

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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 training. 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.

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
- Graduates with practical track option can work in the public and private sector as police officers, security guard, loss prevention specialists, correctional officers or dispatchers

About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

Special Advising Tracks with Criminal Justice Major

This program of study is also available as an on-campus program and at the Regional Campuses (Kennett and Sikeston).

The Law Enforcement Academy advising track requires a student demonstrate successful completion of a 600-hour POST certified law enforcement training academy.

Preparation for a Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Students completing a bachelor's degree with a major 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).

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

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

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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 Race, Gender, Class & 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 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (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 YEARLY COURSE MAP

FALL	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
Full Term	Aug. - Dec.		3
1st 8 Week	Aug. - Oct.		3
2nd 8 Week	Oct. - Dec.		3
Total			15

SPRING	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
Wintersession	Dec. - Jan		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
Full Term	Jan. - May		3
1st 8 Week	Jan. - Mar.		3
2nd 8 Week	Mar. - May		3
Total			15

SUMMER	Start / Stop	Course #	Hrs
1st 4 Week	June		3
8 Week	June-July		3
2nd 4 Week	July		3
Total			9

Personalized Pathways:

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours; completion of/transfer credit for General Education program courses; residency at Southeast - at least 30 hours from Southeast; 39 senior division hours required: current residency at Southeast - 12 of your final 18 hours must be taken with Southeast; grade point average at Southeast: 2.0 minimum required; grade point average cumulative: 2.0 minimum required. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements.

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

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