

E-MAJ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

AJ 500 Seminar in Administration of Justice (3)

This course introduces students to the study of administration of justice. It provides an overview of the historical development of justice agencies and contemporary administrative, organizational, and management issues.

AJ 501 Seminar in Administration of Justice Theory (3)

This course examines the historical development of theories in administration of justice, criminal justice and criminology. Emphasis is placed upon concepts, principles, research and policy implications of theories for the administration of justice. (Prerequisite: AJ 500.)

AJ 502 Seminar in Research Methods (3)

This course provides an overview of research methods, methodological concepts and issues in administration of justice. It includes an analysis of program and policy evaluation research methods. (Prerequisite: AJ 500.)

AJ 503 Seminar in Quantitative Methods I (3)

This course gives an introduction to statistics and data analysis in administration of justice. The course includes an overview of measurement and statistics for univariate, bivariate and multivariate data.

AJ 504 Seminar in Race, Class, and Gender in Administration of Justice (3)

This course examines the historical and contemporary context of race, class, and gender and its impact on justice agency administration. Special emphasis is placed upon contemporary issues including minority employment trends in justice agencies, racial profiling, and disproportionate minority confinement. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, AJ 501.)

AJ 505 Seminar on Ethics in Administration of Justice (3)

This course introduces students to the principles of ethics, applied ethics, professional ethics, ethical standards, ethical dilemmas, ethics education and training, and controlling ethics in justice agencies. (Prerequisite: AJ 500.)

AJ 607 Police Administration (3)

This is a seminar course on the administration and management of federal, state, local, private, special district and tribal police organizations. Special emphasis is placed on new challenges to police administration including community policing, homeland security, immigration, and technological advances. (Prerequisite: AJ 500.)

AJ 609 Issues in Corrections Administration (3)

This course will examine the organization and administration of correctional agencies including jails, prisons, probation and parole, and administration of the death penalty. Emphasis is placed on contemporary administrative and policy issues including prison overcrowding, policy initiatives such as three-strikes legislation, and sentencing disparities. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 504.)

AJ 610 Issues in Judicial Administration (3)

This course presents an overview of administrative issues confronting courts and court related agencies in Texas and at the federal level. The course will also examine contemporary issues including sentencing policies, disparities in sentencing, restorative justice, and diversion. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 501.)

AJ 611 Issues in Juvenile Justice Administration (3)

This course provides critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues in administration and management of juvenile justice agencies and clients. Special emphasis is placed upon disproportionate minority confinement, administration and management of comprehensive strategies for delinquency prevention programs, and community placements. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 501.)

AJ 612 Administrative Law for Justice Agencies (3)

This course provides an in-depth analysis of historical and contemporary administrative law guiding justice agencies. It includes an examination of administrative rule-making. (Prerequisites: AJ 501, 504.)

AJ 613 Evaluation Research for Justice Agencies (3)

This course provides an overview of evaluation research methods and their application to justice agencies policies and programs. It provides an in-depth analysis of the complexities of evaluation research in administration of justice by examining recent research. (Prerequisites: AJ 501, 502, 503, 504.)

AJ 614 Issues in Terrorism and the Administration of Justice (3)

This course presents an analysis of the impact of terrorism on administration and management of justice agencies. Topics covered include domestic and international terrorism, integrated terrorism information systems, secure confinement, and technological developments. (Prerequisites: AJ 501, 607.)

AJ 615 Seminar on Special Topics in Administration of Justice (3)

This course is designed to provide in-depth analyses of selected topics in Administration of Justice. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 501, 502, 503.)

AJ 616 Environmental Crime and Administration of Justice (3)

This course provides an examination of the nature and forms of environmental crime and the role of justice agencies in its prevention and control. The course includes an examination of perpetrators, enforcement, prosecution and sanctioning at state, national and international levels. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 504, 505.)

AJ 617 Independent Study (3)

This is a faculty-supervised independent study of a current topic in the administration of justice. (Prerequisite: Permission of the GPD)

AJ 701 Capstone Seminar (3)

This course is required for students selecting the non-thesis option. It will examine contemporary issues and practices in administration of justice. The course will culminate with a capstone project that focuses on a specific aspect of administration of justice. (Prerequisites: AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 2 electives.)

AJ 788/789 Thesis (3 or 6)

Enrollment is required when the thesis is being completed. Only 6 credits may be applied to the Master's degree. Students will prepare their thesis under the direction of a thesis advisor and committee. (Prerequisites: Completion of AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, and 2 electives. Permission of the GPD.) Enrollment is required when the thesis is being completed. Only 6 credits may be applied to the Master's degree. Students will prepare their thesis under the direction of a thesis advisor and committee. (Prerequisites: Completion of AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, and 2 electives. Permission of the GPD.)