

# JUSTICE STUDIES (JUST)

Justice studies students think critically about issues that are part of the national conversation concerning justice: race and policing, cybercrime, the opioid crisis, juvenile delinquency, sexual and interpersonal violence, immigrants and refugees, wrongful convictions and bullying. All majors do applied or research internships in New England or Washington. Many spend a semester studying in Budapest and participating in Mock Trial. Our graduates excel in various positions including FBI agents, federal probation and patrol, police officers from local to federal levels, victim/witness advocates, prison wardens, police prosecutors, attorneys and juvenile justice advocates.

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## Programs

- Justice Studies Dual Major (<http://catalog.unh.edu/archives/2018-2019/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/justice-studies/justice-studies-dual-major>)
- Justice Studies Minor (<http://catalog.unh.edu/archives/2018-2019/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/justice-studies/justice-studies-minor>)
- Forensics Minor (<http://catalog.unh.edu/archives/2018-2019/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/justice-studies/forensics-minor>)

## Courses

### Justice Studies (JUST)

#### JUST 401 - Introduction to Justice Studies

**Credits:** 4

Overview of justice studies as the study of law and law-like systems. Includes literature from both the law and society, and criminology. Topics will include morality versus legality, the American legal civil and criminal system, torts, and adult versus juvenile justice.

#### JUST 405 - Technology, Crime, and Society: A Forensic Exploration of High-Tech and Digital Crime

**Credits:** 4

This course addresses the ways in which technology, crime, and law converge in the wider society in the twenty-first century. While emerging technologies bring great benefits, they also bring unintended and unforeseen consequences. This course uses a social science orientation to explore a new and evolving field of forensic technology.

**Attributes:** Environment, TechSociety(Disc)

#### JUST 410 - Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention (SHARPP) Peer Advocacy

**Credits:** 2

Provide education and awareness around issues of sexual and intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and stalking. This course teaches students the skills needed to support survivors and their allies, by providing resources and advocacy, including university systems, medical, legal advocacy, and Title IX issues. This course allows for privileged communication by NH law, and requires a 1 year commitment to SHARPP Peer Advocacy. All majors accepted. Permission required.

#### JUST 415 - SHARPP Advocacy II

**Credits:** 2

This course is a continuation of JUST 410. Advocates will demonstrate understanding of skills learned in JUST 410 by practical use of the skills on the Crisis Line. Prereq: JUST 410.

#### JUST 501 - Research Methods

**Credits:** 4

Overview of the various methodologies used in justice studies research: quantitative, qualitative, and legal. Topics include issues of design such as ethics, reliability, and validity measurement. Students will design and write up research proposals using one of the methods reviewed in the course. Prereq: PSYC 402 or SOC 502 or equivalent.

**Attributes:** Inquiry (Discovery)

#### JUST 520 - Girls Gone Bad: Delinquent Girls in Cultural Context

**Credits:** 4

This course explores the important and under-studied intersection between gender/girls and delinquency. Who is the typical female delinquent? What causes her to get into trouble? What happens to her if she is arrested? Topics include the extent and nature of adolescent girl's delinquency and theoretical explanations for delinquency. Focus on social contexts (family, peers, school), developmental and social psychological factors and adolescent girls' experiences with the juvenile system.

#### JUST #530 - Inside the Courtroom: Torn from the Headlines

**Credits:** 4

JUST #530 provides students an overview of criminal law procedure. The course is expressly aimed to serve students in the humanities and social sciences who may work in law-related fields, pursue advanced course work in academic disciplines that focus on law-related phenomena or go to law school. The course uses a distance education model, which requires students to invest significant amounts of time and effort outside of "class" activities to master the salient concepts presented in the course. The course provides students with a thorough introduction to the major legal categories of crime. The course also provides students with an understanding of the importance and role of the law of criminal procedure through an exploration of current issues and controversies. From time to time the course touches upon comparative views of other legal traditions. Class discussions, readings, and assignments frequently use current New Hampshire law and criminal cases as points of reference.

