

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Programs Offered

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration

Minor in Criminal Justice Administration

The criminology and criminal justice major offers a liberal arts curriculum concerned with the changing nature and content of law, the shifting public expectations of criminal justice agencies, and the reactions of those agencies to social perceptions and political pressures.

The student is offered an interdisciplinary 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. Fields of concentration – such as adult and juvenile probation, law enforcement, judicial administration, public advocacy, prevention and diversion, and correctional services – are studied in detail from several perspectives. Criminology and criminal justice majors are prepared to pursue graduate education in justice studies and the law, as well as other graduate fields.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration

Degree Requirements	Units
General education	51
Major core requirements	36
Electives (chosen under advisement)	24
Free electives	9
Total units needed for graduation	120

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 a department advisor.

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

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

Major Core Requirements

CCJ 201 (3) and 201C (1) Criminal Justice and Public Policy	4
CCJ 220 Criminology or	
CCJ 420 Seminar in Criminology	4
CCJ 330 Government and the Rule of Law or	
CCJ 404 Introduction to Constitutional Law	4
CCJ 370 Seminar in Methods of Criminology	4
CCJ 450 Punishments and Corrections	4
CCJ 489 Civil Liberties and the Constitution or	
CCJ 405 Rights of the Accused	4
CCJ 490 Senior Seminar: Criminology and Criminal Justice	4
CCJ 497 Juvenile Justice	4
CCJ 499 Internship*	4

Total units in major core 36

* 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.

Sample Four-year Program for Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration

FRESHMAN YEAR:: 32 Units

Fall Semester (15 Units)	Spring Semester (17 Units)
ENGL 101 (3)	PHIL 101 (3)
Mathematics GE (3)	GE (3)
GE (3)	GE (3)
Electives (6)	Computer Science (3)
	SPAN 101 (4)
	SPAN 101L (1)

SOPHOMORE YEAR:: 31 Units

Fall Semester (15 Units)	Spring Semester (16 Units)
HUM 200 (3)	GE (3)
GE (3)	GE (3)
CCJ 201 and CCJ 201C (4)	CCJ 370 (4)
SPAN 102 (4)	Elective (3)
SPAN 102L (1)	GE (3)

JUNIOR YEAR:: 29 Units

Fall Semester (15 Units)	Spring Semester (14 Units)
CCJ 399 (1)	CCJ 330 (4)
CCJ 420 (4)	CCJ 450 (4)
CCJ 489 (4)	Upper-Division GE (3)
Electives (3)	Electives (3)
Upper-Division GE (3)	

SENIOR YEAR:: 28 Units

Fall Semester (13 Units)	Spring Semester (15 Units)
CCJ Upper-Division Electives (4)	CCJ 490 (4)
Upper-Division GE (3)	CCJ 499 (4)
Electives (6)	CCJ 497 (4)
	Electives (3)

TOTAL UNITS:: 120

Minor in Criminal Justice Administration

The minor consists of any 20-unit pattern of Criminology and Criminal Justice courses chosen in consultation with a department advisor. A maximum of 4 units of special studies or internship credit may be applied to the minor.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Courses (CCJ)

Classes are offered in the semesters indicated. Please see the Schedule of Classes for the most current information and faculty assignments.

201 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC POLICY (3) FALL, SPRING

A systematic analysis of the effectiveness and influence of criminal justice policy and practice throughout the criminal justice system. The focus is on the development and implementation of crime control policy. Satisfies GE, category D1 (Individual and Society). CCJ majors should take CCJ 201C concurrently.

201C COLLOQUIUM: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC POLICY (1) FALL, SPRING

220 CRIMINOLOGY (4) FALL OR SPRING

A survey of the theoretical explanations of delinquent and criminal behavior which examines the origins of criminal law, patterns of criminal behavior systems, and the nature and extent of criminal activity.

330 GOVERNMENT AND THE RULE OF LAW (4) FALL OR SPRING

Nature and development of law and legal institutions from philosophical, historical, comparative, and contemporary perspectives; interrelationships of law, morality, and custom; social control, legal change, and social change; and the legal profession.

340 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DRUG LEGISLATION (4) FALL OR SPRING

An examination of issues and problems that licit and illicit use of drugs poses to the administration of justice and corrections. It critically examines social theories and social policies in relation to drugs. Topics to be covered include: the origins of the contemporary drug crisis in the United States; the development of criminal justice policies regarding drug use; the varieties of drugs and the destructive problem created by each for law enforcement, adjudication, and corrections. Some emphasis will be placed on economics, politics, and international relations as a factor in enforcement policies.

365 MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC AGENCIES (4) SPRING

Central concerns are the formation and administration of the managerial policies of public agencies. Focus on such vital issues as the allocation of public resources, public accountability, and the description, analysis, solutions, and synthesis of contemporary managerial problems in criminal justice agencies. Cross-listed as POLS 430.

