

Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice meets the objectives of students interested in law enforcement, the courts, corrections, juvenile justice, criminal behavior, and other aspects of crime and criminal justice.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a broad view of crime and criminal justice. Building on the fundamental knowledge developed in core courses and a set of electives, students can select from a variety of courses to gain in-depth, specialized knowledge about their particular areas of interest within the curriculum. To supplement their educational experience, students may consider coursework or a minor in other fields such as: accounting, anthropology, geography and environmental resources, Latino and Latin American studies, political science, psychology, sociology, or Spanish. These courses are best chosen in consultation with faculty guidance, depending on interests and career goals. This approach provides a sound foundation in Criminology and Criminal Justice while allowing the flexibility necessary to accommodate individual interests and needs.

A field internship placement may be an important element in the program and is encouraged for interested students who meet program criteria.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminology and Criminal Justice Degree Requirements

Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
University Core Curriculum Requirements	39
Requirements for Major in Criminology & Criminal Justice	42
Core Requirements: CCJ 201, CCJ 203, CCJ 290, CCJ 310 or CCJ 360, CCJ 316, CCJ 317	18
CCJ Electives: 24 credit hours, with at least 12 credit hours from 400-level CCJ courses	24
Electives	39
Total	120

Completion of CCJ 201 and CCJ 290 (or consent of the instructor) is required for taking many 300- or 400-level Criminology and Criminal Justice courses. In addition, completion of CCJ 316 (or consent of instructor) is required for taking most 400-level Criminology and Criminal Justice courses. Prerequisites may be associated with individual courses; refer to the catalog description of the specific course.

No more than four credit hours of CCJ 495 can be counted toward the major.

At least 24 of the credit hours applied toward completion of the requirements of a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice must have been earned in Criminology and Criminal Justice courses offered at SIU Carbondale.

A student may substitute PSYC 211 for CCJ 316.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Minor

A minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice consists of 15 credit hours of Criminology and Criminal Justice courses, which must include CCJ 201 and CCJ 290. At least nine of the 15 credit hours must consist of Criminology and Criminal Justice courses taken at SIU Carbondale.

Special Opportunities

Motivated, high achieving students interested in continuing their studies may save time and money by applying for admission to graduate or professional school during the junior year through one of the special programs available in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The Accelerated Master of Arts program in Criminology and Criminal Justice allows students to start their graduate education during their senior year and earn the degree with one additional year of study beyond the undergraduate degree. The joint Criminology and Criminal Justice B.A./School of Law J.D. program allows students to earn both degrees in as few as six years. Consult an academic advisor for minimum admissions requirements and undergraduate course planning.

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Students starting their collegiate training during the period of time covered by this catalog (see bottom of this page) are subject to the curricular requirements as specified herein. The requirements herein will extend for a seven calendar-year period from the date of entry for baccalaureate programs and three years for associate programs. Should the University change the course requirements contained herein subsequently, students are assured that necessary adjustments will be made so that no additional time is required of them.