

Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Option

Bachelor of Science (BS)

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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 law enforcement option prepares students to enter law enforcement positions at the local, county, state and federal levels, in addition to private security. The law enforcement option has two tracks: a practical track and a theoretical track. The practical track includes basic law enforcement training for peace officers in Missouri. Students may elect to receive 24 hours of college credits in the practical track. The theoretical track prepares students for law enforcement careers and managerial positions, 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.

Internships, Employment Opportunities, Graduate Schools, and Programs 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 theoretical track is also available as an online program.
- The theoretical track of study is available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).
- The practical track is not offered as an online program.
- The practical track is offered at the Law Enforcement Academies in Cape Girardeau and Kennett.
- Special program fees are required for the practical track, <http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm>.

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 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.

Degree Map 2016-2017

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement – 45-54 Hours

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)

Law Enforcement Option - minor required

Track 1: Theoretical

- ___ CJ 310 Advanced Police Administration (3)
- ___ CJ 330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- ___ CJ 422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- ___ CJ430 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- ___ CJ XXX Elective—CJ course at 300-500 level (3)

Track 2: Practical Track - no minor required *

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

*If pursuing Track 2: Practical Track, consult with Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology for curriculum track. Semesters when taking the LEA courses may vary from 6 to 18 hours with this track.

Free electives maybe chosen from:

- ___ CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- ___ CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- ___ CJ 375 Victimology (3)
- ___ CJ 355 Constitutional Rights of Inmates (3)
- ___ CJ 365 Community-Based Corrections (3)
- ___ CJ 435 Seminar (3)
- ___ CJ 440 Theories and Methods of Offender Rehabilitation (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 (3)
- ___ CJ 834 Workshop—Field Experience in Corrections (3)

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
	Develop of a Major Civ	3	Written Expression	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

SECOND YEAR	CJ125	3	CJ370	3
	CJ220	3	Minor Course	3
	Artistic Expressions	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.				

(summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18 hour semesters)

THIRD YEAR	SO242	3	CJ400	3
	SO305	3	CJ425	3
	Track 1	3	Track 1	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	IU/UI3XX	3	IU/UIga3xx	3
	Total	15	Total	15
Milestone: 2.0 cumulative grade point average.				

FOURTH YEAR	Track 1	3	CJ499	3
	UI4XX	3	Track 1 course	3
	Minor Course	3	Track 1 course	3
	Elective	3	Minor Course	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 (MAP) 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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