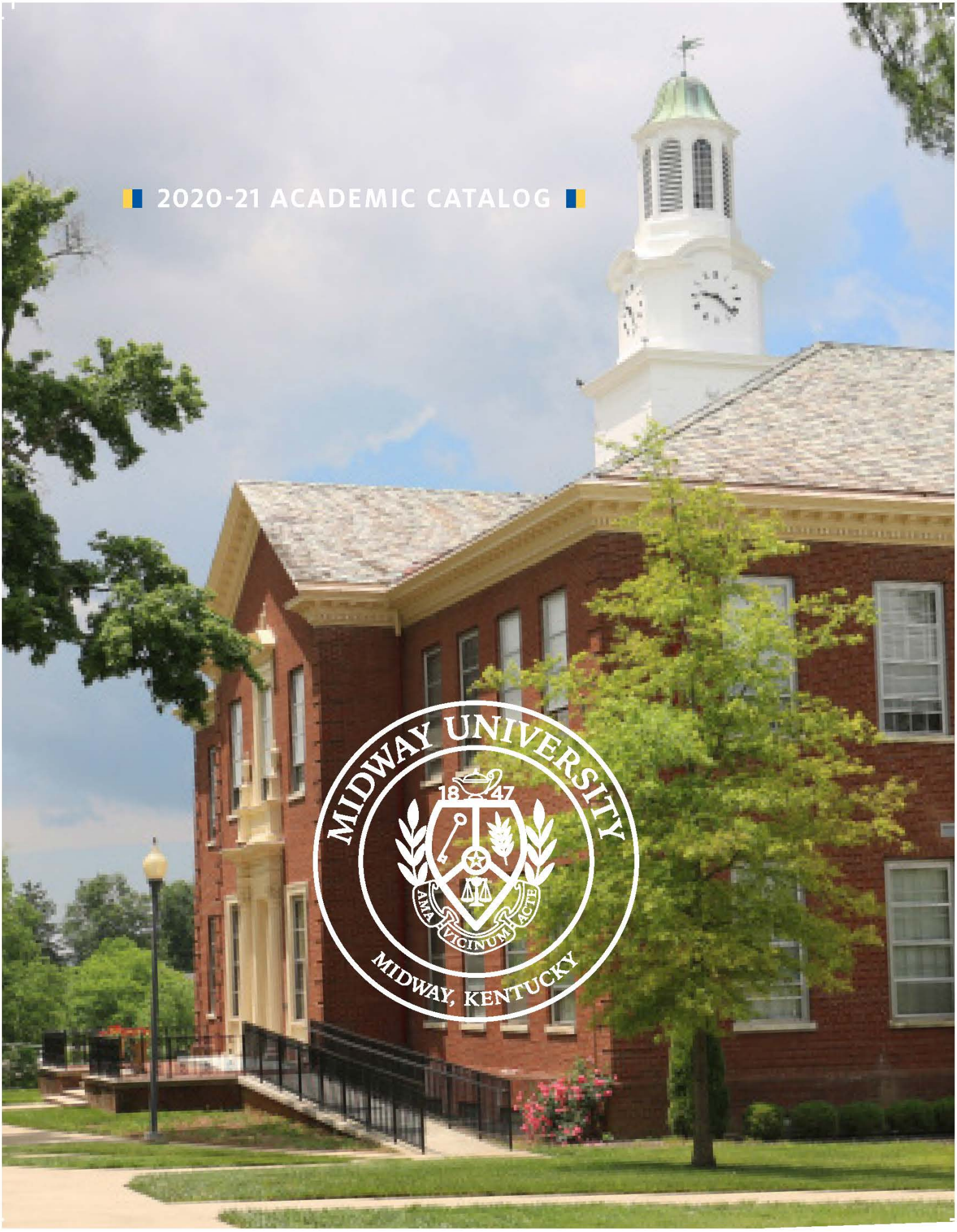
2020-21 ACADEMIC CATALOG



Midway University Course Catalog

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The Bachelor of Science Criminal Justices (120 hours) introduces students to the field of criminal justice by examining the major disciplines in the field of criminal justice. Students will be introduced to law enforcement, courts, corrections, and contemporary challenges in criminal justice with discussion of the high ethical standards expected of criminal justice professionals. Areas emphasized include criminal investigation, criminal behavior, and kinesic interviewing, along with an understanding of social, abnormal and forensic psychology. The course work for this program affords the student an opportunity for hands-on experience with many law enforcement, courts and corrections programs.

