

# Criminal Justice - B.S.

The Criminal Justice bachelor's degree program prepares students for professional careers in the field of criminal justice. Through this course of study, students are expected to acquire the communication, logic, critical thinking and ethical reasoning skills essential for both the understanding of complex global and domestic criminal justice issues and for effective career performance and progression.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Apply the historical contexts and knowledge of the American criminal justice system to current issues within the field.
- Critically evaluate evidence using investigative theories and practices.
- Research and analyze criminal justice issues to generate appropriate recommendations and/or actions.
- Assess and resolve conflict situations using policies and procedures employed by criminal justice professionals.
- Apply ethical strategies to address criminal justice agency/operations within diverse communities and/or global contexts.

The program's judicious mix of criminal justice and arts and sciences courses is intended to develop and enhance each student's critical thinking and effective communication skills, as well as their appreciation for diversity, citizenship, leadership and public service. In keeping with the unique curriculum and varied career opportunities available to graduates of the Criminal Justice program, students are encouraged to take advantage of available internship, study abroad and elective course opportunities that target their specific interests and goals.

Students in Criminal Justice will have the opportunity to select a Community Justice specialization. The interdisciplinary nature of this curriculum provides students the opportunity to think differently about justice and criminal behavior that is reflective of industry trends toward crime prevention, community building and criminal justice. This specialization will allow students a means to foster their intellectual curiosity while enhancing and enriching their educational experience thereby stimulating professional success and lifelong personal and professional growth.

Graduates of the program are prepared for a wide variety of criminal justice employment at the local, national and federal levels including careers in court administration, private investigation, airport security and social services, or as a federal agent, police officer or border patrol agent, among many others.

Upon completion of the Community Justice specialization, graduates are expected to be able to:

- Analyze (assess and critically reflect upon) the evolution (past and contemporary changes and reforms) of community justice practices (policing, problem-solving, advocacy, human services, outreach, prevention, etc.) from domestic (U.S.-based) and global (other nations, global community) perspectives.

## Criminal Justice

A four-year program leading to the bachelor of science degree

### Major Courses

CJS1002	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJS1090	Law Enforcement	3
CJS2040	Corrections	3
CJS2050	Criminology	3
CJS3075	Criminal Investigation	3
CJS3850	Homeland Security	3
CJS4045	Criminalistics with Lab	3
CJS4080	Criminal Justice Senior Seminar	3
LAW3015	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW3025	Criminal Law	3

### Major Electives or Specialization in Community Justice

Choose five of the following: \*

CJS1070	Criminal Courts	3
CJS2085	Juvenile Justice	3
CJS2150	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
CJS3033	Community Policing	3
CJS3210	Victimology	3
CJS3450	Comparative Criminal Justice	3
CJS3820	Cyber Crimes	3
CJS4020	Offender Assessment and Case Management	3

CJS4050	Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice	3
CJS4065	Advanced Topics in Criminalistics with Lab	3
PSCI2001	International Relations and World Politics	3
REL2001	Comparative Study of World Religions	3

Or

### Specialization in Community Justice

COMJ1020	Community Justice	3
COMJ2030	Race, Crime and Justice	3
COMJ4060	Change and Innovation in Law Enforcement	3

Choose two of the following:

CJS3210	Victimology	3
CJS4020	Offender Assessment and Case Management	3
COMJ1080	Restorative Justice	3
COMJ3050	Cultural Awareness and Diversity in Criminal Justice	3
PSCI2200	Race, Politics and Power in America	3
PSYC3100	Community Psychology	3
PSYC4150	Psychology of Conflict Resolution	3
SOC3100	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3

### Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose 12 credits from the following: \*\*

ASCI4799	College of Arts & Sciences Internship	3
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education <sup>D</sup>	3
RSCH3830	Undergraduate Research Experience	3
RSCH4020	Honors Directed Academic Experience	3
Study Abroad <sup>5a</sup>		

### Related Professional Studies

CAR0010	Career Management	1
FYS1020	First-Year Seminar	1
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYC2002	Abnormal Psychology	3
RSCH2050	Workshop in Acquiring Social Research Skills	3
SOC3060	Deviant Behavior	3

### A&S Core Experience

Communications Foundation Courses		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	3
ENG1030	Communication Skills	3

Integrative Learning

Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level

Arts and Humanities

HIST3200	American Government	3
One course from ART, HUM, LIT, PHIL or REL		

Mathematics

MATH1002	A Survey of College Mathematics (or higher, based on student's placement)	3
MATH2001	Statistics I	3

Science

Choose one of the following:

SCI1015	Introduction to Life Science	3
SCI2020	Introduction to Exercise Physiology	3
SCI2031	Anatomy and Physiology	3

Social Sciences

SOC1001	Sociology I	3
or SOC2005	Honors Seminar: Social Inequalities	3
One course from ANTH, ECON, GEND, LEAD, PSCI, PSYC or RES		

A&S Electives

Two courses with an EASC attribute

### Free Electives #

9 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university

**Total Credits** **122.0**

\* Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.

\*\* In lieu of an internship, directed experiential education, research course, or study abroad, students may use the Applied/Experiential Learning credits towards a minor.

<sup>D</sup> Directed Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

<sup>5a</sup>To be eligible to count toward Applied/ Experiential Learning, a Study Abroad offering must meet certain requirements. Contact JWU Global to discuss eligible Study Abroad options for this degree program.

# In addition to classes, free elective credits may be applied to a number of options such as internship, study abroad, Directed Experiential Education courses and courses in a specialization or minor as relevant. For Accelerated Master's program students, up to three graduate-level courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling free elective credits.

NOTE: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math course(s).

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000-level courses

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