probation and parole theory.

CMRJ320 Law Enforcement Intelligence Applications (3 semester hours)
The course will prepare students to use intelligence methodologies and templates to assist in case support or investigations, security and counterintelligence, trend development and forecasting, and efficient use of open source information to maximize resources. The course will examine the current use of intelligence in law enforcement (federal, state, and local) and its applications in support of investigations and operational planning. The methods examined in this course will be applicable in the private sector.

CMRJ322 Crime and the Family (3 semester hours)
This course assesses the problems associated with domestic violence and also explores into the social, economic, political, and cultural stereotypes of causation. There will be an examination of the relationship between family life and anti-social behavior. A review of various theories as well as research regarding the effect of family structure, marital conflict, parental anti-social behavior, and parent’s child-rearing practices on a child’s risk for conduct problems and delinquency are assessed. Adult anti-social behavior is also explored in terms of showing how various family socialization processes and childhood behavior problems influence probability of later adult crime. Students will also evaluate the aspects of gender, race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status of victims of family abuse and their perpetrators.

CMRJ324 The History of Organized Crime (3 semester hours)
This course will provide an examination of the evolution of organized crime in the United States, with a focus on the social and legal factors that contributed to its development and the groups involved. Additionally this class will explore how organized crime is structured and how it can be exposed and controlled. Theoretical explanations of organized crime are also covered.

CMRJ329 Criminal Profiling (3 semester hours)
This course explores criminal behavior, its motivation, and the environmental influences and patterns of offending. Other topics examined are the approaches to profiling and how these investigative techniques are applied to helping solve crimes. This course will address aspects of behavior, taking into consideration the definition of criminal profiling as the inference of offender traits from physical and/or behavioral evidence. Evaluations will be made of the history, theories, and investigative techniques regarding profiling crime offenders, using a unique blend of both social science, as well as psychological and legal research. It includes legal case excerpts to demonstrate the role of the profiler (investigator). This provides the student a solid knowledge foundation of the integral relationship between the profiling techniques and theories of criminal behavior and the court system. It is recommended students take either CMRJ101 or CMRJ306 prior to enrolling in this course.

CMRJ330 DNA in the Criminal Justice System (3 semester hours)
This course will provide an historical overview of the concepts and theories associated with forensic analysis of DNA for the purpose of criminal investigations. Ethical issues involved in the use of DNA as criminal and civil evidence will be discussed as well as the protocol and procedures used by state and federal crime laboratories. Students will examine several forensic criminal case studies to evaluate the pros and cons of using DNA analysis as a tool to solve crimes.

CMRJ331 Fingerprint Analysis (3 semester hours)
This course will explore the historical development of fingerprint analysis as well as discuss the future technologies being developed to enhance fingerprint evidence in the American criminal justice system. The class will use several case studies of real crimes in which fingerprint analysis made a major impact on these crimes and the system.

CMRJ332 Bloodspatter Pattern Analysis (3 semester hours)
This course will provide the student with a basic understanding Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and its use in criminal investigations. Students will learn how to identify bloodstains using the Bloodstain Classification Taxonomy and the importance of the scientific method in bloodstain pattern analysis. This course will discuss proper documentation and collection methods of bloodstains and the legal standards that support bloodstain evidence as well as courtroom presentation. Students will examine several bloodstain patterns from crime scenes and determine the type of stain and their relevance to the criminal case.
CMRJ333 Firearms Forensics Investigation (3 semester hours)
This course will explore the theories and practices used in Firearms Forensics identification and investigations. Students will learn about the different types of firearms, ammunition and the basic principles of ballistics. Topics explored will be the historical development and future of firearms forensics and how this science helps law enforcement officers identify weapons used to commit crimes. Students will conduct case studies on real criminal cases in which firearms forensics science played a major role in helping solve the crime.

