Interdisciplinary Studies

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Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) coordinates the administration and delivery of six degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies with a major in individualized Integrative Studies and the Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies with majors in professional writing, cybercrime, game studies and design, and leadership. For IDS students, no more than two classes, or six credits, may be counted for both the major and a minor. Topics courses, such as ENGL 395/ENGL 495, COMM 395/COMM 396, etc., must be approved by the student's advisor to ensure that the topic is appropriate for the major.

Programs

Bachelor of Arts Program

- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Individualized Integrative Studies (BA) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies-individualized-integrative-ba/)

Bachelor of Science Programs

- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Cybercrime (BS) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-cybercrime-bs/)
- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Game Studies and Design, Development and Criticism (BS) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-game-design-development-criticism-bs/)
- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Game Studies and Design, Development and Criticism (BS) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-game-design-development-criticism-bs/)
- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Leadership (BS) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-leadership-bs/)
- Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Professional Writing (BS) (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-professional-writing-bs/)

Minor Programs

- Cybercrime Minor (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/cybercrime-minor/)
- Sustainability and Conservation Leadership Minor (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/interdisciplinary-studies/sustainability-conservation-leadership-minor/)

Linked BA/BS in Interdisciplinary Studies - Individualized Integrative Studies and MA in Humanities

The linked BA/BS program in interdisciplinary studies-individualized integrative studies (IIS) and the MA in humanities makes it possible for exceptional students whose IIS major is humanities oriented to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Please refer to the Humanities section of this Catalog for additional information on the linked program.

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.

Courses

Criminal Justice (CRJS)

CRJS 215S Introduction to Criminology (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to criminology as a science, including the study of crime, criminals, and society's response to them.

CRJS 222 The Criminal Justice System (3 Credit Hours)
A study of social response to criminal behavior as cases move through the machinery of justice. Describes the interdependence of crime statistics, law enforcement, criminal courts, and correctional procedures for purposes of analyzing the entire system.

CRJS 226S Honors: Introduction to Criminology (3 Credit Hours)
Open only to students in the Honors College. Special honors section of CRJS 215S.
CRJS 262 Law and the Criminal Justice System (3 Credit Hours)
The course covers both substantive and procedural law related to the
definitions, investigations, processing and punishment of crimes. It is meant
to provide the students with an overall understanding of the articulation
between law and the criminal justice system.

CRJS 310 Cybercriminology: Foundations (3 Credit Hours)
This course will provide students with an overview of computer-
related crimes and how law enforcement officials investigate them.
The course begins by describing the environment that has been created
through information and communication technologies, and how this new
environment facilitates different types of behavior. The course then moves
into defining and describing the different types of computer-related crimes,
the techniques used by officials, and the legal issues inherent in combating
cybercrime.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S

CRJS 316 Juvenile Delinquency (3 Credit Hours)
A study of juvenile misbehavior in the contemporary community, its nature,
extent, treatment, and control, including juvenile court procedure and
philosophy.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or SOC 201S or permission of instructor

CRJS 317 Correctional Institutions (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the history of prisons and jails, their formal and informal
organization, their effects on individuals, and issues and philosophies of
penal reform.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 318 Probation, Parole and Community-Based Corrections (3
Credit Hours)
Examines the history, law, administration and social setting of probation,
parole and other noninstitutional sentencing alternatives. Also explores
nontraditional alternatives to criminal adjudication such as arbitration and
diversion programs.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 319 Public and Private Security (3 Credit Hours)
The organization of security systems in public and private agencies and
institutions.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 320 Law and Social Control (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the creation, use and effectiveness of formal and informal
mechanisms of social control for both criminal and noncriminal deviant
behavior. Cross-cultural comparisons are given special emphasis.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 321 Death Penalty (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the historical and philosophical foundations of the
death penalty in the United States, the Supreme Court case precedent that
has effectively narrowed its modern application, and the contentious issues
that surround America’s most severe punishment. Topics will include the
moral/legal arguments surrounding the death penalty; the legal process
of capital cases; the racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and gender disparities
that exist in death sentencing and executions; recent trends and scholarly
evidence related to capital punishment; reasons for continued support; and
the movement toward abolition.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of instructor

