

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Department of Criminal Justice offers an interdisciplinary program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with concentrations in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Legal Studies, and Forensic Science. The program offers an appreciation of the full complexity of American criminal justice, and permits students the opportunity to understand fully the social changes and technological progress in criminal justice agencies. The major requires a variety of courses pertaining to the administration of criminal justice and an equal number of courses on the nature and social causes of criminal behavior.

To prepare students for careers in highly competitive criminal justice positions, the department offers students: (1) the courses rated by criminal justice faculty and professionals across the United States as being the most valuable in the broad criminal justice field; and (2) internships in law enforcement, the courts, corrections, law, forensic sciences, and other branches of criminal justice.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Requirements

- 1. Complete the University requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree *(51 units minimum)*
- 2. Complete the following **prerequisites** to the major: *(15 units)*
CJ 2250 **Intro to Criminal Justice**, 3 units (Lower GE–Area D2)
CJ 2255 **Methods of Criminal Justice Inquiry**, 3 units
CJ 2270 **Criminal Investigations**, 3 units
CJ 2280 **Criminal Law**, 3 units
CJ 2450 **Criminal Judicial Process**, 3 units
- 3. Concentrations in Corrections, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Justice and Criminal Legal Studies must complete not less than 41 upper-division units in Criminal Justice.
- 4. For the Forensic Science Concentration, students must complete no less than 46 upper-division units. The degree in Criminal Justice with a Forensic Science Concentration requires the completion of no less than 63 units total.
- 5. Maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or better in the major. Completion of a minor is not required.

THE MAJOR

(41 upper division units minimum)

Complete the following **Core** Courses, required of all Concentrations *(23 units)*:

- CJ 3120 **Causes of Crime**, 3 units
- CJ 3170 **Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP)** 4 units
- CJ 4141 **Criminal Procedure I**, 3 units, (Fall)
- CJ 4151 **Criminal Procedure II**, 3 units, (Spring)
- CJ 4230 **Juvenile Justice**, 4 units
- CJ 4925 **Historical and Contemporary Criminal Justice**, 3 units
- Complete one of the following courses:
CJ 3315 **Hate Crimes**, 3 units
CJ 4201 **Criminal Justice & Social Movements**, 3 units
CJ 4735 **Social & Legal Rights of Disenfranchised**, 3 units
CJ 4875 **Immigration & the American CJ System**, 3 units
CJ 4915 **Sex Crimes & Gender Issues in Criminal Justice**, 3 units
CJ 4960 **Race, Ethnicity and the Criminal Justice System**, 3 units

CONCENTRATIONS WITHIN THE MAJOR

Students must select a concentration in either Corrections, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Legal Studies, or Forensic Science by completing the lower division prerequisites to the Major, the required Core Courses, and the requirements of the Concentration. The following Concentrations are offered:

CORRECTIONS CONCENTRATION

(19 units minimum)

The following is required to complete the Criminal Justice Major *(57 units total)* with a Corrections Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 15 units
- B. **Core courses**, 23 units
- C. **Concentration courses**, 19 units

1. Complete the following concentration courses:
(13 units minimum):

- CJ 3130 **Administration of Corrections**, 3 units, (Spring)
- CJ 3600 **Juvenile Corrections**, 4 units, (Spring)
- CJ 4135 **Constitutional Rights of Prisoners**, 3 units, (Fall)
- CJ 4150 **Probation and Parole**, 3 units, (Fall)

2. Complete 2 electives from the list of electives:
(6 units minimum)

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCENTRATION

(19 units minimum)

The following is required to complete the Criminal Justice Major (57 units total) with a Law Enforcement Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 15 units
- B. **Core courses**, 23 units
- C. **Concentration courses**, 19 units

1. Complete the following concentration courses:
(13 units minimum)

- CJ 3160 **Admin & Mgt of Law Enforcement**, 3 units, (Fall)
- CJ 3230 **Police Ethics and Civil Liability**, 3 units, (Spring)
- CJ 3250 **Ldshp & Superv in Law Enforcement**, 3 units, (Spring)
- CJ 3420 **Community/Problem Oriented Policing**, 4 units, (Fall)

