

Crime, Law and Justice

Division of Professional Studies

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MISSION:

To prepare students for graduate school in the field, and/or employment in fields where a bachelor's degree in Crime, Law and Justice is beneficial, in a distinctively Christian context that helps students integrate their faith and their discipline in their personal and professional development.

GOALS:

1. A student will be able to reflect upon and apply Christian principles to their future work in fields such as advocacy, law, or policing.
2. A student will prepare for further professional development, graduate training, and/or employment in the field.
3. A student will understand the complexities of the criminal justice system.
4. A student will deepen self-awareness, appreciation of diversity, and acceptance of others.
5. A student will enhance their oral and written communication skills by incorporating effective listening, constructive interpersonal communication, use of both the American Psychology Association (APA) writing style and Blue Book (a uniform system of citation), as well as other skills conducive to meaningful communication.
6. A student will engage in fieldwork that provides an opportunity to integrate theory with practice.

DEGREES, MAJORS AND TRACKS OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts: *Crime, Law and Justice – General Track; Crime, Law and Justice – Advocacy Track; Crime, Law and Justice – Law Enforcement Track; Crime, Law and Justice – Legal Track*

Double Majors: *Crime, Law and Justice and Psychology – Social Relations Track*

Minor: *Crime, Law and Justice*

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see below
- Earn minimum of 123 Graduation Credits
- Pass Program Comprehensive Exam
- Meet minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.0

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 44 credits required

See page 9 for course options.

Cultural Perspectives Requirements, 32 credits

Physical Education Skills, 2 credits

Lab Science, 4 credits

Required Math: PS251 Statistics for Social Sciences, minimum grade C-, 3 credits

Social Science, 3 credits

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE GENERAL TRACK (BA) REQUIREMENTS

- Fulfill all General Degree Requirements – see above
- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see page 9, 44 credits
- Fulfill all Crime, Law and Justice General Track Major Requirements – see below

Crime, Law and Justice General Track Core (all required), minimum grade C-, 24 credits

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice	3
CJ225 Law, Courts and Procedures	3
CJ260 Conflict Resolution	3
CJ315 Policing and Investigations	3
CJ350 Criminology and Victimology	3
CJ352 Junior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5
CJ390 Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument	3
CJ430 Field Experience	3
CJ453 Senior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5

Required Cognates, minimum grade C-, 9 credits

PS110 Introduction to Psychology	3
PS351 Methods of Social Research	3
SO110 Introduction to Sociology	3

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE ADVOCACY TRACK (BA) REQUIREMENTS

- Fulfill all General Degree Requirements – see above
- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see page 9, 44 credits
- Fulfill all Crime, Law and Justice Advocacy Track Major Requirements – see below

Crime, Law and Justice Advocacy Track Core (all required), minimum grade C-, 33 credits

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice	3
CJ225 Law, Courts and Procedures	3
CJ260 Conflict Resolution	3
CJ270 Advocacy	3
CJ315 Policing and Investigations	3
CJ350 Criminology and Victimology	3
CJ352 Junior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5
CJ390 Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument	3
CJ430 Field Experience	3
CJ453 Senior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5

Choose one of the following:

PS240 Lifespan Development	3
SW201 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
SW202 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3

Choose one of the following:

PS342 Child Psychology	3
PS343 Adolescent Psychology	3

Required Cognates, minimum grade C-, 12 credits

PS110 Introduction to Psychology	3
PS313 Social Psychology	3
PS351 Methods of Social Research	3
SO110 Introduction to Sociology	3

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK (BA) REQUIREMENTS

- Fulfill all General Degree Requirements – see above
- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see page 9, 44 credits
- Fulfill all Crime, Law and Justice Law Enforcement Track Major Requirements – see below

Crime, Law and Justice Law Enforcement Track Core (all required), minimum grade C-, 27 credits

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice	3
CJ225 Law, Courts and Procedures	3
CJ260 Conflict Resolution	3
CJ315 Policing and Investigations	3
CJ350 Criminology and Victimology	3
CJ352 Junior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5
CJ390 Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument	3
CJ430 Field Experience	3
CJ453 Senior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5

Choose one of the following:

PS313 Social Psychology	3
PS372 Abnormal Psychology	3
SW201 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
SW202 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3

Required Cognates, minimum grade C-, 12 credits

PS110 Introduction to Psychology	3
PS351 Methods of Social Research	3
SO110 Introduction to Sociology	3
SO212 Human Diversity	3

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE LEGAL TRACK (BA) REQUIREMENTS

- Fulfill all General Degree Requirements – see above
- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see page 9, 44 credits
- Fulfill all Crime, Law and Justice Legal Track Major Requirements – see below

Crime, Law and Justice Legal Track Core (all required), minimum grade C-, 24 credits

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice	3
CJ225 Law, Courts and Procedures	3
CJ260 Conflict Resolution	3
CJ270 Advocacy	3
CJ350 Criminology and Victimology	3

CJ352 Junior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5
CJ390 Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument	3
CJ430 Field Experience	3
CJ453 Senior Seminar in Crime, Law and Justice	1.5

Required Cognates, minimum grade C-, 18 credits

GO455 Seminar in Christianity and the Law	3
PH331 Critical Thinking and Logic	3
PS110 Introduction to Psychology	3
PS351 Methods of Social Research	3
SO110 Introduction to Sociology	3
TJ120 Voice and Speech	3

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY – SOCIAL RELATIONS TRACK (BA) REQUIREMENTS

Note: This is a double major.