CRJS 323 Police in American Society (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the role of police in a free society. Police functions, subculture,
community relations and decision making receive special attention.
Problems such as police corruption, violence and the methods by which
society attempts to control police behavior are also discussed.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 325 Women and Crime (3 Credit Hours)
Examines the role of women as offenders, victims and employees of the
criminal justice system. Theories of female criminality and the treatment
of female offenders are explored. Attention is given to the victimization of
women, specifically wife abuse and rape, problems of minority women, and
the impact of current legislation.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 326 LGBTQ People, Crime, and Justice (3 Credit Hours)
Learning appropriate terminology to discuss LGBTQ individuals, as well as
a review of the social issues facing these populations, including damaging
sexual stereotypes. Critically exploring the history of interactions between
LGBTQ communities and agents of formal control, such as schools and
the police, including responses to bullying and bias crimes. Interrogating
how changing political and social contexts affect policy regarding formal
responses to LGBTQ communities.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S

CRJS 340 White-Collar Crime (3 Credit Hours)
This course will describe and explain corporate, state-corporate,
government (state) crime and crimes of globalization from sociological and
criminological perspectives. Although the course will deal with the general
topic of white collar crime, the specific focus will be on organizational
offenders such as business corporations, government, state agencies and
international finance organizations.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S

CRJS 344 Social Science and Crime Mapping (3 Credit Hours)
A critical exploration of applying geographic information system (GIS)
to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize social science and
crime data that reveal relationships, patterns, and trends. Students will
learn to 1) frame a research question or hypothesis from a location-based
perspective; 2) collect, create and examine geographically referenced
demographic, social, and criminological data; 3) learn to use GIS mapping
software to visualize, manage and analyze this data in order to investigate
the relationship between geographic, demographic, social and criminological
variables; and 4) arrive upon decisions and conclusions and communicate
these via the creation of publishable maps.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 345 Organized Crime: A Survey of Domestic and World-Wide
Organized Crime Activities (3 Credit Hours)
A broad survey of the history and consequences of organized crime in the
United States and the world. Special focus will be directed at the economic,
social and developmental effects of organized criminal activities.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S, CRJS 222, or CRJS 262

CRJS 348 Film and Society (3 Credit Hours)
Sociological examination of film as an art form, an industry, and a social
institution. Major topics include socialization through film, how one’s
unique socialization affects the film experience, social inequality (racism/
ethnocentrism/exism/ageism) as exhibited in film, and as they occur within
the film industry, film as an educational tool, gender roles as exhibited in
film and perpetuated within the film industry, film and copycat crime, crime
in the film industry, portrayal of crime in film, international cinema and
globalization.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 350 Victimology (3 Credit Hours)
Examination of the multifaceted problem of criminal victimization.
Focuses on defining victimization, the incidents of victimization, social
characteristics of victims, treatment of victims in the criminal justice system,
and efforts designed to alleviate the consequences of victimization.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or six hours of social science
perspective or permission of the instructor

CRJS 355 Crime and the Community (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on the effect of crime on communities and the ways
in which communities affect crime. The class considers both ethnographic
community studies as well as larger-scale demographic analysis.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or SOC 201S or permission of the instructor
CRJS 356 Gangs (3 Credit Hours)
This course seeks to evaluate issues central to the study of modern gangs, such as gang definitions, prevalence, proliferation, migration, formation, histories, and gang/gang member characteristics. Another objective is to understand why and how young people both join and leave their gangs and explore how gang structure and organization can influence gang and gang member behavior, including their involvement in violence, other illegal acts, their victimization, and the gendered experiences of female gang members. Students will also review assess policies and efforts regarding gang prevention, intervention, and suppression and distinguish between stereotypes/myths and realities about gangs and gang members based on empirical research and theory.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S

CRJS 368 Internship (1-6 Credit Hours)
This course allows students to volunteer to work in an agency related to their major. Students must volunteer for 50 hours per course credit.
Prerequisites: Approval by the department internship director

CRJS 370 State Crime (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores state crime from a sociological and criminological perspective. It examines historical and current cases of governmental crime at home and abroad. It also explores the intertwinement of states with other states, corporations, and, when applicable, international financial institutions as well as their roles in facilitating or constraining acts of state crime. Finally, the class discusses the problems of control, domestically and internationally.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 375 Crime Prevention (3 Credit Hours)
This course provides an introduction to the approaches and practices of crime prevention. In addition, the course discusses primary, secondary, and tertiary crime prevention measures aimed at reducing or eliminating crime. Finally, the course addresses research and information on many aspects of crime prevention, including the physical environment and crime, neighborhood crime prevention, and crime in schools.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 395 Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 396 Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 401 Understanding Violence (3 Credit Hours)
Examines a variety of forms of violence from suicide, child abuse, rape and family violence, terrorism, torture, death squads and the death penalty and hate violence. Explores the circumstances, rationalizations, patterns, explanations and effects on survivors.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or SOC 201S or permission of instructor

