



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

LRN175	Principles & Processes of Adult Learning	3
WRT101	College Writing I	3
CTH225	Foundations of Critical Thinking	3
MAT101	College Math I	3
CMP130	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
CMP230	Information Literacy	3
WRT102	College Writing II	3
MAT102	College Math II	3

WRT101-102 and MAT101-102 may be waived if equivalent courses have been accepted in transfer. Credits will be replaced with open electives. WRT201 required if both WRT101-102 are waived; not required for students completing WRT101-102 at Cambridge. WRT090 and MAT100 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

JUS200	Crime and Criminal Justice	3
(new)	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
(new)	Forensic Psychology	3
(new)	Law Enforcement Policies and Procedures	3
(new)	Corrections, History and Current Practice	3
(new)	Courts and Community	3
(new)	Alternative Sentencing and Restorative Justice	3
JUS350	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
(new)	Women and Crime	3
(new)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
(new)	Special Topics in Criminal Justice Issues	3
(new)	Criminal Justice Field Education	4
(new)	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
(new)	Domestic Violence: Risks, Trends, Resources	1
JUS343	Youth and Gangs	1
(new)	Family Mediation Techniques	1
BHS310	Art of Advocacy: Skills for Policy & Service Delivery	1