370 SEMINAR IN METHODS OF CRIMINOLOGY (4) FALL, SPRING

A consideration of the methods used by criminal justice researchers in a variety of basic and applied settings. Topics include the choice of a problem, ethical issues, the logic of science, measurement, sampling procedures, surveys, coding, experimentation, observation, and summarizing findings.

375 CURRENT ISSUES IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (4)

An in-depth examination of selected topics and issues in criminal justice. Specific course topic varies by semester.

399 LECTURE SERIES (1-3) FALL OR SPRING

A weekly meeting offering presentations and discussions by guest lecturers on issues of current interest and importance. May be repeated for a total of 3 units.

404 INTRODUCTION TO CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (4) FALL OR SPRING

A survey of selected areas of constitutional law and Supreme Court decision-making, considering the political and social influences as well as doctrinal forces which have produced various policies and interpretations. Cross-listed as POLS 423.

405 RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED (4) FALL OR SPRING

Leading constitutional cases in criminal justice, including: search and seizure, death penalty, electronic surveillance, privilege against self-incrimination, jury trial, right to counsel, and double jeopardy, will be studied in detail. California Supreme Court decisions will be introduced where appropriate.

407 POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS (4)

Examines the history and role of the police in democratic society, including police discretion, police/community relations, police misconduct, and the impact of police strategies such as community-oriented and problem-oriented policing.

420 SEMINAR IN CRIMINOLOGY (4) FALL, SPRING

An in-depth analysis of theories of criminal behavior; psychological, sociological, biological factors; professional criminals, white collar crimes, and other selected examples of deviant behavior and their relationship to agencies of social control. CCJ 220 strongly recommended.

430 WOMEN AND CRIME (4)

An in-depth analysis of women/girls and crime in the field of criminology and criminal justice. The class examines the significance of gender in pathways to crime as well as the nature and extent of female offending, victimization, and incarceration. The course focuses on feminist theory and methodology.

441 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (4) FALL OR SPRING

The social causes and consequences of insanity, delinquency, criminality, addiction, social unconventionality, and other "deviant" behavior. Examines the conversion and commitment to deviant world views, and the social processes involved in the transformation to a deviant identity.

450 PUNISHMENTS AND CORRECTIONS (4) FALL, SPRING

A consideration of the problems created by pressures to punish and control criminals, the politics of control strategies, the use and misuse of probation and parole, the concept of corrections, and alternatives to incarceration.

470 MEDIA, CRIME, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (4) FALL OR SPRING

Examines the role and significance of mass media to the field of criminology and criminal justice, including lawmaking, law breaking, and responses to rule violations. The course covers historical and contemporary media coverage of crime and criminal justice; the structure and content of media coverage of crime and related information; as well as the role and importance of media in the formation of citizen attitudes and behavior, decision-making, and public policy.

480 WHITE COLLAR CRIME (4)

Examines the various forms, causes, and consequences of white collar crime compared to other crime; reviews relevant theory and research; considers the reasons for the difficulties in detection and prosecution and issues surrounding punishment; and examines the efficacy of prevention strategies.

489 CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION (4) FALL OR SPRING

An examination of fundamental principles of constitutional law that govern and constrain the powers and operations of criminal justice agencies and their personnel. The rights and immunities guaranteed by the Constitution in general, and the civil liberties, rights, and freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights will be covered. Rights of the accused will also be considered. Cross-listed as POLS 424.

490 SENIOR SEMINAR: CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (4) FALL, SPRING

A comprehensive synthesis and examination of the theoretical concepts and empirical findings of other courses in the major curriculum. Areas of special interest to the instructor and the students will be closely studied. Prerequisites: senior standing and/or consent of instructor.

494 INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR

An exploration of selected criminal justice topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. Themes and topics may vary. May be repeated for credit.

495 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

The supervised study of a particular problem or area of interest selected by the student in consultation with a sponsoring faculty member. Regular meetings will be arranged for discussions and progress evaluations, and a term paper is required. May be repeated for credit.

497 JUVENILE JUSTICE (4) FALL, SPRING

An exploration of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, including serious or violent crime. The major theories of delinquency causation are reviewed. The course will be devoted to the juvenile justice system and how it processes youths accused of crime. The nature and function of all major segments of the juvenile justice system will be discussed, including law enforcement, juvenile court, and corrections. The legal rights of juveniles will also be reviewed. Finally, the current policy issues in juvenile justice will be explored.

499 INTERNSHIP (4) FALL, SPRING

In consultation with the major advisor, the student selects a public, private, or community agency; gains field experience under the supervision of agency heads; and meets with the faculty advisor to discuss progress. Cr/NC only. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.