

Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice

Objectives for the Major in Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice major provides students with courses which lead to a Bachelor of Science Degree, and also provides a foundation for employment in the Criminal Justice field and graduate work. The major is certified by the Police Career Incentive Pay Program (PCIPP).

LAS Requirements for the Criminal Justice Major

As part of their Liberal Arts and Sciences requirements, all students in the Criminal Justice major must complete 12 required credits:

- MATH 1700 Applied Statistics
- POLS 1000 United States Government or
- POLS 1100 Introduction to Political Science
- PSY 1100 General Psychology
- SOC 1100 Introduction to Sociology

Other Liberal Arts and Sciences courses are required as part of the degree. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill accurately and completely all Liberal Arts and Sciences and program requirements. Each student is assigned an academic advisor to assist with this process.

Requirements for the Criminal Justice Major

The Criminal Justice program requires every major to complete 45 credits of CJ requirements and a minimum of 120 credits for the degree. These include core CJ required courses (24 credits), additional CJ required courses (6 credits) and CJ electives (15 credits). Courses are also required in the Liberal Arts and Sciences requirements (12 credits), as noted above.

Core Requirements (24 credits)

- CJ 2000 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 2050 Principles and Practice of Law Enforcement*
- CJ 2650 Correctional Theory and Practice*
- CJ 2651 Ethics in Criminal Justice*
- CJ 3140 Criminal Justice Data Analysis*
- CJ 3750 Colloquium*
- CJ/POLS2270 Introduction to Legal Process
- SOC 2750 Criminology

Additional required CJ courses (6 credits)

- CJ 3130 Criminal Justice Research Methods*
- CJ 3242 Psychology of Crime*

Elective Credits (15 credits)

Elective credits are chosen in consultation with the major's advisor, from the list of courses that follow:

Criminal Justice

- CJ 2450 Women in Criminal Justice*
- CJ 2500 Correctional Law*
- CJ 2550 Criminal Law*
- CJ 2600 Juvenile Justice*
- CJ 3000 Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crime*
- CJ 3053 Victimology*
- CJ 3100 Organized Crime and Youth Gangs*
- CJ 3150 Program Evaluation*
- CJ 3200 White Collar and Corporate Crime*
- CJ 3215 Community Policing*
- CJ 3250 Crime and Delinquency Prevention*

- CJ 3300 Community Based Corrections*
- CJ 3333 Crime in the Media*
- CJ/POLS3510 International Terrorism
- CJ 4970 Internship in CJ (6 credits in CJ electives) **or**
- CJ 4980 Internship in CJ
(6 credits in CJ electives and 3 credits free electives) **or**
- CJ 4990 Internship in CJ
(6 credits in CJ electives and 6 credits free electives)

Human Services

- HMSV 2400 Crisis Intervention
- HMSV 3500 Abuse and Neglect within the Family

Political Science

- POLS 2550 Sex, Race, and the Constitution
- POLS 2700 Criminal Procedure: The Rights of the Accused
- POLS 3500 Constitutional Law

Psychology

- PSY 2350 Abnormal Psychology

Sociology

- SOC 2760 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC 3500 Law and Society

Selected topics courses in these disciplines may be allowable with the permission of your advisor. Criminal Justice electives from other colleges may be accepted as electives if approved by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

*Introduction to Criminal Justice is a pre-requisite for this course.



Admissions Resources

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Criminal Justice Internship

An internship is a field-based learning experience that takes place in the senior year of study. An internship gives the student an opportunity to apply what they have learned from studying the theories and issues in a real-world setting. Whether it is law enforcement, corrections—behind the walls or in the community—or working in programs that provide service to the offenders or victims, an internship provides the student with the opportunity to develop skills, apply theories and learn about the world of professional work. The internship also helps students clarify personal and career goals while being a catalyst for personal growth.

Students who are considering an internship in the field of Criminal Justice are advised to talk with their academic advisor about their interests as early as possible. Courses can then be selected that include a practicum experience or the three-course sequence required for direct service internships.

Internships are coordinated through the Field Placement Office of the Department of Behavioral Sciences. At the beginning of each semester, students are instructed in the process of application and interviews for internships, and are also notified of the date of the planning meeting held in the first week of each semester. Students must attend the meeting the semester before the internship semester.

The process of applying for an internship involves working with faculty in the BSCJ Program and the Field Placement Coordinator. A student meets with his/her academic advisor to complete the internship application paperwork. Then he/she meets with the BSCJ faculty who coordinates internships. Following that meeting, the application is forwarded to the Criminal Justice Review Committee (CJRC) for approval. Once the student receives approval, the student then signs up for an appointment to meet with the Field Placement Coordinator to clarify interests, determine a placement site, and arrange for an interview. The student will receive the application for internship from the Field Placement Coordinator at the mandatory planning meeting; the student also will be informed at that time what else is involved in preparing for the internship.

A student is advised to meet with his/her advisor to clarify the interests in an internship prior to submitting the internship application for CJRC approval. The application is reviewed by the Committee comprised of faculty teaching courses for the program of study. The student will be informed in writing of the Committee's determination. If the application is approved, the student meets with the Field Placement Coordinator to complete the process of obtaining an internship. If the application is denied, the student is invited to meet with the Committee or the academic advisor to discuss what needs to be done in order that the student becomes eligible for a field placement.

The internship course includes a seminar that meets 10 times over the course of the semester. The student is evaluated in the field on two occasions by faculty who supervise internships for the Department of Behavioral Sciences. All interns are covered for professional liability under a policy purchased by the college.

Eligibility criteria for the internship program are both numerous and rigorous. Interested students should consult the Criminal Justice Student Handbook for details. While all internships require approval from the Committee, students seeking direct service internships have an additional requirement of a three-course sequence. Students must work closely with an advisor to ascertain the requirements for individual internships.

For further information, please contact the Department of Behavioral Sciences at (978) 665-3241 or (978) 665-3355 and ask to speak to the Field Placement Coordinator for Criminal Justice internships.

Requirements for the Criminal Justice Minor

A minor in Criminal Justice is offered by the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Students will complete the Criminal Justice minor as they fulfill the responsibilities of an academic major. There are nine semester hours of required courses and nine semester hours of electives. Students are reminded that they may use no more than two of their major courses toward the minor.

Required Courses (9 credits)

CJ 2000 Introduction to Criminal Justice **and**
 SOC 2750 Criminology **and**
 CJ/POLS2270 Introduction to the Legal Process **or**
 SOC 3500 Law and Society

Note: Both CJ/POLS 2270 and SOC 3500 may be taken for the minor, in which case one counts as Required and the other as Elective.

Elective Credits (9 credits)

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