

Criminal Justice: Criminology Option

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Criminology Option

A major in criminal justice offers outstanding academic preparations for careers in law enforcement and corrections. The Department of Criminal Justice prepares students to contribute to the pressing social problems in the areas of crime prevention, protection and rehabilitation. A college degree is becoming necessary to advance in today's criminal justice careers.

Within the major of criminal justice, we offer three options: Law Enforcement, Corrections and Criminology. The primary purpose of the criminology option is to give students majoring in criminal justice a broader background in theories of crime and deviance. Courses in this option include organized and white-collar crime, criminology, family violence, criminal typology and victimology, and deviant social behavior. This option prepares students for managerial positions in corrections and law enforcement, federal law enforcement positions that require specialized skills, and/or graduate studies

Criminal Justice students will...

- Learn from faculty with extensive professional experience and advanced academic degrees.
- Be exposed to a curriculum that prepares them for internships and employment in the criminal justice field.
- Be offered a responsive, challenging and flexible curriculum with a broad range of courses on various aspects of criminal justice, as well as a core courses designed to foster critical and analytical thinking, inquiry and life-long learning.
- Demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate ideas in written and oral form.
- Be prepared to monitor cases and analyze records using computer technology.
- Be offered a balance of theory and practice, which prepares them for successful entry into a number of criminal justice careers.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad. Nearly 90% of students find jobs after graduation and/or go onto graduate studies.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates/ Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Graduate Schools and Law Schools at local and prestigious universities in the United States
- United States District Courts
- 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)
- Local Police Departments
- Private Security Firms
- Community Corrections Agencies
- State and Federal Probation and Parole
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Victim Assistance Projects
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- State Prisons and Federal Penitentiaries
- City and County Jails

Admission Requirements

There are no admission requirements to declare the criminal justice: criminology option as an undergraduate major.

NOTE: As a criminal justice major, students are required to complete 120 hours. Fifty-one hours are University Studies courses which provide students with the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become well-rounded members of society. There are 30 hours required in core criminal justice courses, and 15-18 hours are selected in any of the three options.

Special Options with Criminology

This program of study is also available as an online program.

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This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Criminal Justice Core – 30 Hours Required

A grade of "C" or better is required in all major coursework

- ___ CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
- ___ CJ 125 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ 220 Criminal Law (3)
- ___ CJ 370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- ___ CJ 400 Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution (3)
- ___ CJ 425 Planning and Research (3)
- ___ CJ 499 Issues in Justice Administration/Capstone (3)
- ___ SO 242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- ___ SO 305 Race, Gender, Class and Crime (3)

Criminology Option (15 Hours Required)

- ___ CJ 375 Criminal Typology and Victimology (3)
- ___ SO 300 Organized and White Collar Crime (3)
- ___ SO 360 Criminology (3)
- ___ SO 444 Deviant Social Behavior (3)
- ___ CJ/SO XXX elective at 300-500 level (3)

MINOR REQUIRED

Free electives may be chosen from:

- ___ CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- ___ CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- ___ CJ 375 Criminal Typology and Victimology (3)
- ___ CJ 435 Seminar (3)
- ___ CJ 471 Independent Study (1)
- ___ CJ 472 Independent Study (2)
- ___ CJ 473 Independent Study (3)
- ___ CJ 491 Criminal Justice Internships (6)
- ___ CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- ___ CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- ___ CJ 535 Civil Law and Liability
- ___ CJ 834 Workshop—Field Experience in Corrections (3)
- ___ PO 500 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- ___ CO 491 Corrections Internship (6)
- ___ LE 491 Law Enforcement Internship (6)

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XXs and one UI4xx

SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	CJ110	3
	EN100	3	Logical Systems	3
	CJ100	3	Oral Expression	3
	Behavioral Systems	3	Social Systems	3
	Major Civilization	3	Written Expression	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

SECOND YEAR	CJ125	3	CJ370	3
	CJ220	3	Minor	3
	Artistic Expression	3	Economic Systems	3
	Literary Expression	3	Physical Systems	3
	Living Systems	3	Political Systems	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

THIRD YEAR	SO242	3	CJ375	3
	SO300	3	CJ425	3
	SO305	3	CJ/SO3XX-5XX	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	IU/UI3xx	3	IU/UI3xx	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

FOURTH YEAR	SO360	3	CJ499	3
	CJ400	3	SO444	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	UI4XX	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	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 University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

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

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.

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