

Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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A major in criminal justice offers outstanding preparation for careers in criminal justice agencies (law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, etc.) as well as graduate school in criminal justice or related areas and law school. The Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology prepares students to contribute solutions for problems and issues in the areas of crime prevention, protection and rehabilitation. A college degree provides advantages for advancing in today's criminal justice careers.

The degree in criminal justice has two tracks: an Academic/University track and a Law Enforcement Academy track. The Academic/University track is for those seeking an undergraduate degree in criminal justice as preparation for entry-level jobs in the field or advanced graduate-level or professional study. It gives a theoretical understanding of crime and the criminal justice system.

The Law Enforcement Academy track is for those seeking specialized law enforcement for Southeast Missouri law enforcement employment. Students will complete 760 training hours in 19 weeks. If a student is successful in completing this training, they will earn 24 academic credits towards their degree.

Becoming Career Ready ...

/ Learn from faculty with extensive professional experience and advanced academic degrees.

/ Criminal Justice students primarily work in law enforcement and corrections, in the adult and juvenile systems, and at the local, state or federal levels. Examples of job titles include police officer, detective, probation and parole officer, private security or loss-prevention officer, border patrol officer, state trooper, victim advocate, correctional recreation supervisor and juvenile case manager. Students interested in law are encouraged and prepared by the faculty to attend law school and a Criminal Justice degree is an appropriate background for law school admission.

/ Students experience a challenging and flexible curriculum with a broad range of courses on various aspects of criminal justice as well as a core of courses designed to foster critical and analytical thinking, inquiry and life-long learning.

/ Criminal Justice students will demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate ideas in both written and spoken form, as well as preparation for the use of computer technology in the field.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Criminal Justice students earn this experience through the optional internship.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit

Internship, Employment Opportunities, and Graduate Schools of Recent Graduates

- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- The US Marshals Service
- Missouri Highway Patrol
- The Secret Service
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Private Security Firms
- Community Corrections Agencies
- State & Federal Probation and Parole
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Victim Assistance Projects
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Law School at Southern Illinois University
- Graduate Schools at local and prestigious universities in the United States

Student Preparation for Practical Track

Students will submit to a criminal history records check and must successfully complete a background investigation. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, hold a valid driver's license, and have reached age 21 prior to graduation from the Academy.

Special Advising Tracks with Criminal Justice Major

- The Criminal Justice major with the Academic/University advising track is available as both a face-to-face and online program.
- The Criminal Justice major with the Academic/University advising track is available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston).
- The Criminal Justice major with the Law Enforcement Academy advising track is not offered as an online program.
- Special program fees are required for the Criminal Justice major with the Law Enforcement Academy advising track, <http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm>.

Preparation for a Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Students completing a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a 3.0 GPA or higher can seek admission to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program at Southeast (delivery provided face-to-face or online). Outstanding undergraduate students wanting a master's degree may apply for admission to the accelerated master's program, which allows students to count some coursework as both undergraduate and graduate credit. If you are interested in the accelerated graduate program, speak with your academic advisor by the start of your junior year.

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Degree Map 2021-2022

This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

45 Hour Major – Minor required unless noted

A grade of 'C' or better is required in all courses within the major.

Required Courses:

- ___ CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
- ___ CJ 115 Introduction to Criminal Courts (3)
- ___ CJ 125 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ 320 Criminal Law (3)
- ___ CJ 370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 425 Planning and Research in Criminal Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 499 Issues in Justice Administration (3)
- ___ SO 305 Intersections of Crime (3)
- ___ SO 360 Theories of Crime (3)

Choose One Track:

Academic/University – Minor required

- ___ CJ 303 Correctional Institutions (3)
- ___ CJ 310 Advanced Police Administration (3)
- ___ CJ 330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- ___ CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- ___ CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- ___ CJ 355 Constitutional Rights of Inmates (3)
- ___ CJ 365 Community-Based Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ 375 Victimology (3)
- ___ CJ 400 Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution (3)
- ___ CJ 422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- ___ CJ 430 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- ___ CJ 435 Senior Seminar (3)
- ___ CJ 440 Theories/Methods of Offender Rehabilitation (3)
- ___ CJ471-473 Independent Study (1-3)**
- ___ CJ 491 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)**
- ___ CJ 505 Social Inequalities (3)
- ___ CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- ___ CJ 519 Restorative Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 520 Law and Social Control (3)
- ___ CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- ___ CJ 834 Field Experience in Corrections (3)
- ___ SO 242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- ___ SO 300 Organized/White-Collar Crime (3)
- ___ SO 444 Deviant Social Behavior (3)
- ___ SR 444 Treatment Strategies (3)

Law Enforcement Academy* – No minor required

(for students who have been admitted to the SEMO Law Enforcement Academy)

- ___ LE 199 Basic LEA I (6)
- ___ LE 299 Basic LEA II (6)
- ___ LE 399 Basic LEA III (6)
- ___ LE 499 Basic LEA IV (6)

*Students who can demonstrate successful completion of a 600-hour POST certification in a state-certified law enforcement academy will earn 24 credits for LE199/299/399/499 toward their Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

** No more than 3 credits of Independent Study (CJ471-473) and no more than 6 credits of Internship (CJ491) may be counted toward degree.

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN

| ▶ | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
|--|--|-----|-------------------|-----|
| | Course # | Hrs | Course # | Hrs |
| FIRST YEAR | UI100 | 1 | CJ110 | 3 |
| | EN100 | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | CJ100 | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | | |
| | Total | 16 | Total | 15 |
| Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average. | | | | |
| SECOND YEAR | CJ115 | 3 | CJ320 | 3 |
| | CJ125 | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | General Education | 3 | General Education | 3 |
| | Total | 15 | Total | 15 |
| | Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average. | | | |
| (summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18 hour semesters) | | | | |
| THIRD YEAR | CJ370 | 3 | CJ425 | 3 |
| | SO360 | 3 | SO305 | 3 |
| | Track 1 course | 3 | Track 1 course | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Total | 15 | Total | 15 |
| | Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average. | | | |
| FOURTH YEAR | Track 1 course | 3 | CJ499 | 3 |
| | Track 1 course | 3 | Track 1 course | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 2 | Elective | 3 |
| | Total | 14 | Total | 15 |
| | Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average. | | | |

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

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