

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 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

48 hour major – No minor required

Required Courses – 27 hours:

- ___ CJ100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- ___ CJ240 Principles of Law Enforcement (3)
- ___ CJ250 Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ321 Criminal Law (3)
- ___ CJ370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- ___ CJ425 Planning and Research in Criminal Justice (3)
- ___ CJ499 Senior Seminar (3)
- ___ SO305 Convergences of Crime (3)
- ___ SO360 Criminology (3)

Electives - 21 hours, to include 3 hours of experiential learning:

- ___ CJ303 Correctional Institutions (3)
- ___ CJ330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- ___ CJ350 Criminalistics (3)
- ___ CJ365 Community-Based Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ375 Victimology (3)
- ___ CJ400 Crisis Management (3)
- ___ CJ410 Police Administration (3)
- ___ CJ422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- ___ CJ435 Special Topics (3)
- ___ CJ440 Offender Rehabilitation (3)
- ___ CJ471 Directed Research (3)*
- ___ CJ480 Travel Study (1-6)
- ___ CJ491 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)*
- ___ CJ495 Law Enforcement Professional Practice (18)**
- ___ CJ505 Social Inequalities (3)
- ___ CJ510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- ___ CJ519 Restorative Justice (3)
- ___ CJ520 Law and Social Control (3)
- ___ CJ522 Critical Analysis of Gangs in America (3)
- ___ CJ525 Crime & Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- ___ CJ540 Professional Standards (3)
- ___ CJ541 The Death Penalty in America (3)
- ___ SO444 Deviant Social Behavior (3)
- ___ UI300 Drugs & Behavior (3)
- ___ UI309 Crime & Human Behavior (3)

Experiential Learning (A minimum of 3 hours in any of the following): Experiential Learning hours also may satisfy elective course requirements within the major without the need for taking additional hours.

- ___ CJ471 Directed Research (3)*
- ___ CJ480 Travel Study (1-6)
- ___ CJ491 Internship (3)*
- ___ CJ495 Law Enforcement Professional Practice (18)**
- ___ Any university course earned through PLA (Prior Learning Assessment)

*No more than 3 credits of Directed Research (CJ471) and no more than 6 credits of Internship (CJ491) may be counted toward degree.

**Students who demonstrate successful completion of a state-certified law enforcement academy at a Missouri Basic Law Enforcement Training Center and pass the Missouri Peace Officer License Exam (MPOLE); an out of state, federal, or military Basic Police School and Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) exam; or, equivalent will earn 18 credits in CJ 495 toward their Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

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	CJ240	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	CJ250	3	SO305	3
	CJ321	3	SO360	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.			
THIRD YEAR	CJ370	3	CJ425	3
	CJ Elective	3	CJ Elective	3
	CJ Elective	3	CJ Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
	Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.			
FOURTH YEAR	CJ Elective	3	CJ499	3
	CJ Elective	3	CJ Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	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.

Personalized Pathways: Courses are offered 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 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 grade point average overall is required to graduate with a BS degree.



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