

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The focus of the Criminal Justice Major is to critically evaluate the dynamic and ever changing field of the criminal justice system from a scientific and interdisciplinary perspective. Students study all of the components that make-up the criminal justice system, as well as various types of individuals involved in order to develop a well-rounded exposure. Adults, juveniles, offenders, victims, and workers are all part of the criminal justice system and require in-depth analysis to understand the impact the criminal justice system has on the individual and society as a whole. Criminal Justice majors are encouraged to develop oral and written communication, critical thinking, and researching skills to prepare themselves better for a career in their chosen areas of the criminal justice system. Students who meet the requirements are encouraged to take part in internship opportunities to understand better the daily operations of a criminal justice agency. Students interested in pursuing graduate education in Criminal Justice, Law, or other related fields are strongly encouraged to take advantage of opportunities provided for independent research under faculty direction. All Criminal Justice majors must earn at least a C - in required major courses.

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES

21 Semester Hours

Required courses

CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 205	Law Enforcement Systems and Practices	3
CRJ 210/PSY 210	Social Science Research Methods	3
CRJ 215	Judicial Systems and Practices	3
CRJ 305	Corrections	3
CRJ 400	Criminology	3
CRJ 405	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3

RESTRICTED ELECTIVE COURSES

15 Semester Hours

Select five courses:

CRJ 220/PLSC 220	Constitutional Law
CRJ 225	Deviant Behavior
CRJ 290/390/490	Special Topic Seminars*
CRJ 310	Victimology
CRJ 315	Juvenile Justice System
CRJ 469	Internship in Criminal Justice
CRJ 489	Independent Study

A minimum of six hours of electives must be at the 300-400 level.

**Special topics courses (CRI 290/390/490) may be taken multiple times as their subject matter changes.*

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED

MINIMUM 36 SEMESTER HOURS