

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 Concentration is required. 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 **Social Justice** courses:

CJ 3315 **Hate Crimes**, 3 units *(Multicultural)*

CJ 4201 **Criminal Justice & Social Movements**, 3 units

CJ 4735 **Social & Legal Rights of Disenfranchised**, 3 units *(Multicultural)*

CJ 4875 **Immigration & the American CJ System**, 3 units

CJ 4915 **Sex Crimes & Gender Issues in CJ**, 3 units *(Upper GE -Area D)*

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 **Ldrshp & 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 4750 **Applied Legal Skills I**, 3 units

CJ 4875 **Immigration and the American CJ System**, 3 units

CJ 4915  **Sex Crimes and Gender Issues in CJ**, 3 units *(Upper GE- Area D)*

CJ 4920 **International Criminal Justice Systems**, 3 units

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

CJ 4945 **Court Observer Program**, 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 as Pre-Reqs for the FS Concentration.

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 1601 & MATH 1602 **Statistics with Support I & II**, 3 units each

Math 1070 **College Algebra**, 3 units **Or**

Math 1071 & Math 1072, **College Algebra with Support I & II**, 3 units each

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

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 4320 **Forensic Psychology** OR PSYC 4320 **Forensic Psychology**, 3 units

SOCIAL SCIENCES MAJOR  
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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