

Criminal Justice & Legal Studies

Prepare for the rigors of working in the challenging criminal justice system of today. Students will develop an understanding of the nature and consequences of crime in American society. By engaging in dynamic, real-world field experiences, students will be ready to pursue a fulfilling career in a criminal justice organization or advance professionally in their current career.

Essential Skills

Essential skills provide a framework to guide students' progress toward their degree but also prepare students for a broad range of career paths. A recent survey from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) shows employers "strongly agree" that "regardless of a student's field of study" liberal arts skills best prepare students to enter the job market in their career of choice. Students develop a variety of skills that prepare them for any career in criminal justice.

1. Critical Thinking:

- a. Make decisions and solve problems using sound, inclusive reasoning, and judgment.
- b. Critically analyze criminological theory, criminal law, and criminal procedure to identify current issues in criminal justice.

2. Written and Oral Communication:

- a. Communicate in a clear and organized manner to incorporate the most accurate, appropriate information for the intended purpose.
- b. Learn to speak and write clearly, succinctly, and accurately to help uncover important information to address issues in the criminal justice field.

3. Information Literacy:

- a. Gather and analyze information from diverse sources and individuals to fully understand a problem.
- b. Explore investigative and crime prevention techniques.

4. Leadership and Ethics

- a. Understanding the difference between right and wrong can help protect the community from wrongful actions that could cause harm.

Honor Society/Clubs

Alpha Phi Sigma & Lambda Epsilon Chi, Mock Trial Club, and the Criminal Justice Association

Minors

Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Forensics, Cybersecurity

Employment Information

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major Include:

Crime Analyst

FBI Agent

Computer Forensics Analyst

Law enforcement
 Community and institutional corrections
 Youth services
 Counseling
 Legal services
 Non-criminal investigations
 Private and governmental research
 Private security
 Academia
 Consulting

FIRST YEAR			
Fall Courses		Spring Courses	
FST 1010	1 credit	CRJ 2030	3 credits
CRJ 1010	3 credits	SOC 1010	3 credits
POL 1010	3 credits	PSY 1100	3 credits
ENG 1100	3 credits	TRS (Gen Ed)	3 credits
ART/MUS/COM (Gen Ed)	3 credits	ART/MUS/COM	3 credits
PHI (Gen Ed)	3 credits		
Total Credits	16 credits	Total Credits	15 credits
SECOND YEAR			
Fall Courses		Spring Courses	
CRJ 2800	3 credits	CRJ 2810	3 credits
ETH 2500/2540	3 credits	PSY 3260/3370/3380/3390	3 credits
MAT 1140/1150	3 credits	POL 3020	3 credits
Modern Language	3 credits	SOC 2350/2540/3310/3330 or PSY 2040/2050	3 credits
Elective	3 credits	PED	1 credit
		Modern Language/ LIT (Gen Ed)	3 credits
Total Credits	15 credits	Total Credits	16 credits
THIRD YEAR			
Fall Courses		Spring Courses	
CRJ 3500	3 credits	CRJ Major Elective	3 credits
CORE	4 credits	PSY 3100/3110 or SOC 3000	3 credits
CRJ Major Elective	3 credits	Electives	9 credits
Elective	3 credits		
Science (Gen Ed)	3 credits		
Total Credits	16 credits	Total Credits	15 credits
FOURTH YEAR			
Fall Courses		Spring Courses	
Elective	3 credits	CRJ 4900	3 credits
CRJ 4600	3 credits	CRJ Major Elective	3 credits
CRJ Major Elective	3 credits	Elective	3 credits
Elective	6 credits	Elective	3 credits
Total Credits	15 credits	Total Credits	12 credits
Total Credits to Graduate			120 credits

Representative Employers to the Major Include:

Local, state, and national governments. Government agencies. Education. NGOs, non-profit, and for-profit organizations, and private agencies.

Further Resources:

See the following resources: [National Association of Colleges & Employers: Career Readiness Defined](#), [AAC&U, What Can I Do with This Major?](#), [The Best Criminal Justice Careers and Jobs](#) and [Molloy Undergraduate Catalog](#).

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