

# 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](#)
- [Justice Studies Minor](#)
- [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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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)

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

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

**Credits:** 4

SHARPP Peer Advocacy is designed to provide the training and development of peer advocates to work directly with survivors of interpersonal violence while staffing SHARPP's 24/7 support line. Under NH state law (NH RSA 173:C), to have confidentiality as an advocate, individuals must successfully complete a minimum of 30-hours of specialized training and complete 6 hours of annual continuing education. This course will give students the basic understandings and skills needed to serve as a peer advocate, though is not meant to be the only training they receive in this role or as a comprehensive overview of all information needed to work with survivors.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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.

**Grade Mode:** Credit/Fail

#### 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)

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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. Special fee. Permission required.

**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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. Special fee. Permission required.

**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

#### 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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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.

**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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 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

**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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

**Grade Mode:** Credit/Fail

**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

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

**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.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

## Faculty

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