- Fulfill all General Degree Requirements – see above
- Fulfill all General Education Requirements – see page 9, 44 credits
- Required Math: PS251 Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences, 3 credits
- Required Social Science: Fulfilled with cognate PS110 Introduction to Psychology, 3 credits
- Fulfill all Crime, Law and Justice General Track Major Requirements – see above, 33 credits
- Fulfill all Psychology Social Relations Major Requirements – see below

Psychology – Social Relations Requirements (all required)**minimum grade C-, 21 credits**

PS240, Lifespan Development	3
PS313 Social Psychology	3
PS314 Group Psychology	3
PS331 Theories of Personality	3
PS352 Junior Psychology Seminar	1.5
PS372 Abnormal Psychology	3
PS430 Field Experience	3
PS453 Senior Psychology Seminar	1.5

Psychology Elective, minimum grade C-, 3 credits

Choose one PS course – see descriptions under Psychology Program

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE MINOR, minimum grade C-, 15 credits

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice and any four additional 3 credit CJ courses.

CRIME, LAW AND JUSTICE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CJ190 Introduction to Crime, Law and Justice (3 cr.) Provides an introduction to crime, law and justice. The course will focus the understanding of the American Judicial System and the administration criminal and civil justice. The course will also address historical and current issues which shape the American justice system. *Offered annually.*

CJ225 Law, Courts and Procedures (3 cr.) This course provides an introduction to the law and the American legal system; Students will learn about the many sources of law including constitutions, statutes, cases, and regulations, and the application of each in the American legal system. Topics include Constitutional I rights, legal procedure, ethical obligations and regulations. Current trends and developments which shape the legal system will be examined.

CJ260 Conflict Resolution (3 cr.) The course will focus on the development of skills utilized in conflict resolution. Topics covered will include negotiation techniques, persuasive oral and written argumentation, and mediation skills.

CJ270 Advocacy (3 cr.) The course studies multiple facets of victim, child, and community advocacy. The course will focus on roles and responsibilities of advocates in the judicial system, legislative process, and community based initiatives.

CJ315 Policing and Investigation (3 cr.) Covers law enforcement policies and procedures; including, police ethics, arrests, use of discretion, and agency management. The course will also cover investigative processes and procedures; including crime scene analysis, collection and handling of evidence. *Prerequisite: CJ190.*

CJ341 Corrections and Alternatives (3 cr.) Explores the history and operation of prisons and jails in the United States and other countries. Covers the management and operation of corrections facilities from the perspective of employees and incarcerated persons, as well as ideas dealing with innovative correction techniques and the future of corrections in the United States. *Prerequisite: CJ190. Offered alternate years.*

CJ350 Criminology and Victimology (3 cr.) A social scientific study of crime and victimology in society, including an examination of the historical theories of crime, and an analysis of the methods and research to respond to these crimes at both the legal level and in the treatment of victims. *Prerequisite: CJ190.*

CJ352 Junior Seminar (1.5 cr.) The course has three main objectives; 1) Expose students to current critical issues in criminal justice with particular emphasis on the current United States Supreme Court docket. 2) Guides the Crime, Law and Justice major in preparing for the senior comprehensive exam in criminal justice. And 3) provide a resource in career planning for students, as they move toward specific post-graduation goals of either seeking criminal justice related employment or applying for graduate school. Both individual and group activities are scheduled in order to facilitate the senior comprehensive preparation and career planning. *Prerequisite: CJ190; Junior Standing.*

CJ390 Legal Research, Writing and Oral Argument (3 cr.) Explores the fundamentals of legal research and writing including, research sources, and document drafting. Students will also explore litigation techniques of persuasive oral presentations. *Prerequisite: CJ190.*

CJ430 Field Experience in Crime, Law and Justice (3 cr.) Course involves a supervised practical experience in a vocation closely related to the student's interest and/or future plans in Crime, Law and Justice. Readings, written assignments and group meetings assist the student in reflecting on and integrating the knowledge gained from involvement at an approved placement site. *Prerequisite: Attendance at a pre-placement meeting. Recommended for Junior year. Cross-listed as SO430, PS430. Offered fall and spring. Offered summer with special permission by the program chair.*

CJ453 Senior Seminar (1.5 cr.) Guides student in his/her preparation for the comprehensive examination in criminal justice. The course continues facilitating the career planning begun in Junior Seminar. Students will develop post-graduation goals of either seeking justice related employment, applying for graduate school or law school. *Prerequisite: CJ190; Senior Standing.*