A Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice prepares students interested in criminal justice careers like law enforcement, parole and probation, corrections, and youth services. While students will learn about the inner workings of the justice system, our courses are also designed to develop skills that will make their careers more successful, like critical thinking skills, good communication skills, problem solving skills, and an ability to grow and learn after college. Finally, the degree prepares students interested in pursuing a graduate degree by providing a strong academic foundation in criminological theory, research methods, and statistics.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Recommended

020 - Mathematics – 3 hours
Any available course, except MATH 1332.

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 51 HOURS (33 advanced minimum)

1 – Criminal Justice Core – 30 hours (18 advanced)
CRU 1301 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
CRU 1306 Court Systems and Practices
CRU 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices
CRU 2328 Police Systems and Practices
CRU 3303 Criminology
CRU 3304 Criminal Justice Research Methods
CRU 3305 Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice
CRU 3310 The Constitution and Criminal Law
Choose one:
   CRU 4399 Criminal Justice System Capstone
   CRU 4364 Field Internship
   SOCI 4333 Social Theory for Sociology Students

2 – Criminal Justice Electives – 21 hours (15 advanced minimum)
Choose from:
CRU 1307 Crime in America
CRU 1313 Juvenile Justice System
CRU 3316 Criminal Evidence and Proof
CRU 3322 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
CRU 3325 Violent Crime and Offenders
CRU 3331 Legal Aspects of Corrections
CRU 3341 Probation and Parole
CRU 3344 Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice
CRU 4312 Principles of Law Enforcements and Supervision
CRU 4313 Seminar: Issues in Law Enforcement
CRU 4314 Private Security and Loss Prevention
CRU 4316 Environmental Crime and Justice
CRU 4320 Criminal Justice Organization and Management
CRU 4321 White-Collar and Organized Crime
CRU 4322 Terrorism
CRU 4335 Restorative and Community Justice
CRU 4341 Correctional Casework and Counseling
CRU 4343 Current Issues in Corrections
CRU 4350 Peace, Nonviolence, and Justice
CRU 4355 Current Issues in the Courts
CRU 4356 Law and Society
CRU 4357 Crime Prevention Techniques
CRU 4361 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CRU 4362 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CRU 4365 Independent Studies in Criminal Justice
CRU 4370 Senior Seminar: Policy Issues
C – MINOR – 18 HOURS (6 advanced)

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 9 HOURS
  Advanced hours will vary to meet 51 advanced hour requirement.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 51 HOURS