

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice provides you with sound knowledge in the areas of U.S. law enforcement, criminology, investigations, law, and community relations. A wide range of course offerings enable you to focus on juvenile issues, causes of crime and criminal behavior, corrections and incarceration, investigative procedures and techniques, leadership, maritime law, or forensics. This bachelor's degree will enhance your professional career path if you are currently in the criminal justice field, or can help to prepare you for a new career as a criminologist, agent, or investigator in federal, state or local law enforcement, judicial, and other organizations.

Our criminal justice programs are among the most popular at the university, bringing you peer interactions and an expanded network of criminal justice professionals who are dedicated to safeguarding their communities and nation. Courses in this program are taught by highly credentialed and experienced instructors, many who hold key positions in government agencies or criminal justice organizations.

Note: for a more in-depth study in forensics, consider our Criminal Justice B.S. degree.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

Criminal Justice Administration and Organization

- Recognize and explain the major international, U.S., and localized law enforcement systems and organization.
- Describe and analyze the political and public administrative aspects of law enforcement organizations.

Criminal Justice Theories and Concepts

- Communicate and apply the major theories and concepts of crime, criminal justice, and criminology.
- Conduct research associated with criminal justice and criminology theories.

Criminal Justice Operations, Practices, and Processes

- Assess the operations, practices, and processes associated with leading standards of evidence and law.

While learning objectives that are specific to the academic discipline have been identified for each degree program, the University System also outlines general education outcomes (Level 1 and 2) that are sought throughout the institution and at each degree level.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	27
	Select one of the following concentrations:	15
	General Concentration (p. 3)	
	Entrepreneurship (p. 3)	
	Maritime Law Enforcement (p. 3)	
	Organizational Law Enforcement Leadership (p. 4)	
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Elective Requirements	45
	Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	

LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt
MUSI200	Music Appreciation
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL110	Critical Thinking
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions
RUSS100	Russian I
SPAN100	Spanish I
SPAN101	Spanish II
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours) ¹	
Select 2 courses from the following: 6	
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
CHFD220	Human Sexuality
COMM211	Social Media and Society
ECON101	Microeconomics
ECON102	Macroeconomics
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness
IRLS210	International Relations I
LITR212	Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture

STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction
Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)	
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy 3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant 3
Select 1 course from the following: 3	
COMM200	Public Speaking
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric
ENGL210	Introduction to Literature
ENGL220	Technical Writing
ENGL221	Scientific Writing
ENGL226	Effective Business Communication
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship
ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing
MGMT100	Human Relations
History (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following: 3	
HIST101	American History to 1877
HIST102	American History since 1877
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War
HIST221	African-American History before 1877
HIST222	African-American History since 1877
HIST223	History of the American Indian
HIST270	History of Science
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM
Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following: 3	
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming
MATH110	College Algebra
MATH111	College Trigonometry
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors
MATH225	Calculus
Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following: 3	
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry

ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines
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Total Semester Hours	30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (27 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CMRJ302	U.S. Law Enforcement	3
CMRJ303	Criminology	3
CMRJ306	Criminal Investigation	3
SSGS300	Research Design and Methods	3
CMRJ308	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CMRJ316	Corrections and Incarceration	3
LSTD301	Constitutional Law	3
LSTD302	Criminal Law	3
LSTD400	Criminal Legal Process	3
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Total Semester Hours	27	

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from the General Concentration, Concentration in Entrepreneurship, Concentration in Maritime Law Enforcement, or the Concentration in Organizational Law Enforcement Leadership.

General Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

This general concentration allows you to select from many different concentration courses offered within this program, enabling you to create your own focused area of study.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 5 courses from the following:		15
ANTH203	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
CMRJ100	Introduction to Law Enforcement	
CMRJ101	Evidence and Procedures	
CMRJ201	Criminal Justice Administration	
CMRJ202	Stress Management in Law Enforcement	
CMRJ203	Patrol Methodologies & Community Policing	
CMRJ205	Rape and Sexual Violence	

CMRJ206	Juvenile Delinquency
CMRJ320	Law Enforcement Intelligence Applications
CMRJ324	The History of Organized Crime
CMRJ329	Criminal Profiling
CMRJ335	Crime Analysis
CMRJ341	Criminalistics
CMRJ401	Human Trafficking
CMRJ402	The Pathology of Death Investigations
COMM240	Intercultural Communication
COMM285	Interpersonal Communications
EDMG230	Emergency and Disaster Incident Command
INTL411	International Criminal Organizations
INTL431	Criminal Intelligence Analysis
LSTD204	Introduction to the Courts
LSTD453	Evidence
SCMT319	Global Terrorism
SCMT370	Principles and Theory of Security Issues
SSGS490	Independent Study
SSGS492	Special Topics
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Total Semester Hours	15

Concentration in Entrepreneurship (15 semester hours)

Brings the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the entrepreneur or small business owner to the study of Criminal Justice. Examines key concepts and principles of the successful small business owner including leadership practices, idea feasibility, funding, and customer service.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
ENTR150	Idea Generation	3
ENTR200	Leadership in Small Business Ventures	3
ENTR312	Social Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR315	Financing a New Venture	3
ENTR340	Small Business Customer Service	3
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Total Semester Hours	15	

Concentration in Maritime Law Enforcement (15 semester hours)

Analyzes policy and operational strategies used to ensure the security of border and coastal access including defensive measures to protect ports from disruption. Explores laws and doctrines governing navigation and shipping, as well as the law of the sea. Looks at

chemical, biological, and radiological classification and response to incidents involving hazardous materials.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Analyze various policy and operational strategies used to ensure the security of border and coastal access.
- Examine ports to trade and their vulnerability to disruption and attack, as well as defensive measures to protect ports from disruption.
- Identify chemical, biological, and radiological bases for classification of, and emergency response to incidents involving, hazardous material.
- Assess the impact of terrorism on U.S. national security.
- Explore the laws and doctrines governing navigation and shipping, as well as the law of the sea.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EDMG240	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials	3
HLSS311	Border and Coastal Security	3
HLSS312	Port Security	3
INTL451	Terrorism and U.S. National Security	3
LSTD401	Maritime Law	3
Total Semester Hours		15

Concentration in Organizational Law Enforcement Leadership (15 semester hours)

Provides a solid foundation in the leadership process and its benefits to law enforcement, including identifying one’s personal style, judging the value of diversity in leadership roles, and making socially responsible decisions. Topics include gender roles in leadership, conflict resolution, human resource innovation in the workplace, budgeting, and managing an organization during a paradigm shift.

Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Identify your personal leadership style and explain the benefits of your leadership style on the organization.

- Analyze necessary organizational leadership skills in given situations and prepare a plan of action for improving organizational leadership abilities.
- Contrast the value of diversity and apply its strengths in leadership roles.
- Develop critical thinking skills about decisions in a manner that is socially responsible and responsive.
- Demonstrate a persuasive and collaborative approach which encourages a teaming environment.
- Employ organizational accountability to build innovative organizations that respond to ever changing environments.

Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
FINC405	Budget Development and Execution	3
HRMT407	Human Resource Management	3
HRMT411	Dispute Resolution	3
MGMT312	Leadership & Motivation	3
MGMT313	Organizational Change	3
Total Semester Hours		15

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CMRJ499	Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

Elective Requirements (45 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select any courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.		
Total Semester Hours		45