2. Complete 2 electives from the list of electives:
(6 units minimum)

JUVENILE JUSTICE CONCENTRATION

19 units minimum)

The following is required to complete the Criminal Justice Major (57 units total) with a Juvenile Justice Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 15 units
- B. **Core courses**, 23 units
- C. **Concentration courses**, 19 units

1. Complete the following concentration courses:
(13 units minimum)

- CJ 3600 **Juvenile Corrections**, 4 units, (Spring)
- CJ 3650 **At Risk Youth**, 3 units, (Fall)
- CJ 4350 **Violence Against Children**, 3 units, (Fall)
- CJ 4700 **Youth Mentoring**, 3 units, (Spring)

2. Complete 2 electives from the list of electives:
(6 units minimum)

CRIMINAL LEGAL STUDIES
CONCENTRATION

(19) units minimum)

The following is required to complete the Criminal Justice Major (57 units total) with a Criminal Legal Studies Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 15 units
- B. **Core courses**, 23 units
- C. **Concentration courses**, 19 units
- 1. Complete the following concentration courses:
(13 units minimum)
CJ 3100 **Legal Research and Writing**, 4 units, (Spring)
CJ 3260 **Evidence**, 3 units, (Fall)
CJ 3500 **Jury Selection and Decision Making**, 3 units, (Fall)
CJ 4100 **Jurisprudence, Law and Society**, 3 units, (Spring)
- 2. Complete 2 electives from the list of electives:
(6 units minimum)

ELECTIVES

- CJ 3125 **Moot Court**, 3Units
- CJ 3235 **Domestic Violence and Intimate Abuse**, 3 units
- CJ 3315 **Hate Crimes**, 3 units (Multicultural)
- CJ 3350 **Organized Crime**, 3 units
- CJ 3460 **White Collar Crime**, 3 units
- CJ 4175 **Capital Crimes and the Death Penalty**, 3 units
- CJ 4200 **Crime Victims & the Criminal Justice System**, 3 units
- CJ 4201 **Criminal Justice and Social Movements**, 3 units
- CJ 4250 **Psychology of Criminal Behavior**, 4 units
- CJ 4340 **Interrogating the CJ System**, 3 units
- CJ 4400 **Criminal Justice and the Media**, 3 units
- CJ 4440 **Cyber Crime Forensic Investigation**, 3 units
- CJ 4450 **Crime, Mental Illness & Corrections**, 3 units
- CJ 4500 **Comparative Criminal Justice**, 3 units
- CJ 4600 **Terrorism and Homeland Security**, 3 units
- CJ 4735 **Rights of Disenfranchised People**, 3 Units (Multicultural)
- CJ 4875 **Immigration and the American CJ System**, 3 units
- CJ 4915 **Sex Crimes and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice**, 3 units
- CJ 4940 **Criminal Justice Internship**, 3 units
- CJ 4945 **Court Observer Program**, 3 units
- CJ 4920 **International Criminal Justice Systems**, 3 units
- CJ 4960 **Race, Ethnicity and the Criminal Justice System**, 3 units
- CJ 4985 **Crime Intelligence and Analysis**, 3 units
- SOCL 3240 **Social Deviance**, 3 units
- SOCL 4190 **Treatment of the Offender**, 3 units
- SOCL 4920 **Nutrition and Criminal Behavior**, 4 units

FORENSIC SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

(25-27 units)

1. The following General Education-Breadth courses or their equivalents are required.

CHEM 1100 **General Chemistry I**, 4 units

CHEM 1102 **General Chemistry I Laboratory**, 1 unit

BIOL 2310 **Human Genetics**, 3 units

MATH 1600 **Statistics**, 4 units

or MATH 1602 **Statistics with Support II**, 4 units

Math 1070 **College Algebra**, 3 units

or Math 1071& Math 1072, College Algebra with Support I & II

PSYC 2010 **Introduction to Psychology**, 3 units

2. The following is required to complete the Criminal Justice Major with a Forensic Science Concentration

(63-65 units total)

