

# School of Natural and Social Sciences

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### Program Objectives

The courses and curriculum of the criminal justice program are designed to achieve the following student outcomes:

- demonstrate a foundation of knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to succeed in a criminal justice profession or to enter into graduate school;
- learn about the causes of crime; methods of prevention; and responsibilities of all individuals involved in the apprehension, prosecution, punishment, correction, and reintegration of offenders;
- demonstrate understanding of the legal and political framework under which the justice system operates, and embrace the opportunity to seek advocacy measures of restorative justice in specific while examining major assumptions about crime and justice in general;
- become critical thinkers who can articulate, in oral and written form, a comprehensive knowledge of criminal justice issues, particularly from a Christian perspective and framework;
- articulate relevant and critical questions concerning crime and its control, and meaningfully address such issues from a variety of perspectives including a restorative justice framework;
- demonstrate comprehension of relevant criminological theories and justice structures, and practically apply such knowledge to contemporary justice issues; and
- understand the ethical implications of the work of justice professionals, and prepare to act with honesty and integrity as leaders who will become agents of positive change in the criminal justice system.

### Criminal Justice (CJU)

**CJU1002 Field Observation in Criminal Justice [2].** An introductory course to the field of criminal justice specifically related to observing positions in various agencies and exploring the suitability of the student to become a criminal justice professional. Students will participate in up to thirty (30) volunteer hours of observation and participation in a field experience, as well as weekly classroom interaction. Co-requisite: CJU1003. Priority enrollment for Criminal Justice majors.

**CJU1003 Introduction to Criminal Justice [3].** A survey of the criminal justice system in the United States, with specific focus on the three major components of police, courts, and corrections. The nature and relationships of the various criminal justice agencies is explored. This course provides the groundwork for the student of criminal justice by analyzing and describing the agencies of justice and the procedures used to identify and deal with criminal offenders. Co-requisite: CJU1002 for Criminal Justice majors only.

**CJU2003 Introduction to Policing [3].** An examination of the philosophy, history, and agencies of law enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels. Special emphasis is given to analyzing the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement in a democratic society as well as contemporary issues of corruption, brutality, use of deadly force, and community-oriented policing. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

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**CJU2013 Criminal Law and Procedures [3].** A course in basic principles of substantive criminal law and analysis of criminal offenses. Special emphasis is given to the constitutional aspects of criminal procedure related to investigations, arrests, search and seizures, pretrial processes, trial rights, sentencing and appeals. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

**CJU2023 Criminal Investigations [3].** An overview of the field of criminal investigations which presents procedures, techniques, and applications of criminal investigations by integrating coverage of modern investigative tools with discussion of established investigation procedures and techniques. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

**CJU3013 Juvenile Justice [3].** The study of juvenile delinquency that analyzes and describes the nature and extent of delinquency, the suspected causes of delinquent behavior, and the environmental influences on youthful misbehavior. The course also covers critical issues in juvenile delinquency and analyzes crucial policy issues such as the use of pretrial detention, waiver to adult court, and restorative justice programs. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

**CJU3023 Criminology and Victimology [3].** Provides the framework for studying criminology, current theories, and major forms of criminal behavior. The concept of victimization is also studied, as well as theories of victimization, the impact of crime on victims, and programs designed to help victims of crime. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

**aCJU3034 Introduction to Forensic Science with Laboratory [4].** A survey of forensic science and crime scene investigations through the use of a systematic theory that follows scientific principles. A laboratory is included on basic steps of crime scene analysis and techniques with reference to forensic entomology, botany, pathology, blood chemistry, anthropology, physical and trace evidence, and ballistics. Prerequisite: Any general education science course with laboratory.

**CJU3043 Chemical Dependence and Abuse [3].** A survey of drug and alcohol use, abuse, and their relationships to the criminal justice system and society. The use of alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, prescription drugs, and illicit drugs are explored, including explanations for misuse and dependence with emphasis on the economic and social costs to society. The role of the criminal justice system as an agent of social control in the containment of chemical dependence and abuse are also considered.

**aCJU3083 Terrorism and Homeland Security [3].** A study of the methods of terrorism (domestic and international), terrorist operations, cyber-terrorism, and the mind of the terrorist within a national response of providing for homeland security. The roles undertaken by local, state, and national agencies to respond to the threat of terrorism are given specific consideration.

**CJU4013 Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice [3].** A comprehensive reflection on the field of criminal justice with particular emphasis on restorative justice: the theory of justice that emphasizes repairing the harm and healing those who have been harmed by crime (victims, offenders, and communities). Prerequisite: 9 hours of criminal justice including CJU1003 and senior classification.

**CJU4023 Crisis Intervention [3].** A study of emotionally charged situations that agents in the criminal justice system might experience. Special emphasis is given to basic safety and security measures, mediation tactics, strategies for resolving crises, and best practices in hostage negotiations. Prerequisite: CJU1003.

**CJU4034 Corrections [4].** A study of the adult corrections system, its history, the criminal offender, correctional facilities, and correctional programs. Prerequisites: CJU1003 and CJU3023.

**CJU5019 Independent Study [1-4].**

**CJU5029 Criminal Justice Internship [1-6].** A supervised experience performed in a professional environment representing a student's major discipline. Students who elect to participate in an internship are required to present the internship in the departmental seminar. Prerequisite: Senior standing and departmental application and approval.

**CJU5091 Criminal Justice Honors Research Project [1-2].** A capstone research project within the major for honor students. It is supervised by a faculty mentor and evaluated by a committee of three faculty. The course is repeatable for up to four (4) hours of credit. Prerequisite: Approval of the application of Intent for Honors Research Project by the Honors Program Director.

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## Departmental Programs

### Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

#### *Required Social Foundations Courses*

SOC1013G Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY1013G General Psychology	3
PSY3063 Abnormal Psychology	3

#### *Required Criminal Justice Courses*

CJU1002 Field Observation in Criminal Justice	2
CJU1003 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJU2003 Introduction to Policing	3
CJU2013 Criminal Law and Procedures	3
MAT2063 Introduction to Statistics	3
CJU3013 Juvenile Justice	3
CJU3023 Criminology and Victimology	3
CJU3043 Chemical Dependence and Abuse	3
SOC/SWK3003 Social Science Research Methods*	3
CJU4013 Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice	3
CJU4034 Corrections	4

#### *Criminal Justice Elective Courses*

Select at least 12 hours from the following. A minimum of 3 hours must be courses numbered 3000 or above.)

SWK2003 Cultural and Human Diversity	12
CJU2023 Criminal Investigations	
HIS2053 American Government	
CJU3034 Introduction to Forensic Science with Laboratory	
PSY/SOC3053 Social Psychology	
CJU3083 Terrorism and Homeland Security	
SOC3093 Sociology of Deviance	

CJU4023 Crisis Intervention  
 CJU5019 Independent Study  
 CJU5029 Criminal Justice Internship

Total 54 Hours

\*(Students who choose to complete double majors in psychology and criminal justice must complete Research Design in Psychology as the required research methods course. Students who choose to complete double majors in sociology and criminal justice must complete Social Science Research Methods as the required research methods course.)

The student with a major in criminal justice must complete a minor in another field.

#### **Criminal Justice Minor**

CJU1003 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJU2013 Criminal Law and Procedures	3
Select one of the following:	3
CJU2003 Introduction to Policing	
CJU2023 Criminal Investigations	
Select one of the following:	3
CJU3013 Juvenile Justice	
CJU3023 Criminology and Victimology	
CJU4013 Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice	3
Criminal justice electives	3

Total 18 Hours