



# Criminology and Criminal Justice BS

The interdisciplinary curricula unify a body of knowledge from criminology, social science, law, public administration, and corrections, and provide the student with an understanding of the assumptions, values, and processes of the system of justice. Many pre-law students choose criminology and criminal justice as an undergraduate degree because of the excellent preparation offered for law school.

## Career Outlook

The orientation of the criminology and criminal justice faculty and of the degree program prepares the graduate to work professionally for local, state, and federal agencies concerned with maintaining public safety by the prevention of crime and apprehension and rehabilitation of offenders. The BS in criminology and criminal justice is also advantageous for careers with various social agencies, especially those connected with the juvenile court system, probation and parole, and local police. Many students use the BS in criminology and criminal justice as preparation for law school.

## Future Career Options

- Casework Administration
- Corrections
- Counseling Juvenile Justice
- Forensics
- Global Intelligence
- Law Enforcement
- Legal Assistance
- Probation and Parole
- Research
- Teaching
- Victim Advocacy

## Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Understand criminology and criminal justice, law, theory, research methods, statistics, and policy
- Understand policing, courts, and corrections
- Analyze the role that class, race, gender, and culture play in crime and criminal justice
- Evaluate and report research findings and data in a professional and ethical manner
- Procure information from relevant scholarly literature and databases
- Design research projects and evaluate data critically
- Apply theory to practice in the public and private sectors
- Form and assess research questions

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

# IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



## UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



## MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



## SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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## 2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

### Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Year

1

#### FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

CRIMIN 1100: Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice (3)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)

GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)

GEN ED CORE: Mathematics Proficiency (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)

INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

CRIMIN 1110: Theories of Crime (3)

CRIMIN 1120: Criminal Law (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Elective (3)

Year

2

#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

CRIMIN 2130: Criminal Justice Policy (3)

CRIMIN 2210: Research Methods (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Elective (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

CRIMIN 2220: Statistics (4)

CRIMIN 2240: Policing (3) or CRIMIN 2250: Courts (3) or CRIMIN 2260: Corrections (3)

GEN ED CORE: US History and Government (3)

GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Elective (1)

Year

3

#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)

CRIMIN 3000+: Criminology and Criminal Justice Course (3)

Cultural Diversity Requirement (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

CRIMIN 3000+: Criminology and Criminal Justice Course (3)

Elective (3)

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Year

4

#### FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

CRIMIN 3000+: Criminology and Criminal Justice Course (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

CRIMIN 4390: Senior Seminar (3)

CRIMIN 3000+: Criminology and Criminal Justice Course (3)

Elective (3)

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