

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES (B.A.)

Criminology/Criminal Justice is a broad field of study that includes the contributions and approaches of many of the social and behavioral sciences, as well as areas of study such as law and ethics, as they relate to the phenomenon of crime. The Criminal Justice Studies major prepares students for employment in a wide variety of criminal justice agencies, under local, state and federal jurisdictions, as well as the private sector. This major can also serve as a foundation for graduate study in criminology, law, social work, sociology, psychology, and government including public administration.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in ISCJS-101 Intro Criminal Justice Studies, CJS-240 Criminology, CJS-342 Advanced Criminology, SOC-301 Sociological Research Meth, SOC-303 Soc Quant Analysis and all capstone courses. Courses may be retaken once to meet this requirement. If, after taking the course a second time, a student has not achieved the required grade, the student should meet with the student's advisor or the department chair to discuss implications.

## Integrative Studies Requirements

40 credits minimum

Code	Title	Credits	Completed
<b>Major Requirements (44 credits)</b>			
<i>Core Courses (28 Credits)</i>			
ISCJS-101	Intro Criminal Justice Studies	4	
CJS-240	Criminology	4	
CJS-342	Advanced Criminology	4	
SOC-301	Sociological Research Meth	4	
SOC-303	Soc Quant Analysis	4	
<i>Select <b>one</b> of the following:</i>		4	
CJS-330	Criminal Law & Procedure		
POSC-316	Constitutional Law		
<i>Select <b>one</b> of the following capstone courses:</i>		4	
CJS-455	Special Populations & the CJS		
CJS-461	White-Collar Crime		
CJS-465	Terrorism		
CJS-471	Women and Crime		
CJS-473	Race & Crime in Media		
CJS-478	Order, Chaos, and Violence		
CJS-490	Advanced Topics in CJS		

## Elective Courses (16 Credits Minimum)

16

Students must select Four (4) additional courses (or courses totaling 16 credits) from the CJS Elective Courses list. Two (2) of these courses must be at the 300 level or higher. Note that special topics courses may be available. Contact the Criminal Justice Studies coordinator for a list of qualified topics courses. Furthermore, the student should be aware that some of the courses listed have prerequisites that must be met or waived by the instructor of record before they can be registered for the course.

### Topics in Criminal Justice Studies

CJS-201	Corrections	
CJS-250	Homeland Security	
CJS-290	Topics in Criminal Justice	
CJS-310	Perspectives on U S Policing	
ISCJS-311	Life After Incarceration	
CJS/SOC-352	Sociology of Deviance	
CJS-365	Juvenile Delinquency	
CJS-390	Studies in Criminal Justice	

### The Courts and Law

PHIL-360	Philosophy of Law	
POSC-316	Constitutional Law	

### Topics in Sociology and Anthropology

ISANTH-323	Anth Conflict & Violence	
ISSOC-310	Social Problems	
ISSOC-357	Global Ethnic Relations	
ISSOC-386	Race, State, & Justice	
SOC-475	Social Inequalities	

### Topics in the Human Services

ISHLSC-200	AOD: The Fundamentals	
SOC-234	Intro to Social Work	

### Topics in Forensics

ANTH/CJS-332	Forensic Anthropology	
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INBIO-304	Forensic Biology	_____
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b> _____

## Electives

Select courses to reach a total of 120 credits for the degree.

## Degree Requirements

*120 credits*

*40 credits at the upper-level*

## Upon completion of the Criminal Justice Studies B.A. degree, students will be able to:

- To apply a liberal arts perspective to understand the criminal justice system.
- To define, explain, and critically assess the function of the U.S. criminal justice system.
- To identify and understand major steps in the judicial/legal process.
- To understand criminality from various perspectives (psychological, sociological, philosophical and political).
- To analyze the law, law enforcement, and punishment within a changing political, historical, economic, moral and cultural context.