CRJS 403 Violence in the World of Children (3 Credit Hours)
This child-centered course examines the interaction of adults in violent conflict with the world of children, children's experience of violence and its meaning in the lives of children. Topics include: valuing children, violence toward children in culture, families, and schools; child physical and sexual abuse and neglect; gangs, violent communities and children and war. The effects of childhood experiences of violence, children's coping with violence, and alternatives to violence are also developed.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or six hours in human behavior or permission of the instructor

CRJS 404 Law and Digital Forensics (3 Credit Hours)
This course will focus on the intersection between digital forensics and the criminal justice system, namely how digital forensics is understood and applied to key criminal justice, constitutional and statutory considerations within the criminal justice system. Students will explore such topics as the nature and types of cybercrime; search and seizure principles in the digital world; finding, handling and maintaining chain of custody of digital evidence; interviewing individuals relating to digital evidence and related activities; and testifying in court about digital evidence matters.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor

CRJS 406 Cyber Law (3 Credit Hours)
This course tackles two major cyberlaw subjects. The first part of the course examines various U.S. laws and legal considerations that impact the digital and cyberspace worlds from traditional civil, and to a lesser extent, traditional criminal perspectives. The second part will familiarize cyber operations professionals about the extent of and limitations on their authorities to ensure operations in cyberspace are in compliance with U.S. law, regulations, directives and policies. The course will also introduce students to miscellaneous cybersecurity topics such as the Federal Acquisition Requirements. Cross-listed with CYSE 406 and CPD 406.
Prerequisites: CRJS 262 or junior standing

CRJS 407 Violence Against Children Internationally (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on the research on child maltreatment abuse internationally, in particular on the most common types of child abuse and neglect—i.e., perpetrated by parents, family members. The negative effects of child abuse and neglect are associated subsequently with every social problem from poverty, teenage motherhood, substance abuse, violent crime, domestic violence, and mental health problems, to ill-health—from cancer to diabetes.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S

CRJS 408 Children’s Rights and the Law (3 Credit Hours)
A study of the law concerning children from a children's rights perspective. The rights of children in the US will be compared to other nations with special emphasis being placed on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S OR CRJS 215S or related social science Way of Knowing or permission of the instructor

