

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BS

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students for entry-level to more advanced positions in a variety of criminal justice careers. These career opportunities include, but are not limited to, the law enforcement agencies, counseling and social services or human services agencies, court management and administration units, Probation and Parole and Specialized Security Organizations. Our curriculum supports career preparation with the inclusion of a required internship in criminal justice or a related field. Students are required to successfully complete 160 internship hours and must satisfy the academic component of the internship.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program also provides students currently working in the field with the competencies and credentials necessary for career advancement and the skills needed to obtain supervisory/development, and management positions. Our innovative curriculum includes a culminating course, CJ-480 Criminal Justice Capstone, which requires students to apply scientific knowledge and their research skills to address a specific criminal justice issue and to recommend sound policies.

Additionally, the bachelor's program provides excellent preparation for graduate and professional studies in criminal justice and its related fields.

The program level objectives for students completing the BS in Criminal Justice are as follows:

1. Articulate the contemporary issues affecting the criminal justice system
2. Describe and evaluate the impact of diversity, race, gender, class, ethnicity and sexual orientation on policing, bail, sentencing, incarceration and criminal justice reform
3. Apply criminal justice research in measuring, interpreting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data within research design and evaluating different research models, their advantages and disadvantages
4. Effectively demonstrate knowledge of information technology on criminal justice research
5. Demonstrate competency and fluency in applying academic theory to practical experiences in professional settings or within policy recommendations
6. Develop and refine the requisite oral, written communication and leadership skills to advance in criminal justice related fields

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major-Related Courses		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
CJ-202	Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America	3
CJ-205	Criminal Procedure and Process	3
CJ-210	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ-211	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community	3
or CJ-160	Cyber Crime	
CJ-212	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3

CJ-302	Research Methods in Criminal Justice I	3
CJ-320	Diversity in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJ-350	Research Methods in Criminal Justice II	3
CJ-390	Field Experience in Criminal Justice II	3
CJ-430	Leadership in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJ-480	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
IT-118	Integrated Business Applications	3
Open Elective		15
Major-Related Courses Subtotal		60
General Education and Related Courses		
HS-101	Introduction to Human Services	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
LA-103	Introduction to Political Science	3
or LA-160	Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	
LA-108	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior	3
LA-122	Fundamentals of Communication	3
or LA-205	Professional Communication	
LA-130	American History I: Independence to the Civil War	3
LA-213	Restorative Justice Principles And Practice	3
LA-240	Criminology	3
LA-242	Victimology	3
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3
MA-135	Statistical Applications	3
English Credits		12
Liberal Arts Electives		15
General Education and Related Courses Subtotal		60
Total Credits		120

Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-202	Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America	3
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
LA-122	Fundamentals of Communication	3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
EN-121	Analytical Thinking, Writing & Research	3
IT-118	Integrated Business Applications	3
LA-103	Introduction to Political Science	3
or LA-160	or Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
CJ-205	Criminal Procedure and Process	3
CJ-212	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
HS-101	Introduction to Human Services	3
LA-213	Restorative Justice Principles And Practice	3
Open Elective	Open Elective ¹	3
Credits		15
Semester 4		
CJ-210	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ-211	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community	3
or CJ-160	or Cyber Crime	

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CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3
LA-240	Criminology	3
Open Elective	Open Elective ¹	3
Credits		15
Semester 5		
CJ-302	Research Methods in Criminal Justice I	3
CJ-320	Diversity in the Criminal Justice System	3
EN-ELE	English Elective	3
LA-242	Victimology	3
MA-135	Statistical Applications	3
Credits		15
Semester 6		
CJ-350	Research Methods in Criminal Justice II	3
EN-ELE or LA-205	English Elective or Professional Communication	3
LA-108	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior	3
LA-130	American History I: Independence to the Civil War	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective	3
Credits		15
Semester 7		
CJ-390	Field Experience in Criminal Justice II	3
CJ-430	Leadership in the Criminal Justice System	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective ¹	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective ¹	3
Open Elective	Open Elective ¹	3
Credits		15
Semester 8		
CJ-480	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective ¹	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective ¹	3
Open Elective	Open Elective ¹	3
Open Elective	Open Elective ¹	3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

¹ Electives should be chosen based on advisement.