Student Learning Outcomes of Program

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Analyze criminal conduct as it relates to one of the main theories of criminal behavior.
- Assess the varying roles in the criminal justice system.
- Match the facts of a crime to a given statute or case law precedent.
- Describe the court system in prosecuting and defending criminal acts.
- Distinguish between methods of punishment and correction.

Courses

CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

This course introduces the learner to the field of criminal justice by examining the major disciplines in the field of criminal justice. Students will be introduced to law enforcement, courts, corrections, and contemporary challenges in criminal justice.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 201 - Corrections

As one of its three main components, along with law enforcement and the courts, the field of corrections is fundamental to the study of criminal justice. This course will provide an introduction to the history and background of corrections and the fundamental theories of punishment and rehabilitation. Emphasis will be placed on the policies, practices, and issues within the correctional system, the incarceration of criminal populations in jails and prisons, and the expansion of community-based corrections. Included in the course will be an examination of the cultural, social, and theoretical contexts from which these developed.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 305 - Constitutional Rights and Criminal Procedures

This course examines the legal implications of obtaining evidence directly from the suspect. The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments, and the rules of evidence are discussed as they relate to the investigation of criminal acts.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 310 - Criminal Organizations

This course will provide students with the framework for studying organized crime to identify public safety needs to control organized illegal activities. Learners will examine the evolution of criminal organizations, focusing primarily on organizations operating in the United States.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 315 - Terrorism

This course examines the psychological motivations for terrorist acts. It also explores the historical and governmental factors that provide a breeding ground for terrorist activities. Finally, it examines the social and religious justifications often utilized by terrorists. Both domestic and international terrorist groups are examined with a focus on prevention, identification, and deterrence of terrorist activities.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 320 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Special topics courses are offered on a variety of issues pertaining to the field of criminal justice. They will be designed to offer an in depth look at a particular aspect of criminal justice. Prerequisite: to be determined or consent of instructor.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 350 - Policing America

This course is designed to introduce students to the origins and history of policing, various law enforcement agencies and careers, and the current functioning of policing in America. Students will study strategies of policing as well as current debates in the field.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 370 - Criminological Theory

This course is designed to introduce students to the various classical, biological, psychological, and sociological theories of crime with emphasis placed predominately on sociological explanations of crime. Students will learn more about the correlates of criminal behavior at the individual, group, and societal level as well as measures intended to control crime and the theoretical frameworks that guide our thinking about the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

Prerequisites:

- CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRJ 405 - Criminal Justice Ethics

This course provides a broad overview of ethics as it applies to criminal justice practitioners. Ethical issues such as abuse of authority, racial discrimination, lying and deception, and others are addressed in the context of policing, courts, corrections, probation, and parole. Special attention is paid to the role leaders in criminal justice agencies play in establishing ethical practices within the organization.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 410 - Courts and Court Procedures

This course looks at the role of courts in the criminal justice process. Jurisdiction and the legal process are examined for an understanding of the legal system. The rules of evidence are explored in how they provide fairness to court proceedings.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 420 - Criminal Investigation

This course introduces students to the process by which crime scene investigation is conducted. Students learn about the various personnel involved in crime scene processing and the important role each plays in a criminal investigation. Guidelines for crime scene processing and evidence gathering are emphasized in the context of investigating various types of crimes.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 495 - Internship in Criminal Justice

Internship courses allow practical application of classroom knowledge and intentional development of skills applicable to the student's professional growth. The internship experience requires 120 hours of relevant field work, assigned readings and quizzes, reflection papers, evaluation by on-site supervisor, and a final paper. This course is restricted to Junior/senior status. Internship courses are graded pass/fail. May be repeated once. Only 3 credits of internship may be applied toward the upper level CRJ electives towards the major.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Junior or senior status
- May be repeated once

- Only 3 credits of internship may be applied toward the upper level CRJ electives towards the major.

CRJ 496 - Careers in Criminal Justice

In this course, students will complete a series of assignments that will allow them to further explore career options within the criminal justice field. This course emphasizes experiential learning. Students will participate in interviews with criminal justice professionals.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

CRJ 498 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice

This course is designed to introduce students to the various research methodologies utilized to understand crime and the criminal justice system. Both qualitative and quantitative research methods will be discussed. The course covers research design, ethics, and data analysis. IN addition to exams and assignments, students will write a research proposal, which includes a literature review, research design, and potential findings/implications. Prerequisite: CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice. Students strongly encouraged to take ENG 380 with this course.

Grade Basis: L
Credit hours: 3.0
Lecture hours: 3.0

Prerequisites:

- CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

Restrictions:

- Students strongly encouraged to take ENG 380 with this course.

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