



Bachelor of Science

Criminal Justice

• CIP code 430104 • 120 credits

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice provides a comprehensive exploration of criminal behavior and the responses of law enforcement, the court system and corrections. Students will study law enforcement, the court system, and corrections in light of the principles of public safety, current social justice issues, and the constitutional rights of individuals. Students will explore the impact of crime on victims, offenders, and the general public.

The program draws upon the experience of professional practitioners through in-class and in-field education placements; using their classroom knowledge and developing practical skills in community settings.

Program Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Understand the underlying causes of crime and criminal behavior, and distinctions between various forms of law violations.
- Demonstrate, defend and critique the structure of the criminal justice system and discuss legal and ethical responsibilities and practices.
- Evaluate, defend and critique differing views of national, state and local laws, policies and enforcement practices.
- Know the role of law enforcement in society, the structure and training of its officers and specializations such as community policing, state police, environmental police, federal law enforcement.
- Know the history, structure and role of federal and local courts; designated courts such as drug courts, juvenile courts, mental health courts and the judicial process; the roles of defense, prosecution and judicial professionals.
- Evaluate, defend and critique the role of corrections, correctional facilities and sentenced populations, correctional policies, staffing and roles.
- Research and respond to controversial issues related to law enforcement, sentencing and correctional practices and defend differing views in a scholarly manner.
- Participate thoughtfully in debates on society's responses to crime: treatment vs. punishment, need for law and respect for human rights, the impact of crime and imprisonment, alternative sentencing and the principles of restorative justice.

Careers and Further Study

Graduates will be well prepared for positions in court probation, case management in juvenile and adult judicial processes, community-based alternative sentencing programs, youth diversion programs, pre-release and community reintegration services, drug treatment, victim advocacy, domestic violence services, and corrections on county and state levels. Graduates will be well prepared for study at the Police Academy and for graduate study in criminology, criminal justice, forensics, public administration, law enforcement, legal studies, human and social sciences, and law.

General Education 42 credits

LRN 175	Principles & Processes of Adult Learning	3
WRT 101	College Writing I	3
CTH 225	Foundations of Critical Thinking	3
MAT 101	College Math I	3
CMP 130	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
CMP 230	Digital Literacy	3
WRT 102	College Writing II	3
MAT 102	College Math II	3

WRT 101-102 and MAT 101-102 may be waived if equivalent courses have been accepted in transfer. Credits will be replaced with open electives. WRT 201 required if both WRT 101-102 are waived; not required for students completing WRT 101-102 at Cambridge. WRT 090 and MAT 100 required if assessment indicates need.

Arts & Humanities	6
Natural & Physical Sciences	6
Social Sciences	6

Open Electives 34 credits

Choose electives and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

Criminal Justice Major 44 credits

JUS 200	Crime and Criminal Justice	3
JUS 225	Introduction to Social Justice	3
JUS 304	Foundations of Law Enforcement	3
JUS 305	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
JUS 306	Courts and Community	3
BHS 300	Domestic Violence: Risks, Trends, Resources	1
BHS 310	Art of Advocacy: Skills for Policy & Service Delivery	1
JUS 310	Women, Crime & Criminal Justice	3
PSY 328	Forensic Psychology	3
JUS 343	Youth and Gangs	1
JUS 350	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
BHS 402	Special Topics in Justice Issues	3
PSY 409	Family Mediation Techniques	1
JUS 416	History and Current Practices of Corrections	3
JUS 435	Restorative Justice and Alternative Sentencing	3
JUS 470	Criminal Justice Field Education	4

Capstone

JUS 490	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
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Degree completion: General education requirements may be satisfied by an associate's degree or 60 credits of prior courses that meet all general criteria for transfer; up to 90 credits may be accepted.