COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CJU402 Returning Student Seminar for Criminal Justice - 4 credits
This course will provide each student with an opportunity to reflect on their decision to return to college. Emphasis will be on preparations for their return to college and their development of a learning plan. Students will focus on time management, organizational skills, and practical writing for criminal justice practitioners. Extensive time will be devoted to writing fundamentals, such as mechanics, sentence structure, academic and professional prose and APA style.

CJU422 Information Literacy in Criminal Justice - 4 credits
Information today grows exponentially. This course teaches students to identify information needs in their profession, know and access criminal justice data bases, discern legitimate information, manage the data, and present information in an articulate, professional manner. Students will effectively integrate sources in academic writings using APA style.

CJU437 Systems Thinking in Criminal Justice - 4 credits
Given the dynamic complexity of organizations, it is vital that professionals have an understanding of how organizations and systems interact. This course provides the skills to diagnose interactions and engage in finding solutions to problems. Systems thinking serves as one of the threads of continuity running throughout this degree program.

CJU452 Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice - 4 credits
This course will develop the understanding and working knowledge of constitutional law that professionals in this field are expected to have. Students will review constitutional history and basic concepts to understand interpretations of the Constitution by the United States Supreme Court impacting criminal justice, and learn practical research strategies to find law.

CJU451 Diversity in Criminal Justice - 4 credits
While multiculturalism is a popular term in today's society, diversity issues play a particularly important role in criminal justice. This course provides an understanding of diversity from theoretical, organizational, and personal perspectives to impact the effectiveness of those employed in criminal justice and mitigate the risk of legal liability and public perception issues that negatively impact this profession.

CJU435 Philosophy of Values and Ethics - 4 credits
Students examine the issues of accountability in government and business regarding human rights and ethics through readings, discussion and debates. Exploring both ethical theory and personal values, students develop a system for making ethical decisions in their personal and professional lives. This course also explores the emotional and physical risks associated with their work and helps develop strategies that will nurture maintaining physical and emotional health.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE
This program is designed for students working in the criminal justice system who desire to improve their work, position themselves for promotions; and facilitate life transition. This program is not intended for Minnesota peace officer licensure, but will qualify for continuing education credits where accepted. Successful completion of this program will enable students to:
• Understand the organization and administration of criminal justice;
• Apply systems thinking to personal and professional relationships;
• Demonstrate theoretical and practical knowledge of constitutional law;
• Implement personal and professional change after examining such issues relative to ethics, diversity and academic growth;
• Develop strategies for maintaining balance of personal life and professional career.

THE CONCORDIA ADVANTAGE
• Flexible – Online or blended program options
• Accelerated – Complete your program in 24 months or less
• Manageable – Attend class or online discussion just one night a week (always on the same night and time)
• Affordable – Competitively priced programs and convenient payment options
• Collaborative – Experience cohort-based learning with a small group of talented professionals who learn together for the duration of your program
CJU431 Inside the Criminal Mind - 4 credits
This course explores theories and research of criminal behavior. Students will examine how past and present understanding of criminals has determined responses of society and the criminal justice system.

CJU453 Troubled Youth in the Criminal Justice Corrections System - 4 credits
This course explores why and how governments have always treated children differently than adults. Theories of delinquency and the corresponding responses by society through the criminal justice system are addressed, as are current data, trends and programs. Students will also explore the challenges facing juvenile corrections in a society that continues to change in demographics, norms, and expectations of criminal justice.

CJU455 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice - 4 credits
Current criminal justice related events occurring nationally and locally will provide the scenarios for students to apply the knowledge acquired during this degree program in a thoughtful and scholarly manner. Students will draw upon their understanding of systems thinking, constitutional law, religion, modern trends, ethics, and individual and community behavior.

CJU490 Criminal Justice Portfolio - 4 credits
This final course is designed to help learners reflect on all they have done during this degree program. Students will synthesize all they have learned. Preparation of a professional and educational portfolio or e-portfolio will cap the learning experience. Students will participate in group activities to provide closure to the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS
For admission consideration, a student must submit:
1. Bachelor of Arts application
2. Official transcripts from all previous institutions attended
3. Personal statement

TO APPLY
Applications are available at www.csp.edu/apply or by contacting the Office of Admission.

Email application materials to: onlineinfo@csp.edu.

TUITION AND FEES
This is a 40-credit program. For tuition and financial aid information, please call 888-859-0641 or visit online.csp.edu.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
Students use their personal computer in this program. To begin the program, students must meet the requirements listed on the technology agreement. To view this agreement please visit www.csp.edu/Admission/AcceleratedDegree/Documents

Course descriptions, fees and other information included in this form are subject to change. Please refer to the Academic Catalog on our website for more information on program requirements.