

## 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: (*16 units*)  
CJ 2240 **Success Strategies in Criminal Justice**, 1 unit  
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, and Juvenile Justice must complete not less than 40 upper-division units in Criminal Justice and specific Sociology courses.
4. Concentration in Criminal Legal Studies must complete not less than 41 upper-division units in Criminal Justice and specific Sociology courses.
5. 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 62 units total.
6. Maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or better in the major. Completion of a minor is not required.

## THE MAJOR

(*40 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 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**, 4 units

## CONCENTRATIONS WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE 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 (*56 units total*) with a Corrections Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 16 units  
B. **Core courses**, 21 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 (56 units total) with a Law Enforcement Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 16 units  
B. **Core courses**, 21 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 (56 units total) with a Juvenile Justice Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 16 units  
B. **Core courses**, 21 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 (56 units total) with a Criminal Legal Studies Concentration:

- A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 16 units  
B. **Core courses**, 21 units  
C. **Concentration courses**, 19 units  
1. Complete the following concentration courses:  
(*13 units minimum*)  
CJ 3100 **Legal Research and Writing I**, 4 units, (Fall)  
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 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

Check the online schedule for availability of elective courses each semester: <https://www.csustan.edu/class-schedule>

## FORENSIC SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

(25-27 units)

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

CHEM 1100 **General Chemistry I**, 5 units

BIOL 2310 **Human Genetics**, 3 units

MATH 1600 **Statistics**, 4 units

PSYC 2030 **Psychology of Adjustment**, 3 units

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

(62-64 units total)

A. **Lower division prerequisites**, 16 units

B. **Core courses**, 21 units

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two of the following electives:

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

ENTO 4330 **Medical and Veterinary Entomology**, 4 units

ANTH 4410 **Talking Skeletons**, 3 units

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

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

CJ 4940 **CJ Internship**, 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 of the following upper division courses or other upper division courses with approval of academic advisor (12 units minimum):

CJ 3130 **Administration of Corrections**, 3 units

CJ 3160 **Administration/Management of Law Enforcement**, 3 units

CJ 3230 **Police Ethics and Civil Liability**, 3 units

CJ 4141 **Criminal Procedure I**, 3 units

CJ 4135 **Constitutional Rights of Prisoners**, 3 units

CJ 4150 **Probation and Parole**, 3 units

CJ 4230 **Juvenile Justice**, 4 units

CJ 4925 **Historical and Contemporary Criminal Justice**, 3 units

CJ 4960 **Race, Ethnicity and the Criminal Justice System**, 3 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

CJ 3710 **Criminalistics II**, 4 units

BIOL 4850 **DNA Technology in Forensic Science**, 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 4850 **Scientific Evidence and the Law**, 3 units

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

ENTO 4330 **Medical & Veterinary Entomology**, 4 units

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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