

# Career-Focused Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

*(subject to review)*

The Career Focused Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice 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. The streamlined design of the program allows students to earn a complete, comprehensive degree in a shorter period than a traditional BS program requires.

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 noncredit Work Integrated Learning opportunities that target their specific interests and goals. This Work Integrated Learning requirement ensures that students graduate with essential skills and confidence that prepare them for leadership roles in the workforce.

Graduates of the program are prepared for a wide variety of criminal justice employment at the local, state, 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 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.

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## 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
LAW3015	Criminal Procedure	3
LAW3025	Criminal Law	3
CJS4080	Criminal Justice Senior Seminar	3

<b>Major Electives:</b>		<b>6</b>
Choose 6 credits from a list of Criminal Justice, Community Justice, or Political Science courses.		
<b>Applied Learning:</b>		
Students in this program are required to complete 600 hours of Work Integrated Learning.		
<b>Related Professional Studies:</b>		<b>12</b>
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYC2002	Abnormal Psychology	3
RSCH2050	Workshop in Acquiring Social Research Skills	3
SOC3060	Deviant Behavior	3
<b>A&amp;S Core Experience:</b>		<b>42</b>
Communications Foundations Courses		9
Integrative Learning		6
Arts & Humanities		6
Mathematics		6
Science		3
Social Science		6
A&S Electives		6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>90.0</b>