

## **Ph.D. in Criminal Justice**

### **Track 3: Juvenile Justice**

(Offered through the **Fischler School of Education and Human Services**)

This track will provide specialized training in .....

#### **Specialty Track (15 credits):**

##### **CJI 8310 Contemporary Challenges in Juvenile Justice Leadership: (3 credits)**

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the various challenges facing the juvenile justice system in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A range of contemporary issues central to juvenile justice will be analyzed including: trends in juvenile violence; the proliferation of gangs; the impact of significant institutional influences (family, peers, schools and community) on delinquents; gender and racial disparity in the administration of justice; the correlates of delinquency including childhood abuse, exposure to violence, drugs; and the philosophical shift toward balanced and restorative justice.

##### **CJI 8320 Legal and Ethical Issues in Juvenile Justice: (3 credits)**

This course examines contemporary legal and ethical issues from the perspective of their integration into the practice of leadership in juvenile justice systems. Students will research a variety of topics, including institutional values and ethical decision making processes, punishment and treatment of the juvenile offender, criminal culpability, police handling of juveniles, the juvenile court, and juvenile corrections and rehabilitation.

##### **CJI 8330 Comparative Juvenile Justice Systems: (3 credits)**

Examines world crime and criminal justice surveys of the United Nations; analyzes the relationship between crime rates and differential juvenile justice systems, as well as socioeconomic development indicators. This course will cover an in-depth analysis of different approaches to law enforcement, juvenile-criminal procedure and juvenile law, and juvenile justice and corrections worldwide.

##### **CJI 8340 Advanced Juvenile Justice Policy: (3 credits)**

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the origin, philosophy and objectives of the juvenile justice system. An extensive and systematic analysis of juvenile justice policies and practices will be undertaken, especially those reflecting the philosophical shift toward offender accountability and public safety. Topics include an examination of Supreme Court decisions and legislative reforms related to the treatment, prevention and control of juvenile delinquents

##### **CJI 8350 Advanced Study: Ideas, Issues and Practices in Juvenile Justice: (3 credits)**

This is a course that includes a menu of topics and issues in juvenile justice that students will select for further study, contingent upon faculty approval. Students are expected to synthesize and integrate the learning experiences in juvenile justice and to evaluate research and current topics relative to the field. Topics for consideration include but are not limited to: leadership perspectives on juvenile justice; the changing nature of juvenile justice in the United States; evolving models and practices; and self-care and burnout prevention strategies for juvenile justice practitioners.