

Criminal Justice/Sociology

The Criminal Justice/Sociology major provides a liberal arts education to students who wish to pursue a vocation in public service or in some part of the criminal justice system or related organizations. Criminal law, law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, victim advocacy, juvenile delinquency prevention, criminal justice reform, forensic science, pathology, criminal justice administration, and counseling are a few of the many careers that may be pursued by graduates with this major.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE/SOCIOLOGY –

40 to 41 hours including the following:

			<i>Hours</i>
CJS	101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJS	205	Policing and Investigations	3
CJS	210W	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3
CJS	215	Corrections	3
CJS	315	Criminal Law	3
CJS	320	Criminal Procedure	3
HED	179	First Aid, CPR, and Injury Prevention	1
PSY	101	General Psychology	3
SOC	102	Principles of Sociology	3
SOC	201W	Criminology	3
SOC	306W	Minority Peoples in the U.S.	3
SOC	311W	Deviance and Social Control	3
<i>Plus at least one course from the following:</i>			3-4
PSC	250	American Government, State and Local	3
PSC	315W	Constitutional Law	3
SOC	250W	Social Stratification	4
<i>Plus at least one course from the following:</i>			3
PSY	372	Counseling Psychology	3
PSY	314W	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC	210	Alcohol, Alcoholism, and Society	3

TOTAL: **40-41 hours**

Recommended elective courses:

BIO	130	General Biology	4
HED	274	Drug Education	3

MAT	260	Statistics	3
PHI	220W	Moral Philosophy	3
PSY	380W	Research Methods	4
SSC	270	Statistics II	3
SOC	370W	Sociological Theory	4
SPA	150-301	Spanish I through Conversation and Composition I	15

Students are highly recommended to apply for an internship experience to be completed after the first semester of the junior year. Students will need an overall GPA of 2.5 to qualify for a criminal justice internship. Students planning on going on to graduate school or into criminal justice administration should take MAT 260 and PSY 380W.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE/SOCIOLOGY –
21 hours in the area, consisting of the following courses:

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CJS	210W	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3
CJS	315	Criminal Law	3
CJS	320	Criminal Procedure	3
SOC	102	Principles of Sociology	3
SOC	201W	Criminology	3
SOC	311W	Deviance and Control	3

Criminal Justice Courses

CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice **3 hours**

Designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the theories, procedures, structures, and issues of the criminal justice system, including its historical and philosophical background. Legal procedures, corrections, community programs, juvenile justice, and current trends also will be explored.

CJS 205 Policing and Investigations **3 hours**

Prerequisite: CJS 101. (Offered in alternate years)

A survey course illustrating both the formal and real workings of policing from its origins to its role in modern society along with a study of the fundamentals of criminal investigation and its various principles, techniques, and tools.

CJS 210W Juvenile Justice and Delinquency **3 hours**

Topics of study include the theory and procedures of the juvenile justice system, processes and policies used to control juvenile offenders, juvenile law, and the correctional treatment of juveniles. Prevention and intervention strategies also are studied and discussed.

CJS 215 Corrections

3 hours

Prerequisite: CJS 101 or consent of instructor.

Designed to study the theory and history of corrections, current correctional institutions, detention facilities and the alternatives to imprisonment. The course also addresses institutional clients and their rights, as well as reintegration systems.

CJS 315 Criminal Law

3 hours

Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of the instructor.

(Offered in alternate years)

Topics of study include the nature and history of the substantive criminal law, the major rules of criminal liability, and the elements and proof of crime and its defenses.

CJS 320 Criminal Procedure

3 hours

Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of the instructor.

(Offered in alternate years)

This course critically examines and studies the legal rules governing the operating procedures of the criminal justice system, including rules of search and seizure, laws of arrest, and other process remedies. Pretrial processes, the criminal trial, the theories and evolution of sentencing and appeal is also explored.

SOC 201W Criminology

3 hours

See course description under Sociology section.