

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies BA

The criminology and criminal justice studies major offers a liberal arts curriculum concerned with the changing nature and content of law, the shifting public expectations of criminal and civil justice agencies, the implications of diversity along the lines of race, gender and class, and the reactions of agencies to social perceptions and political pressures. The student is offered an interdisciplinary, multi-methodological academic approach to the understanding of the mechanisms of social control, resolutions of criminal justice problems, and a knowledge of accepted procedures and alternatives.

This general but all-important background serves as a base for the areas of emphasis that are of interest to the individual student. Adult and juvenile probation, law enforcement, judicial administration, public advocacy, prevention and diversion, and correctional and parole services are studied in detail from several perspectives. Criminology and criminal justice studies majors are prepared to pursue careers in the field of criminal and social services as well as graduate education in justice studies, law, criminology and other graduate fields.

Units / Degree Requirements

- 51 General Education
- 36 Major Core Requirements
- 24 Electives (chosen under advisement)
- 9 Free Electives
- 120 Total units needed for graduation

Please note that transferable units from other institutions may be applied to the category "electives chosen under advisement." The course work taken at this university to complete the major requirements must be selected in consultation with your department advisor.

Courses in Spanish (for non-native speakers) and computer and information sciences are recommended as supporting subjects.

Students must consult with a faculty advisor before beginning core courses.

Major Core Requirements

- (4) CCJS 201 Criminal Justice and Public Policy
- (4) CCJS 420 Seminar in Criminology
- (4) CCJS 330 Government and the Rule of Law or CCJS 404 Introduction to Constitutional Law
- (4) CCJS 405 Rights of the Accused or CCJS 489 Civil Liberties and the Constitution
- (4) CCJS 370 Methods in Criminology
- (4) CCJS 450 Punishments and Corrections
- (4) CCJS 490 Senior Seminar: Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies
- (4) CCJS 497 Juvenile Justice
- (4) CCJS 499 Internship*

* The internship requirement may be waived for students now or previously employed in criminal justice or a related area. It must be substituted with another 4-unit course.

Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies

The minor consists of a 20-unit pattern of criminology and criminal justice studies courses at SSU chosen in consultation with a department advisor. These courses must be taken in residence and for a letter grade except for the internship which is offered Credit/No-Credit only. A maximum of 4 units of special studies or internship credit may be applied to the minor.

CCJS Major Advising Worksheet

Name _____ Planned Graduation Date _____

<u>MAJOR CORE COURSES</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SEMESTER AND YEAR TAKEN</u>	<u>GRADE EARNED</u>
CCJS 201: Criminal Justice and Public Policy	4		
CCJS 330: Government and the Rule of Law or	4		
CCJS 404: Introduction to Constitutional Law			
CCJS 405: Rights of the Accused or	4		
CCJS 489: Civil Liberties and the Constitution			
CCJS 370: Seminar: Research Methods	4		
CCJS 420: Seminar in Criminology	4		
CCJS 450: Punishments and Corrections	4		
CCJS 490: Senior Seminar	4		
CCJS 497: Juvenile Justice	4		
CCJS 499: Internship	4		
Total Major Core Requirements	36	---	---

<u>ELECTIVES CHOSEN UNDER ADVISEMENT</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SEMESTER AND YEAR TAKEN</u>	<u>GRADE EARNED</u>
Total Electives Chosen Under Advisement	24	---	---

<u>FREE ELECTIVES</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SEMESTER AND YEAR TAKEN</u>	<u>GRADE EARNED</u>
Total Free Electives	9	---	---

Total Units Required for Graduation	120	---	---
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