CRJS 409 Crime and Computer Applications (3 Credit Hours)
The purpose of this interdisciplinary course is to introduce students to the ways in which computers are involved in the commission and the investigation of crime. Students will learn the fundamentals of cryptography and steganography and the tools used to perform these activities. Students will also use forensic software to identify, gather, and verify relevant digital evidence. Cross-listed with CYSE 409.
Prerequisites: CRJS 310 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 410 Correctional Treatment (3 Credit Hours)
Methods and programs which attempt to correct the behaviors of juvenile delinquents and adult criminal offenders are explored. Treatment strategies employed in both community and institutional settings are examined. Techniques of classification and the role of the correctional worker are also discussed.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 415 Courtroom As a Social System (3 Credit Hours)
An overview of the role of all of the actors in the American courtroom, the interaction of these actors and the effect of social forces on their behavior. Includes prosecutor, plaintiff and defense lawyers, judges, juries, eye witnesses, expert witnesses, and court staff.
Prerequisites: CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 416 The American Jury (3 Credit Hours)
A review of the literature, law and practical materials that cover the American jury system from the creation of the master list through the verdict. Includes history, social context and jury selection.
Prerequisites: CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor
CRJS 418 Crime, Society, and the Media (3 Credit Hours)
A critical exploration of media portrayals of crime and criminal justice. News and entertainment genres are examined. Connections between the mass media and crime, culture, politics, society, and individual behavior receive special attention.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor
CRJS 419 Animals and Society (3 Credit Hours)
This is a class about the role of nonhuman animals in society. Animals are used to entertain, to do work, to provide companionship, to provide food, and more. In this class, we discuss the causes and consequences of both individual and institutional animal abuse. Society's relation to wildlife is also an important component and includes poaching, sport and trophy hunting, and society's reaction to wolves, coyotes, and wild horses in the West. Cross-listed with SOC 419.
Prerequisites: Any human behavior (S) course, such as SOC 201S, CRJS 215S, PSYC 201S, COMM 200S, or permission of instructor
CRJS 421/521 Deviant Behavior (3 Credit Hours)
A study of various definitions and forms of deviant behavior, theoretical explanations of causes of deviant behavior, and the impact of deviant behavior on society and the individual.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor
CRJS 423 Public Policy in Criminal Justice (3 Credit Hours)
A study of the nature, development, and utilization of public policy within agencies of the criminal justice system. Topics include policy formulation, constraints on policy makers, influence of constituencies, and the role of research information. Case studies of issues such as crime control, prison overcrowding, police use of deadly force, the death penalty and parole guidelines will be undertaken.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S
CRJS 424 Juvenile Justice: Issues, Policy, and Practice (3 Credit Hours)
This course will provide an overview of significant policy issues in contemporary juvenile justice. The first objective of the course is to examine the nature, extent, treatment and control of juvenile delinquency. The second objective of the course is to discuss the history of juvenile justice policy reform and evidence-based practices. Third, the course will identify and analyze a number of key juvenile justice policy issues, including: mental health, gender disparities, disproportionate minority contact (DMC), trauma, adult transfer and certification, as well as policies and practices for preventing and responding to delinquency.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S
CRJS 426W/526 Criminological Theory (3 Credit Hours)
An in-depth study of the major theoretical issues in criminology. Deals extensively with issues of crime causation. This is a writing intensive course.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S, and grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor
CRJS 427/527 Gender-Based Violence (3 Credit Hours)
This course takes an expansive and intersectional approach to studying various forms of gender-based violence, from the interpersonal to the systemic, institutional, and cultural. Prevalence, risk factors, theoretical explanations, and legal remedies related to topics such as intimate partner violence, sexual assault on college campuses, gender-based violence in the military, sexual violence against undocumented immigrants, commercial sexual exploitation, and racism and reproductive health will be examined.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or other human behavior course or permission of instructor
CRJS 430 Homicide (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores the topic of homicide in the U.S. It includes a discussion of the types of homicide, historical patterns and trends, and characteristics of offenders and victims. A variety of theoretical frameworks are utilized to examine homicide at micro and macro levels. In-depth examination of specific types of homicide is included.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or other human behavior course
CRJS 431 Serial Offenders (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores the topic of serial offenders, also referred to as repeat offenders, recidivists, and career criminals. The course begins with an overview and discussion of patterns of crime, followed by a discussion of relevant theoretical perspectives. We also discuss profiling and the role it can play in the investigation of serial crimes. Next, we move into modules devoted to specific types of crime (arson, rape, homicide, etc.), and discuss the research on serial offenders in each group. Finally, prevention, as well as social policy issues, are addressed.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S
CRJS 436 Capstone Research Project (3 Credit Hours)
Students work in groups to plan, design, and carry out a research project. Final papers which report the results for the study are presented in a formal research seminar. The projects reflect knowledge gained from undergraduate work and training received in STAT 130M and SOC 337.
Prerequisites: Senior standing, STAT 130M and SOC 337
CRJS 441/541 Drugs and Society (3 Credit Hours)
The study of sociological and social-psychological explanations of drug-using behaviors and of legal and medical control of drugs. Topics include changes in the legal status of drugs, cross-cultural and historical variations in the control of drugs, and social epidemiology of drug use in contemporary society.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S
CRJS 444 Community Justice (3 Credit Hours)
This is a service learning course designed to study how the emerging field of community justice, a neighborhood-based strategy, can reduce crime and improve public safety by investing in social, human and cultural capital.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S
CRJS 445 Workplace Law and Society (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the laws of the workplace from a sociological and issue-driven approach considering two perspectives – both employer and employee. Relevant laws are identified, explored and made relevant through examples of their application in real-world situations. Sometimes the wisdom of these laws will be challenged; students will be encouraged to raise questions about a law’s utility, justice or fairness, whether in principle or in application.
Prerequisites: Junior standing
CRJS 448 Women, Sex Discrimination and the Law (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces students to legal issues which specifically affect women and examines historical attitudes that have been used to justify differential treatment of women. It explores various legal approaches used to achieve equal protection under the law and examines a variety of specific topics such as: the equal protection analysis; Title VII and Title IX and their relationship to sex discrimination; affirmative action; and reproductive freedom.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor
CRJS 450/550 Blacks, Crime and Justice (3 Credit Hours)
Examines historical and contemporary theories and research on African-Americans, criminal behavior and the administration of justice. Selected topics will include African-American perspectives, the death penalty, victimization, police brutality, and justice systems in Africa and the Caribbean.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S and CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor
CRJS 451 Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice (3 Credit Hours)
This course will examine the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, crime, justice and the operation of the criminal justice system and will critically assess controversial issues surrounding race, ethnicity, crime, and justice. Students will discuss contemporary social justice issues as they relate to race, ethnicity, crime, and justice. The theoretical frameworks that explain the intersection between race, ethnicity, crime and justice will be examined. The course will also investigate the broad range of policy issues and recommendations impacting communities of color and the administration of criminal and social justice.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or SOC 201S
CRJS 452 Diversity in Criminal Justice Organizations (3 Credit Hours)
This course examines the impact of diversity, culture, and ethnic origin in criminal justice organizations. The course is designed to better prepare students to meet the challenge of diversity in criminal justice organizations.
Prerequisites: SOC 201S or CRJS 215S or permission of instructor

