

# LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

## ONLINE ACADEMY

### Associate of Arts - Criminal Justice: Course Descriptions

#### Summer Semester after 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### **UNIV 104 (CSB 3101) – Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning**

Designed to equip students for success as they transition into the online classroom, this course offers strategic information tailored to ensure academic excellence in this unique learning environment; this information includes Liberty University's foundations and beliefs, Liberty University Online resources for success, Blackboard navigation techniques, time management strategies, the adult learner's responsibilities, methods for identifying and avoiding academic misconduct, scholarly research tactics, and approaches for selecting the appropriate courses towards completion of the preferred degree program.

*College Credits: 3*

##### **GOVT 220 (HIS 3220) – American Government**

The issues, interest and institutions of American politics, emphasizing the struggle between liberalism and conservatism.

*College Credits: 3*

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Fall Semester

##### **ENGL 101 (LAN 3101) – Composition & Rhetoric**

Through the critical engagement of a variety of texts, including written, oral, and visual, this course prepares students to become careful readers, critical thinkers, and skilled writers. Drawing upon rhetorical theory, it emphasizes the practices of analytical reading, informed reasoning, effective writing, and sound argumentation. The course requires 4,000 words of writing in no fewer than five writing projects, three of which are argumentative essays incorporating external sources.

*College Credits: 3*

##### **RLGN 104 (BIB 3107) – Christian Life & Biblical Worldview**

This is a study in the development and application of the biblical worldview. This course will include an introduction and application of critical thinking skills, as well as a study of religious and philosophical worldviews. Special attention will be given to the theology and methodology of evangelism.

*College Credits: 4*

##### **ENGL 102 (LAN 3102) – Composition & Literature**

Composition and Literature continues the emphasis on writing. Two analytical papers—based upon studies of the short story, poetry, and drama—and a research paper, sequentially developed, are required.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101*

**BIBL 104 (BIB 3106) – Survey of Old & New Testament**

This survey course is designed to lay a foundational understanding of Scripture via a historical survey of the Old and New Testaments. The student will engage a range of learning activities related to the issues interacting with biblical literature, basic hermeneutical principles, key themes and persons of the canon, and the redemptive theme of Scripture.

*College Credits: 4*

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Spring Semester**

**COMS 101 (LAN 3103) – Speech Communication**

Study and practice in communicating ideas competently in public speaking. Students are also given a foundation for the development of communication skills in other human communication contexts, including dyadic and small group communication.

*College Credits: 3*

**GOVT 200 (HIS 3200) – Constitutional Government & Free Enterprise**

Diverse introduction to political and economic ideas, government institutions, free market processes, public issues, economic policy and political and economic activity, emphasizing the close relationship between a system of limited constitutional government and the free enterprise economy and providing an overview of the Christian worldview with regard to government and economics.

*College Credits: 3*

**CJUS 200 (CRJ 3200) – Intro to Criminal Justice**

An introductory course covering an overview of the whole criminal justice system in America, including discussion of law enforcement generally, the court systems, correctional organizations, the history of law enforcement in the U.S. and some other nations, and the ethics and philosophy of criminal justice generally.

*College Credits: 3*

**CJUS 230 (CRJ 3230) – Criminal Justice Research & Writing**

This course is an introductory course to research in the social sciences, both in traditional and online venues. It covers plagiarism, APA formatting, case briefing, academic writing, formal reporting, and memoranda. A major research paper is required.

*College Credits: 3*

### **Summer Semester after 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**MATH 115 (or higher)**

Students must take MATH 115 or higher. MATH 115 is recommended.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: MATH 110, Math Assessment, or SAT/ACT*

**BIOL 101 (SCI 3101) – Principles of Biology**

An examination of the fundamental characteristics common among living things. Emphasis is placed upon studies of the cell, energy, metabolism, reproduction, heredity, ecology, phylogeny and the diversity of life.

*College Credits: 3*

**BIOL 103 (SCI 3103) – Principles of Biology Lab**

Laboratory exercises selected to demonstrate basic biological concepts. Emphasis is on plant and animal cell chemistry, composition and function, organismal structure and function, biological diversity and population ecology.

*College Credits: 1*

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Fall Semester**

### **ENGL 202 (LAN 3202) – American Literature II**

A survey of American literature following the American Renaissance. Two critical papers are required.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102*

### **CJUS 320 (CRJ 3320) – Corrections**

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the criminal correctional system in the United States. The student will review the history of corrections and procedural, statutory, and case law of American correction.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: CJUS 200 & CJUS230*

### **PSYC 101 (ASC 3101) – General Psychology**

Introduction to Psychology as a scientific discipline concerned with the study of behavior. Consideration will be given to such topics as human development, motivation, emotion, perception, learning, personality, intelligence, measurement, and applied areas.

*College Credits: 3*

*\*Subject material may be considered sensitive by some students*

### **CJUS 330 (CRJ 3330) – Judicial Process**

This course is designed to increase the understanding of the criminal judicial process in the United States. It includes a study of the functioning of courts, judges, lawyers and law enforcement agencies, including judicial decision-making and the impact of court decisions on the American Republic.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: CJUS 200 & CJUS 230*

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Spring Semester**

### **THEO 104 (BIB 3104) – Intro to Theology Survey**

This course is an introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity.

*College Credits: 4*

### **CJUS 340 (CRJ 3340) – Criminology**

This course is designed to examine theories regarding the nature and cause of criminal behavior and society's response. It approaches crime from a philosophical, psychological, and sociological perspective. Most importantly, this course strives to integrate a theological, perspective to crime and punishment. (Formerly CJUS 210)

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: CJUS 200 & CJUS 230*

### **CJUS 231 (CRJ 3231) – Criminal Justice Report Writing**

This course is an introductory course in criminal justice professional writing. It covers all major reports from first responder report to criminal case file. The emphasis is on criminal justice tradecraft reporting.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: CJUS 200 & CJUS 230*

### **CJUS 400 (CRJ 3400) – Criminal Law**

This course is designed to provide an overview of the legal elements that apply to criminal law, procedure, and evidence, including proof, intent, conspiracy, classifications of crimes and related punishments, culpable mental states, defenses, rules of evidence (including the exclusionary rule), and rights and procedures in the gathering of evidence.

*College Credits: 3*

*Course Prerequisites: CJUS 200 & CJUS 230*