A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 15 units

B. **Core courses**, 23 units

C. **Concentration required courses**, 25-27 units

ANTH 4420 **Bodies of Evidence**, 3 units

BIOL 4850 **Forensic DNA Technology**, 2 units

CJ 3700 **Criminalistics I**, 4 units, (Fall)

CJ 3710 **Criminalistics II**, 4 units, (Spring)

CJ 4850 **Scientific Evidence and the Law**, 3 units, (Spring)

CJ/PSYC 4320 **Forensic Psychology**, 3 units (Fall)

Two of the following electives:

ANTH 4410 **Talking Skeletons: Case Studies**, 3 units

ART 3622 **Documentary Videography**, 3 units

ART 3624 **Digital Video Composing**, 3 units

ART 3640 **Digital Photography**, 3 units

BIOL 3310 **Cellular and Molecular Biology**, 3 units

BIOL 3350 **Introductory Genetics**, 3 units

BIOL 4840 **Genetic Biotechnology**, 3 units

CHEM 3010 **Organic Chemistry I**, 3 units

CHEM 3012 **Organic Chemistry Laboratory**, 1 unit

CJ 4250 **Psychology of Criminal Behavior**, 4 units

CJ 4440 **Cyber Crime Forensic Investigation**, (3 units)

CJ 4450 **Crime, Mental Illness & Corrections**, 3 units

CJ 4940 **CJ Internship**, 3 units

CJ 4985 **Crime Intelligence and Analysis**, 3 units

CS 4840 **Cybersecurity Fundamentals**, 3 units

GEOG 4750 **Geographic Information Systems**, 3 units

Zool 4280 **Physiology of Human Systems**, 4 units

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

(21 units minimum)

1. Complete the following lower division courses (9 units)

CJ 2250 **Introduction to Criminal Justice**, 3 units

CJ 2280 **Criminal Law**, 3 units

CJ 2450 **Criminal Judicial Process**, 3 units

2. Complete 4 upper division Criminal Justice courses with approval of academic advisor (12 units minimum)

FORENSIC SCIENCE MINOR

(19 units minimum)

The Forensic Sciences Minor is intended for Biology and Chemistry majors who wish to pursue careers in criminalistics or related fields.

CJ 2280 **Criminal Law**, 3 units

CJ 3700 **Criminalistics I**, 4 units, (Fall)

CJ 3710 **Criminalistics II**, 4 units, (Spring)

BIOL 4850 **Forensic DNA Technology**, 2 units

Two of the following or other upper division courses with approval of academic advisor (6 units minimum):

ANTH 4420 **Bodies of Evidence**, 3 units

CJ 4250 **Psychology of Criminal Behavior**, 4 units

CJ 4440 **Cyber Crime Forensic Investigation**, (3 units)

CJ 4450 **Crime, Mental Illness & Corrections**, 3 units

CJ 4850 **Scientific Evidence and the Law**, 3 units

CJ 4940 **Criminal Justice Internship**, 3 units

CJ 4985 **Crime Intelligence and Analysis**, 3 units

CJ/PSYC 4320 **Forensic Psychology**, 3 units

SOCIAL SCIENCES MINOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION

(15 units minimum)

1. Prerequisites: (6 units)

CJ 2250 **Introduction to Criminal Justice**, 3 units

CJ 2280 **Criminal Law**, 3 units

2. Select any nine to twelve upper division units in Criminal Justice, with advisor’s consent:

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Law Enforcement
Probation/Rehabilitation
Corrections
Counseling
Death Investigation/Coroner's Office
Crime Scene Investigation
Private Investigator
Teaching
Government Agencies
Research
Drug Abuse Programs
Community Agencies
Juvenile Justice
Law
Graduate Studies

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