CRJS 462/562 Substantive Criminal Law (3 Credit Hours)
This course deals with the major substantive concepts involved in American criminal law, including development of criminal law, elements of criminal liability, defenses against criminal responsibility, and descriptions and definitions of specific offenses.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 475/575 Criminal Justice Systems Around the World (3 Credit Hours)
The study of criminal justice systems around the world in order to understand how criminal behavior is defined and responded to in various cultures. Cultural differences will be highlighted in order to recognize that definitions of and responses to crimes closely reflect the cultures in which they exist.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or CRJS 222 or permission of the instructor

CRJS 494 Entrepreneurship in Sociology/Criminal Justice (3 Credit Hours)
This course is designed to help students enhance their personal and professional development through innovation guided by faculty members and professionals. It offers students an opportunity to integrate disciplinary theory and knowledge through developing a nonprofit program, product, business, or other initiative. The real-world experiences that entrepreneurs provide will help students understand how academic knowledge leads to transformations, innovations, and solutions to different types of problems. The course can be delivered either as an independent project for individual students or as group projects similar to those sometimes offered in topics courses.
Prerequisites: junior standing

CRJS 495/595 Topics in Criminal Justice (3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 496/596 Topics in Criminal Justice (3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: CRJS 215S or permission of the instructor

CRJS 497/597 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.
Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair

CRJS 498/598 Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.
Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair

Cybersecurity (CYSE)

CYSE 200T Cybersecurity, Technology, and Society (3 Credit Hours)
Students will explore how technology is related to cybersecurity from an interdisciplinary orientation. Attention is given to the way that technologically-driven cybersecurity issues are connected to cultural, political, legal, ethical, and business domains.

CYSE 201S Cybersecurity and the Social Sciences (3 Credit Hours)
This course addresses the social, political, legal, criminological, and economic dimensions of cybersecurity through a social science framework. Students are introduced to a human-factors approach to understanding cybersecurity threats. Attention is given to the social factors that contribute to cyber incidents and the political and legal mechanisms that are developed to control the behaviors of those who create risks and cybersecurity incidents. The class also explores how cybersecurity is studied by social scientists in various social science disciplines.

CYSE 202G Information Literacy for Cybersecurity (3 Credit Hours)
This course provides an in-depth introduction to information literacy from library and information science, information ethics, and computer science perspectives along with applications to cybersecurity research and professional activity. This course is aligned with Old Dominion University’s general education learning outcomes for information literacy.
Prerequisites: ENGL 110C

CYSE 250 Basic Cybersecurity Programming and Networking (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces the cybersecurity-centric programming and networking concepts. Students will develop problem solving skills by using low-level programming languages (including C and assembly) and learn fundamentals of network protocols. This course is the technical base for students to take cybersecurity major courses. No prior knowledge of programming and networking is assumed.
Prerequisites: MATH 162M or higher

CYSE 270 Linux System for Cybersecurity (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces the basic operations in major Linux distros for cybersecurity using both graphical interface and command line interface. Students will learn about the basic installation and configuration, file systems management, shell scripts, and user authentication in Linux systems. This course is the technical base for students to take cybersecurity major courses.

CYSE 280 Windows System Management and Security (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces tools and techniques used to configure, manage and implement Windows and its security-related features. Students will install, configure, manage and secure Windows client & server operating systems and related networking environment using a variety of software tools. This course also details how to mitigate malware threats, identify security issues by using auditing and the Advanced Threat Analysis feature in Windows Server, secure virtualization platform, and use new deployment options for enhancing the security.

