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 (21 units):

- CJ 3120 Causes of Crime, 3 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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 and 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

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCENTRATION**

(19 units minimum)

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

- Lower division prerequisites, 15 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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 the following concentration courses:

- CJ 3120 Causes of Crime, 3 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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

**CORRECTIONS CONCENTRATION**

(19 units minimum)

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

- Lower division prerequisites, 15 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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 concentration courses:

- CJ 3120 Causes of Crime, 3 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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

**JUVENILE JUSTICE CONCENTRATION**

(19 units minimum)

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

- Lower division prerequisites, 15 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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 concentration courses:

- CJ 3120 Causes of Crime, 3 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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

**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:

- Lower division prerequisites, 15 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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 concentration courses:

- CJ 3120 Causes of Crime, 3 units
- CJ 3170 Criminal Justice Research Methods (WP), 4 units
- CJ 4114 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

**ELECTIVES**

- CJ 3125 Most Court, 3 units
- 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 4940 Internal 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
   - MATH 1070 College Algebra, 3 units
   - 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

## 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
- C/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 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)

## Social Sciences Minor

(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 Justice
- Juvenile Justice Law
- Graduate Studies

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