

Program Pathway – Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in criminal justice prepares students to work in the areas of municipal, state, and federal law enforcement; corrections; and juvenile justice and probation. This degree program also provides a firm foundation in the analytical, communication, and research skills needed for law and graduate school.

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. Highlighted courses have been identified as "key courses." It is strongly advised that students make every effort to pass these courses on the first attempt with a "C" or higher in order to be successful in this program. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Missing milestones could prevent you from being eligible for a particular program or could result in a delay in graduation. The Program Pathway serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term.

First Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1101 *	English Composition I	3	Co-requisite: ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
MATH 1001 or MATH 1101 or MATH 1111	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning or Mathematical Modeling or College Algebra	3	Minimum SAT/ACT/Accuplacer scores
COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3	Co-requisite ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
PRSP 1010*	Perspective Elective	1	Varies by Course Selected
POLS 1101	American Government	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
CRJU 1100*	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
Semester Total		16	

First Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
ENGL 1102 *	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 ('C' or higher)
Science, Math, or Technology Elective	(MATH 1401 strongly recommended)	3	Varies by Course Selected
Social Sciences Elective	(PSYC 1101 recommended)	3	Varies by Course Selected
HIST 2111/2112	United States History	3	ENGL 0999, unless exempt.
CRJU 2200*	The Judicial Process	3	CRJU 1100 ('C' or higher)
Semester Total		15	

First Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ENGL 1101 & ENGL 1102 with a C or better • Complete a math course • Complete CRJU 1100 and CRJU 2200 with a C or better • Meet with your advisor • Join Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Note: *Denotes grade of 'C' or higher required.

Second Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Humanities/ Fine Arts English Elective	Literature Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Co-req w/ ENGL 1102*
Lab Science	See DegreeWorks for an approved list	4	Varies by Course Selected
CRJU 2100*	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	
Social Science Elective	See DegreeWorks for an approved list (SOCI 1101 recommended)	3	Varies by Course Selected
Major Elective*	Major Related Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
Semester Total		16	

Second Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
Humanities/Fine Arts elective	See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
Lab Science	See DegreeWorks for an approved list	4	Varies by Course Selected
CRJU 2300*	Crime and Justice Studies	3	CRJU major
Major Elective*	Major Related Elective –See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
Semester Total		13	

Second Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete CRJU 2100 with a C or better • Meet with your advisor • Consider submitting an application to graduate with the AS Criminal Justice Degree • If planning to pursue graduate studies after graduation, explore fields of study, graduate programs, and law schools. • If planning to enter the job market after graduation, begin exploring career options by discussing your options with your faculty advisor, your instructors, or a DSC career counselor. Also, consider job shadowing or interviewing professionals in the fields in which you are most interested. Also, consider attending the Career Fair.

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Third Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
CRJU 3100*	Introduction to Criminal Law	3	CRJU 2200
CRJU 3300*	Introduction to Corrections	3	CRJU 1100
CRJU 3400*	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3	CRJU 1100
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
Semester Total		15	

Third Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
CRJU 3110*	Introduction to Criminal Procedure	3	CRJU 2200
CRJU 3200*	Introduction to Criminology	3	CRJU 1100
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
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Semester Total		15	

Third Year Milestones			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor • Discuss Criminal Justice Internships with your advisor and/or the Department Chair. • If planning to pursue graduate studies, narrow your choices for graduate programs. In addition, begin reviewing application requirements and timelines for application, scholarships/assistantships, financial aid, and housing. Also, schedule and prepare for your GRE/LSAT exam. • If planning to enter the job market after graduation, create your resume and attend the Career Fair. 			

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Fourth Year – Term 1			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
CRJU 3700 *	Research Methodology	3	CRJU 3200
CRJU 4700 *	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3	CRJU 1100
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
Semester Total		15	

Fourth Year – Term 2			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites
CRJU 4800 *	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	3	CRJU 3700 and 45 credit hours of Upper Level CRJU courses
UL CRJU Elective*	3000/4000 CRJU Elective – See DegreeWorks for an approved list	3	Varies by Course Selected
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	Semester Total	15	

Fourth Year Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor • Submit Graduation Application to Office of Enrollment Services in term prior to expected graduation • Discuss Criminal Justice Internships with your advisor and/or the Department Chair. • If planning to pursue graduate studies, you should submit applications and supporting materials by advertised due dates. For most, these dates will be late spring or early fall prior to the term of entrance. • If planning to enter the job market after graduation, update your resume, practice mock interviews and attend the Career Fair.

Notes:

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