CYSE 300 Introduction to Cybersecurity (3 Credit Hours)
This course provides an overview of the field of cybersecurity. It covers core cybersecurity topics including computer system architectures, critical infrastructures, cyber threats and vulnerabilities, cryptography, information assurance, network security, and risk assessment and management. Students are expected to become familiar with fundamental security concepts, technologies and practices, and develop a foundation for further study in cybersecurity.
Prerequisites: MATH 162M or permission of the instructor

CYSE 301 Cybersecurity Techniques and Operations (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces tools and techniques used to secure and analyze large computer networks and systems. Students will explore and map networks using a variety of diagnostic software tools, learn advanced packet analysis, configure firewalls, write intrusion detection rules, perform forensic investigation, and practice techniques for penetration testing.
Prerequisites: MATH 162M or permission of the instructor
This course allows students to volunteer to work in an agency related to cybersecurity. Students must volunteer for 50 hours per course credit and complete course assignments.

Prerequisites: approval by the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research

CYSE 395 Topics in Cybersecurity (1-3 Credit Hours)
Study of selected topics in cybersecurity.

Prerequisites: junior standing

CYSE 404 Law and Digital Forensics (3 Credit Hours)
This course will focus on the intersection of digital forensics and the criminal justice system, namely how digital forensics is understood and applied to key criminal justice, constitutional and statutory considerations within the criminal justice system. Students will explore such topics as the nature and types of cybercrime; search and seizure principles in the digital world; finding, handling and maintaining chain of custody of digital evidence; interviewing individuals relating to digital evidence and related activities; and testifying in court about digital evidence matters.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor

CYSE 406 Cyber Law (3 Credit Hours)
This course tackles two major cyber law subjects. The first part of the course examines various U.S. laws and legal considerations that impact the digital and cyberspace worlds from traditional civil, and to a lesser extent, traditional criminal perspectives. The second part will familiarize cyber operations professionals about the extent of and limitations on their authorities to ensure operations in cyberspace are in compliance with U.S. law, regulations, directives and policies. The course will also introduce students to miscellaneous cybersecurity topics such as the Federal Acquisition Requirements.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor

CYSE 407 Digital Forensics (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces the basic concepts and technologies of digital forensics. Students will learn the fundamental techniques and tools utilized for collecting, processing, and preserving digital evidence on computers, mobile devices, networks, and cloud computing environments. Students will also engage in oral and written communication to report digital forensic findings and prepare court presentation materials.

Prerequisites: declared major and junior standing

CYSE 409 Crime and Computer Applications (3 Credit Hours)
The purpose of this interdisciplinary course is to introduce students to the ways in which computers are involved in the commission and the investigation of crime. Students will learn the fundamentals of cryptography and steganography and the tools used to perform these activities. Students will also use forensic software to identify, gather, and verify relevant digital evidence. Cross-listed with CRJS 409.

Prerequisites: CRJS 310 or permission of instructor

CYSE 416/516 Cyber Defense Fundamentals (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on cybersecurity theory, information protection and assurance, and computer systems and networks security. The objectives are to understand the basic security models and concepts, learn fundamental knowledge and tools for building, analyzing, and attacking modern security systems, and gain hands-on experience in cryptographic algorithms, security fundamental principles, and Internet security protocol and standards.

(Offered fall)

Prerequisites: permission of the instructor

Pre-requisite: ECE 355 or equivalent or permission of the instructor

CYSE 417 Digital Leadership (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores technology as it relates to leadership experiences. Theories, case studies and real world examples are analyzed to show both successful and unsuccessful uses of online and digital approaches that inform leaders' communication strategies. Students will explore how their own digital identities may impact their futures as leaders. They will also learn how to create digital identities that will shape their professional identities throughout their careers.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor

CYSE 419/519 Cyber Physical System Security (3 Credit Hours)
Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) integrate computing, networking, and physical processes. The objectives of this course are to learn the basic concepts, technologies and applications of CPS, understand the fundamental CPS security challenges and national security impact, and gain hands-on experience in CPS infrastructures, critical vulnerabilities, and practical countermeasures.

Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor

CYSE 420/520 Applied Machine Learning in Cybersecurity (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces the concepts and technologies of machine learning with a focus on applications related to cybersecurity. The objectives are to learn fundamental knowledge and practical experience and identify the use case of machine learning techniques in cybersecurity. The course will discuss traditional and advanced machine learning techniques, e.g., neural network, deep convolutional neural network, generative adversarial network, and transfer learning algorithms. Students will engage in oral and written communication by reporting and presenting the materials of the course project.

Prerequisites: CYSE 250 or permission of the instructor

CYSE 425W/525 Cybersecurity Strategy and Policy (3 Credit Hours)
This writing intensive course explores cybersecurity policy and strategy and introduces students to the essentials of strategy development and policy making in cybersecurity. Topics considered include planning principles in cyber strategy; risk management and cybersecurity policy; the connections between cybersecurity policies, businesses, and governmental institutions; the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to develop and implement cybersecurity policy; the social, political and ethical implications that arise in cybersecurity policies and strategies; strategies to assess cybersecurity policy; and the ties between national security and cybersecurity policy.

Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C with a grade of C or better and CYSE 200T or IT 200T or POLS 101S

CYSE 426/526 Cyber War (3 Credit Hours)
This course explores the national security dimensions of cybersecurity and examines cyber war in international relations. Exploration of cyber war begins with an examination of cybersecurity as a component of national security and investigates the topics of U.S National Cybersecurity and other national approaches to cyber war. The topics of cyber deterrence, cyber as a military domain, the roles of international organizations in cyber war, cyber terrorism, the role of social media, and information warfare will be discussed. The international dimension of cybersecurity is also discussed.

Prerequisites: CYSE 200T or POLS 101S or permission of the instructor

CYSE 450 Ethical Hacking and Penetration Testing (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces the basic terminologies used in ethical hacking and useful tools in relation to penetration testing on Kali Linux. Students will learn fundamental knowledge and practical experience and identify the tools used to perform these activities. Students will also use software tools to identify, gather, and verify relevant digital evidence. Cross-listed with CRJS 450.

Prerequisites: CRJS 310 or permission of instructor

Interdisciplinary Studies
CYSE 495/595 Topics in Cybersecurity (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected cybersecurity topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: permission of the instructor

CYSE 496/596 Topics in Cybersecurity (1-3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected cybersecurity topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to academic advisors.
Prerequisites: permission of the instructor

CYSE 497/597 Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Cybersecurity (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.
Prerequisites: senior standing and approval of the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research

CYSE 498/598 Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Cybersecurity (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate.
Prerequisites: senior standing and approval of the Director of the Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research

Gaming (GAME)

GAME 201T Introduction to Game Studies (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the core concepts and methodologies that inform game design, development, and criticism. This course will provide students with a critical overview of each of these content areas and will demonstrate how their specific concerns intersect in the design, production, and reception of contemporary games. It will also teach students hands-on methodologies through which to translate these concepts into creative and critical praxis.

GAME 240 Game Criticism (3 Credit Hours)
This course is designed to introduce students to the major theoretical approaches and debates that comprise game studies as an academic discipline. It will teach students how to research, evaluate, analyze, and construct persuasive arguments about games and game-related artifacts.

GAME 333 Game Balance, Rules, and Mechanics (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on the complex question of how game designers produce balance through rules, mechanics, aesthetics, and other formal and informal gameplay elements. This course will provide students with an analytical framework to better understand how these elements are not only manifested in specific games, but how they work to simultaneously distinguish genres of games. More significantly, it will provide students with a practical methodology that will help them understand how to apply the insights gained through this analysis to their own games.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 340 Visual Design and Digital Graphics for Games (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on visual design and digital graphics for game-based applications. Designed to help students make the transition from traditional 2D drawing and illustration techniques to the types of 2D and 3D digital asset creation privileged by games and game-based applications, it provides students with hands-on experience with using industry standard software to generate sprites, UI components, textures, and other common 2D elements. It also introduces students to 3D modeling and texturing techniques, including but limited to optimization, texture mapping, and basic rigging and animation techniques.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 355 Game Design and Rhetoric (3 Credit Hours)
This course will study the representative and rhetorical strategies through which computer game designers make meaning via their rhetorical choices. Multi-perspective in nature, it will also examine the discursive struggles that determine how players construct themselves as subjects in and against computer games via their rhetorical choices. This course will attempt to come to terms with the larger question of how scholars, through various forms of critical play, construct, categorize, and produce computer games as a subject of academic study.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T or permission of instructor

GAME 395 Topics in Game Studies (3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors or for elective credit within a major.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 440 Advanced Visual Design and Digital Graphics for Games (3 Credit Hours)
This course focuses on advanced visual design and digital graphics for game-based applications, including but not limited to topics such as 3D modeling, texturing, texture mapping, animation, optimization, shaders, and particle systems. Conceived as a studio course, it provides students with hands-on experience working with a variety of digital software applications to create and optimize graphical assets for games and similar applications.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 450 Game Development and Design Workshop (3 Credit Hours)
This workshop affords upper-division students the opportunity to tackle a wide variety of advanced projects on their own recognizance. It provides students working in game design and development with practical, individualized guidance in crucial aspects of the design and development process, including ideation, research, prototyping, implementation, documentation, and playtesting. Likewise, it provides students working in game criticism with instruction in the scholarly process of identifying, researching, drafting, and revising critical arguments about games and game-related issues.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 466 World Building (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of world building as ludic, narrative, and spatial praxis. This course will examine how games and game-related texts create playable realities through a critical examination of historical and contemporary examples of world building across a variety of media. It will provide students practical experience with how to translate these theoretical into effective gameplay across a variety of genres of games.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 494 Entrepreneurship in Game Studies, Development, and Design (3 Credit Hours)
Although traditionally associated with commercial ventures, entrepreneurship encompasses a wide variety of approaches that are also relevant to the creative and critical performances that intersect in the design, production, and study of games. This course will broach the theoretical and practical questions of how entrepreneurship intersects with and is implicated in the production of game and game-based endeavors. Conceived as a studio course, it is designed to teach students a hands-on methodology through which they can translate entrepreneurial approaches into real-world outcomes.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T

