

# Major in Criminal Justice

## Social Sciences and Management Division *(Bachelor of Science Degree)*

Criminal justice is the study of crime, its causes, and its effects on society. It is concerned with preventing and deterring criminal behavior, rehabilitating the offender, and providing a system where justice and rights are served. Graduates of the program have opportunities in a variety of criminal justice fields including policing, law, probation, juvenile services, private security, public administration/planning, counseling, research, and regulatory enforcement.

In addition to entry level employment opportunities, graduates may pursue advanced study in fields such as public administration, criminal justice and criminology, management, and law.

Total credit hours required for degree: 120

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Students in criminal justice are required to achieve a minimum of C in each major course to meet the graduation requirements of the program.\*

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

(see also General Education Core in the “Undergraduate Program” section of this catalog)

	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Year</i>
	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Taken</i>
<b>Core</b> .....	34 – 55	

### Major Course Requirements

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Criminal Justice 103	Introduction to Criminal Justice . . . . .	3	1
Criminal Justice 351	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems.	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 461	Senior Seminar . . . . .	3	4
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#### LAW

Govt and Politics 341	Jurisprudence of the Criminal Law . . .	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 342	Constitutional Law in the Criminal Process	3	3,4
		6	

#### RESEARCH AND THEORY

Criminal Justice 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods . . . . .	1	1
Sociology 274	Criminology . . . . .	3	2,3
Sociology 376	Criminological Research Methods . . .	3	3,4
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#### INTERNSHIP

Criminal Justice 470	Internship . . . . .	6 – 15	4
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## Major Electives

Choose four or more of the following, two of which must be 300 or 400 level courses:

Criminal Justice 212	American Policing . . . . .	3	2,3
Criminal Justice 221	Issues in Juvenile Justice . . . . .	3	2,3
Criminal Justice 224	American Corrections . . . . .	3	2,3
Criminal Justice 250	Probation/Parole and Sentencing Alternatives . . . . .	3	2,3
Criminal Justice 300	Special Topics . . . . .		2,3,4
Criminal Justice 314	Modern Techniques in Crime Investigation	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 334	Economic Crime Investigation . . . . .	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 335	Cybercrime Law and Investigations . . .	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 343	Law of Economic Crime . . . . .	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 345	Criminal Evidence . . . . .	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 382	Administrative Issues in Criminal Justice	3	3,4
Criminal Justice 441	Applied Legal Research . . . . .	3	4
		12+	

## Major-Related Requirements

Psychology 101	Introduction to Psychology . . . . .	3	1,2
Psychology 372	Counseling and Interviewing Process . .	3	3,4
Sociology 151	Human Society . . . . .	3	1,2
Sociology 252	Racial and Cultural Minorities . . . . .	3	2,3
Mathematics 112	Statistics . . . . .	3	1,2,3,4
or			
Psychology/Sociology 211	Statistics in the Behavioral Sciences . . .	3	2,3
or			
Economics 241	Statistics . . . . .	3	2,3
One of the following:			
Psychology 322	Adolescence . . . . .	3	3,4
Psychology 331	Introduction to Social Psychology . . . .	3	3,4
Psychology 361	Abnormal Psychology . . . . .	3	3,4
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## Electives

The student must complete sufficient elective courses to earn at least the minimum credit hours required for this degree, and at least 60 credit hours of the 120 required must be in the liberal arts and sciences.

\*Students wishing information about the criminal justice retention policy should consult with their academic adviser.