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A major in criminal justice offers outstanding academic preparations for careers in criminal justice agencies (law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, etc.) and beyond. The Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology 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.

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 a traditional, university degree in criminal justice. 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 receive basic law enforcement training 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.

### 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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship. Nearly 90% of students find jobs after graduation and/or go onto graduate studies.

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

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001	First Semester	Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment
CL002	Second Semester	Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning
CL003	Junior Year	Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking
CL004	Senior Year	Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college

### 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

### 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 Options with Criminal Justice Major

- The Academic/University track of study is also available as an online program.
- The Academic/University track of study is available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).
- The Law Enforcement Academy track of study is not offered as an online program.
- The Law Enforcement Academy track of study is offered at the Law Enforcement Academies in Cape Girardeau and Kennett.
- Special program fees are required for the Law Enforcement Academy track of study, <http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm>.
- This program of study is also available at the Regional Campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).

### Preparation for a Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Students completing a Bachelor's Degree 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).

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This is a guide based on the 2017-2018 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

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 show successful completion of POST certification in any law enforcement academies in the state of Missouri will earn credit for LE199/299/399/499 for 24 credits toward their Bachelor of Science degree with a major 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.

#### 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

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transferecredit](http://semo.edu/transferecredit).

### SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	CJ110	3
	EN100	3	Logical Systems	3
	CJ100	3	Oral Expression	3
	Behavioral Systems	3	Social Systems	3
	Develop of a Major Civ	3	Written Expression	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	CJ115	3	CJ320	3
	CJ125	3	Minor Course	3
	Artistic Expressions	3	Economic Systems	3
	Literary Expression	3	Physical Systems	3
	Living Systems	3	Political Systems	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

(summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18 hour semesters)

<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	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	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
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, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. 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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