GAME 495 Topics in Game Studies (3 Credit Hours)
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors or for elective credit within a major.
Prerequisites: GAME 201T
Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C, ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C

IDS 307T Digital Writing (3 Credit Hours)
This course introduces students to issues of writing in various digital environments like web pages, email, blogs, wikis, and discussion boards. It also introduces fundamentals of hypertext authoring, digital and visual rhetoric, and image manipulation.
Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C.

IDS 368 Internship in Interdisciplinary Studies (1-6 Credit Hours)
An opportunity to integrate service and applied learning experience with interdisciplinary perspectives.
Prerequisites: junior standing and permission of individualized interdisciplinary studies program coordinator.

IDS 369 Internship in Sustainability and Conservation Leadership (3-6 Credit Hours)
As part of the Sustainability and Conservation Leadership minor, this graded internship will provide an opportunity to integrate service and applied learning experience with interdisciplinary perspectives. 300 hours are required for the 3-credit option, and 600 hours are required for the 6-credit option.
Prerequisites: BIOL 466W/OEAS 466W/IDS 466W and BIOL 467/OEAS 467/IDS 467.

IDS 397 Independent Study (1-6 Credit Hours)

IDS 398 Independent Study (1-6 Credit Hours)

IDS 400/500 Study Abroad (0 Credit Hours)

IDS 466W Introduction to Mitigation and Adaptation Studies (3 Credit Hours)
Students will be introduced to the science underpinning mitigation of human-induced changes in the Earth system, including but not limited to climate change and sea level rise, and adaptation to the impacts of these changes. The course will cover the environmental hazards and the opportunities and limitations for conservation, mitigation and adaptation. This is a writing intensive course. Cross listed with BIOL 466W and OEAS 466W.
Prerequisites: BIOL 291 or permission of instructor.

IDS 467 Sustainability Leadership (3 Credit Hours)
In this class, students will discover what makes a leader for sustainability. They will consider a range of global and local crises from a leadership point of view in the context of sustainability science, which addresses the development of communities in a rapidly changing social, economic, and environmental system-of-systems environment. The course will be based on taking a problem-motivated and solution-focused approach to the challenges considered. The course includes a service learning project focusing on a leadership experience in solving a real-world environmental problem.
Prerequisites: BIOL 466W or OEAS 466W or IDS 466W.

IDS 493 IDS Electronic Portfolio Project (3 Credit Hours)
The preparation of an electronic portfolio integrating the student's academic study, work experiences, skill identification and work products. Alternative formats are used for varying uses of the portfolio.
Prerequisites: IDS 300W or permission of the instructor and senior standing.

IDS 494 Entrepreneurship in Interdisciplinary Studies (3 Credit Hours)
This course is designed to help students enhance their personal and professional development through innovation guided by faculty members and professionals. It offers students an opportunity to integrate disciplinary theory and knowledge through developing a nonprofit program, product, business, or other initiative. The real-world experiences that entrepreneurialships provide will help students understand how academic knowledge leads to transformations, innovations, and solutions to different types of problems.
Prerequisites: IDS 300W and approval of the program coordinator.

IDS 495 Topics in Integrative Studies (3 Credit Hours)
Focused study of selected topics linking perspectives, research and applications from a variety of disciplines. Emphasis is on disciplinary synthesis.
Prerequisites: IDS 300W.

IDS 496/596 Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies (3 Credit Hours)
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: IDS 300W or permission of instructor.

IDS 497 IDS Individualized Senior Project (3 Credit Hours)
This course is a vehicle for the execution of the senior project requirement of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program. The project will be negotiated between the student, faculty sponsors, and the program. Open only to individualized integrative studies majors.
Prerequisites: IDS 300W, permission of the instructor and an approved individualized integrative studies curriculum plan.

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