**Attributes:** Humanities(Disc)

#### JUST 550 - Mock Trial

**Credits:** 2

Participation in American Mock Trial Association intercollegiate competition. Study and preparation for trial of national case (criminal or civil, alternate years). Year long course, 2 credit hours per semester. May be repeated up to a maximum of 8 credits. Special fee. Permission required.

#### JUST 551 - Mock Trial

**Credits:** 2

Participation in American Mock Trial Association intercollegiate competition. Study and preparation for trial of national case (criminal or civil, alternate years). Year long course, 2 credit hours per semester. May be repeated up to a maximum of 8 credits. Special fee. Permission required.

**JUST 591 - Forensic Psychology**

**Credits:** 4

Forensic psychology is one of the fastest growing sub-fields in psychology and in fact one of the fastest growing disciplines in the world of social science. Still, most people in the general population as well as many individuals within the study of psychology know very little about what forensic psychology actually is. This course is designed to cover the various roles and issues that constitute the science of forensic psychology and to help student deepen their understanding of the various roles forensic psychologists play in the real world. Needless to say, this course will not train you to be a forensic psychologist, but hopefully it will spark your interest about a very exciting topic and encourage you to study some of the issues we touch on, as you move on academically.

**JUST 595 - Special Topics**

**Credits:** 1-4

Special topics of advanced study in Justice Studies. Selected offerings reflect faculty expertise in teaching and research. May be repeated in different topic areas.

**JUST 601 - Internship**

**Credits:** 4

Placement by the justice studies coordinator in a position related to the justice system (e.g., criminal courts, corrections, civil courts, law firms, policy-making agencies, law enforcement agencies); weekly class meetings. Prereq: permission; seniors only.

**JUST 602 - Research Internship**

**Credits:** 4

Independent research working with Justice Studies faculty on their projects. Includes working with faculty at such research centers as Crimes against Children, Family Research Lab, and Justiceworks. Student/supervisor contract required. Minimum time commitment: 12 hours per week. Prereq: JUST 401, 501; or permission.

**JUST 650 - Special Studies in Comparative Justice Systems**

**Credits:** 4

This course will involve periodic offerings in comparative analysis of justice systems in an international context. May be repeated for a total of 8 credits provided both course offerings are substantially different. Must be taken with JUST 651 for those students participating in the Justice Studies Budapest Program. Prereq: POLT 507 and/or SOC 515.

**Co-requisite:** COLA 657, INCO 588, JUST 651

**JUST 651 - Field Studies in the Hungarian Justice System**

**Credits:** 6

This course is designed to provide Justice Studies Budapest Program students with first-hand experience with the workings of the Hungarian justice system. Weekly field trips to agencies in law enforcement, the courts, and correctional facilities in the Budapest area will be arranged, and periodic lectures by Hungarian criminal justice professionals and scholars will compliment these visits. Must be taken with JUST 650 for those students participating in the Justice Studies Budapest Program. Prereq: POLT 507 and/or SOC 515. Cr/F.

**Co-requisite:** COLA 657, INCO 588, JUST 650

**JUST 701 - Senior Seminar**

**Credits:** 4

Advanced material in which the instructor has specialized knowledge through research and study. Topics may include the death penalty, terrorism, psychology of the jury, ethics and morality, immigration, therapeutic jurisprudence, and juveniles tried as adults. Prereq: JUST 401, 501.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course

**JUST 765 - Special Topics**

**Credits:** 4

New or specialized courses are presented under this listing. Staff present material not normally covered by the course offerings. Cross-listed courses. May be repeated but not duplicate content.

**JUST 765W - Special Topics**

**Credits:** 4

New or specialized courses are presented under this listing. Staff present material not normally covered by the course offerings. Cross-listed courses. May be repeated but not duplicate content. Writing intensive.

**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course

**JUST 795 - Reading and Research**

**Credits:** 1-4

An independent study that is arranged by the student and supervised by a Justice Studies faculty member. Course requirements include: assembling and reading a substantial bibliography in the field; completing several written assignments and in some cases participating in hands-on experiences such as data collection and analysis. This course is by permission only and requires a signed agreement/proposal prior to registration. May be taken for 1-4 credits and includes a minimum of 3 hours of coursework per week per credit hour. Writing intensive in some select cases.

## Faculty

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