CMRJ334 Voice Stress Analysis (3 semester hours)
This fundamental course will provide the student with a basic understanding of the concepts of a polygraph test, voice stress analysis and related instruments for the detection of deception. Topics will include the history of voice stress analysis as well as a review of criminal and civil cases that have had an impact on the detection of deception. The limitations of the science as a forensic discipline will be assessed. Recent developments in the science of detection will be explored as well as current legal challenges involving voice stress analysis.

CMRJ335 Crime Analysis (3 semester hours)
This course will examine contemporary practices for analysis and measurement of crime including the use of geographical information systems (GIS) to map various aspects of crime. Modern crime analysis focuses on reducing crime and improving police efficiency by illustrating the impact of crime on the community and community impact on crime through the use of the SARA (scanning, analysis, response, & assessment) problem-solving model. Crime analysis facilitates informed decision making on criminal activity and prevention, thereby being instrumental in helping society learn the linkages between crime and other factors such as poverty or drug abuse. Additionally, there is a review of the crime analysis function within the law enforcement organization and a demonstration of how to develop, implement, and operate a crime analysis unit.

CMRJ341 Criminalistics (3 semester hours)
The purpose of this course is to educate students regarding the everyday operations of state and federal crime laboratories and the forensic services provided by these organizations. The course is scientifically oriented and will concentrate on the significance of forensic evidence and various testing procedures and instrumentation used to analyze biological, chemical, pattern, and trace items of evidence. Another focus will be the proper recognition, collection and preservation of physical evidence obtained from systematic searches of crime scenes.

CMRJ401 Human Trafficking (3 semester hours)
Human Trafficking is an upper level undergraduate course designed to help students gain a better understanding of contemporary human trafficking and modern day slavery. In this course students will assess the different legal frameworks used to combat human trafficking around the world and analyze the different discourses used to discuss the trafficking phenomena. Students will learn important terminology in this field, the different types of human trafficking that exist and an understanding of the scope of the problem, both domestically and globally. In addition, the course will explore the physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma experienced by victims of human trafficking and the methods used to recruit and control them. The roles entities such as government, the criminal justice system, the media, faith-based organizations, organized crime, and culture play in this complex human rights and social justice issue.

CMRJ402 The Pathology of Death Investigations (3 semester hours)
This course will examine contemporary practices for investigating sudden, unexpected and violent death. Two major topics will be explored: the first focusing on the manner of death (the social circumstances under which the death occurs), the second focusing on the cause of death (the particular material actions which result in death). The following types of deaths will be considered: asphyxial, blunt and sharp force, firearms, natural causes, mass disaster, child abuse, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and suicide. Estimating the postmortem interval and identification of human remains will also be considered. It is recommended that students take CMRJ306 before enrolling in this course.

CMRJ498 Forensic Law Enforcement Capstone (4 semester hours)
This course is designed to be the final class taken in the B.S. in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensics program. The class will be a 16 week course during which students will be required to complete work which will demonstrate a mastery of their program. It is designed to be a meaningful culmination of their learning and to assess their level of mastery of the stated outcomes of their degree requirements. Topics covered during this senior seminar will allow students to review, analyze, and integrate the work the student has completed towards their degree. Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 106 hours towards your program.
CMRJ499 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (3 semester hours)
This seminar is a senior level course designed to allow the student to review, analyze, and integrate the work the student has completed toward a degree in Criminal Justice. The student will complete an approved academic paper that demonstrates mastery of their program of study in a meaningful culmination of their learning, as well as assess their level of mastery of the stated outcomes of their degree requirements. NOTE: ALL required, core, and major courses must be completed prior to enrollment in this course. Student must have SENIOR standing to register. (Note to students: The course materials, assignments, learning outcomes, and expectations in this upper level undergraduate course assume that the student has completed all lower level general education and career planning coursework necessary to develop research, writing, and critical thinking skills. Students who have not fulfilled all general education requirements through courses or awarded transfer credit should strongly consider completing these requirements prior to registering for this course.)