

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.

Credits: 122
CIP Code: 430104

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of crime and justice. "Criminal Justice" refers to law enforcement, processes of the courts and corrections as a system for the administration of city, county, state and federal laws and procedures. The curriculum includes a broad range of study to meet the academic needs of both pre-professional students who plan future careers in the criminal justice field and those currently employed in criminal justice and juvenile justice systems. The courses are designed to give students an understanding of theory and the use of empirical data to solve practical problems. The criminal justice program focuses on the following: the interrelationship of the criminal justice system with other social institutions; crime prevention; the forms of crime and the classification of offenders; policing and crime control; the courts, probation and parole; rehabilitation treatment interventions and counseling programs; and qualitative and statistical methods in the measurement and analysis of crime. This foundation will prepare students for careers in criminal justice, including but not limited to law enforcement, and court administration, social services, and graduate study.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice must meet the General Admissions Requirements as published in this Catalog.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Criminal Justice Program will be able to:

1. Discuss theoretical concepts and perspectives of criminology in our society.
2. Explain theoretical perspectives pertaining to criminal activities to inform the nature of crime, the historical and philosophical foundations of law enforcement agencies, criminal courts, and correctional institutions.
3. Integrate constitutional due process guarantees with the management practices of law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections.
4. Recognize the differences between crimes and other types of legal and moral wrongs and discuss the role of punishments and the effect that punishment has on the substantive criminal law and the law of criminal procedure.
5. Examine and communicate the current research topics and policy in the area of criminal justice critically and objectively.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the General Degree Requirements as published in this Catalog, students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice must complete all required courses and electives in criminal justice with minimum final grades of "C". The department requires that students with a major in criminal justice choose a minor. Many of our students minor in sociology, but a student may minor in any approved area. Ideally, the minor should be selected by the student's sophomore year.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
CSCJ 201	Intro. to Criminal Justice	3
CSCJ 310	Criminology	3
CSCJ 388	Sociological Theory	3
CSCJ 387	Research Methods	3
CSCJ 337	Statistics I	3
CSCJ 425	Internship I	3-6
Minimum of eleven additional Criminal Justice courses numbered 300 and above.		33
Required Cognate Courses		
Complete one year of a modern foreign language of the following:		6
CFLS 101	Elementary Spanish	
or CFLF 101	Elementary French	
CFLS 102	Elementary Spanish	
or CFLF 102	Elementary French	
CSCJ 425	Internship I ¹	3-6
or CSCJ 426	Internship II	
Criminal Justice Electives		
Select six of the following:		18
CSCJ 305	Criminal Investigation	
CSCJ 314	Victimology	
CSCJ 320	Criminal Justice Management	
CSCJ 338	Statistics II	
CSCJ 350	Intro. to Geographic Info. Sys	
CSCJ 355	Race, Place and Space	
CSCJ 389	Social Research Methods II	
CSCJ 400	Comparative Systems Analysis	
CSCJ 401	Corrections Process	
CSCJ 403	Courts & American Judicial Pro	
CSCJ 404	Juvenile Delinquency	
CSCJ 405	Criminal Law	
CSCJ 410	Seminar on Organized Crime....	
CSCJ 420	Special Topics I	
CSCJ 426	Internship II	
CSCJ 430	Race and Ethnicity	
CSCJ 431	Social Stratification	
CSCJ 480	Senior Project	
CSCJ 490	Independent Study	
Total Hours		78-84

¹ Students seeking an internship must complete the internship application, which may be obtained from the Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice and a minimum of six (6) additional criminal justice and non-criminal justice electives numbered 300 and above, among which up to three of the above listed non-criminal justice courses must be included.

Free Electives

Some Acceptable Non-Sociology/Criminal Justice Electives for the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Administration: 24 Credits

Code	Title	Hours
African Women Study (300 and 400 level courses)		
CAWS 490	Intro to Women's Studies	3
Political Science (300 and 400 level courses)		
CPSC 313	Urban Politics & Policy	3
CPSC 322	International Relations	3
CPSC 361	Political Theory I	3
CPSC 362	Political Theory II	3
Religion (300 and 400 level courses)		
CREL 361	Culture and Religion	3
CREL 362	Psychology of Religion	3
CPHI 431	African American Philosophy	3
Philosophy (300 and 400 level courses)		
CPHI 331	Hist of West Phi: Afr to Pre	3
CPHI 362	Soc & Political Philosophy	3
CPHI 431	African American Philosophy	3
History (300 and 400 level courses)		
CHIS 433	History of Urban America	3
CHIS 450	The Jim Crow South	3
Psychology (300 and 400 level courses)		
CPSY 315	Social Psychology	3
CPSY 318	Industrial/Organizational Psy	3
CPSY 320	Social/Personality Development	3
CPSY 330	African-Centered Psychology	3
CPSY 358	Human Sexuality	3
CPSY 371	Experimental Psychology I	3
CPSY 372	Experimental Psychology II	4
CPSY 385	Abnormal Psychology	3
CPSY 410	Organizational Behavior	3
CPSY 413	Learning	3
CPSY 492	Cooperative Educ Experience	3

Note: Free Electives should be chosen in consultation with the advisor depending on the choice of minor or stackable credentials.

Students should also consider a double major in sociology, psychology, history, or political science.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Area A: Humanities/Fine Arts		
Select nine credits of the following:		9
CREL 101	The Biblical Heritage	
	or CPHI 105 Critical Thinking	
CHIS 212	History of the United States	
& CART 150	and Art Appreciation	
CMUS 120	Music Appreciation	
Area B: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
CPSC 219	American Govern & Politics	3
CPSY 211	General Psychology	3
Area C: Natural Science/Mathematics/Statistics		
CPHY 102	Physical Science	3
CMAT 104	Finite Mathematics	3
Area D: Communication		

CENG 105	College Composition I	3
CENG 106	College Composition II	3
CSTA 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
Area E: Financial/Technological		
Select six credits of the following:		6
CBUS 250	Personal Finance	
& CECO 251	and Principles of Macroeconomics	
CECO 250	Principles of Economics	
CCIS 100	Info. Technology & Comp. App.	
Total Hours		36

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
CSCJ 201	Intro. to Criminal Justice (Required Major)	3
CENG 105	College Composition I (Area D)	3
CGED 100	First Year Seminar	1
CXXX	Area C	3
CXXX	Area D	3
CXXX	Area B	3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
CXXX	Area B	3
CENG 106	College Composition II (Area D)	3
CGED 101	1st-Year Seminar	1
CXXX	Area E	3
CXXX	Area A	3
CXXX	Area A	3
Hours		16
Second Year		
First Semester		
CXXX	Area A	3
CXXX	Area C	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
CFL	Spanish 101 or other Language (or higher)	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
CXXX	Area E	3
CSCJ 301	Ethnographic Field Methods	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
CFL	Spanish 102 or other Language (or higher)	3
Hours		15
Third Year		
First Semester		
CSCJ 337	Statistics I (Required Major)	3
CSCJ 387	Research Methods (Required Major)	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
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CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
CSCJ 388	Sociological Theory	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
Minor	Minor Requirement/Minor Elective	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level)	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level)	3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
CSCJ 425 or CSCJ 426	Internship I (Required Major) or Internship II	3
CSCJ 3XX/4XX	Major Elective (300 or 400 level) ¹	3
Free Elective ²		3
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Hours		15
Total Hours		122