Programs

Criminal Justice, B.S.

(45 credits)

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, under the Department of Criminal Justice, is designed to prepare students for employment in those social services and criminal justice sectors which directly support police and government law enforcement efforts. The program will also prepare them for graduate work in these fields. The focus of the major will be to ensure that students understand the criminal justice system in the United States as it is related to class structure, race, ethnicity, and gender so that they will develop a more person-centered understanding of crime and law enforcement. Counseling skills, coupled with an understanding of individuals' behavior within families and groups in society, will ensure that students, as leaders in the community and as professionals, are prepared for respectful and effective interaction with citizens.

This focus on a person-centered orientation, rooted in the discipline of Sociology, also provides a strong foundation from which "action-oriented" ethics teaching can be provided. Our students, through both core and major courses, as well as in their Criminal Justice field experiences, will be exposed to and practice ethical reasoning and will work to gain an understanding of the perspective of others.

Our students receive extensive field experience through participation in at least one guided internship. This experience provides a more broad set of career options, including graduate education in fields such as criminal justice, law, social work or public administration.

Upon completing the program of study in Criminal Justice, students will:

- Develop and demonstrate an understanding of core specialized criminal justice vocabulary.
- Develop and demonstrate a college-level understanding of the foundations of American criminal law.
- Develop and demonstrate a college-level understanding of constitutional law in America.
- Develop and demonstrate a college-level understanding of criminal theory.
- Develop and demonstrate an ability to read analytically and to produce college-level writing.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CORE (39 credits)

CJ 111 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

SO 218 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

SO 219	Research Methods
CJ 231	Deviance and Criminology
CJ 232	Juvenile Delinquency
CJ 233	Corrections
CJ 234	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 248	Correctional Administration
SO 242	Race, Ethnicity and Racism
CJ 338	Criminal Evidence
CJ 345	Criminal Law and Procedure
CJ 380	Internship

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES (6 credits)

Select two (6 credits):

CJ 391

SO 111	Introduction to Sociology
SO 121	Contemporary Social Problems
SO 241	Urban Sociology
SO 310	Sociology of Law and Social Control
CJ 239	National Security & Civil Liberty
CJ 250	Police & Community Relations
CJ 255	Special Topics
CJ 280	Criminal Justice Practicum
CJ 335	The U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights

Senior Seminar: Ethics

WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE

*ADP students may substitute CJ 390 for CJ 380

CJ 338 Criminal Evidence

Master of Science in Criminal Justice: 4 + 1 B.S./M.S.(Traditional Undergraduate Students Only)

This program is designed for traditional undergraduate students who have demonstrated an ability to excel and a desire to obtain a Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree in a minimal amount of time. A total of 150 credits are required to receive both the Bachelor

of Science in Criminal Justice and Master of Science in Criminal Justice degrees. Of these, 120 credits are completed in the undergraduate program and 30 credits in the graduate program. During senior year, students take 2 graduate courses. There is no extra cost to the student for these credits during their undergraduate study if they have been accepted into the 4+1 program.

Students should apply to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program during the spring of their junior year and must have an overall G.P.A. of 3.5 to be accepted into the 4+1 program. At the time of acceptance, students will be assigned a graduate faculty advisor in addition to their undergraduate faculty advisor.