**THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**The Criminal Justice Major**

A total of 42 credits are required to complete the criminal justice major: 27 credits of required courses and 15 credits of required electives.

**Requirements to Graduate with a Criminal Justice Major**

For a student to graduate with a Criminal Justice Major, the student must meet all University, College, and Criminal Justice Major requirements; also, the Criminal Justice major must possess a 2.50 grade point average on all academic course work and maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA in all courses that count toward the major, with grades “C” or better.

**Introductory Criminal Justice Courses (not required for CJ Majors)**

**CJ 110: Introduction to Criminal Justice Process (XS)** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** None.

**CJ 125: The Real Criminal Justice System** (3 credits)

This is a Quest 1 course (Civic Knowledge and Engagement; Society; Civic Learning). Criminal Justice majors and minors are NOT required to take this course. **Prerequisites:** None

**CJ 199: Introduction to Forensic Investigation** (3 credits)

This course is cross-listed with Anthropology 199.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Introductory Criminal Justice Courses (Required)**

**CJ 244** **:** **Correctional Process** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** None.

**CJ 270:** **Introduction to Criminal Law** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** None

**CJ 281: Elementary Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (XM)** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Math 104, 106, or 108 with a C or better; or placement into Math 171 or 201; or a grade of C or better in Math 186, 187, 188, or 189 and a grade of C or better in Math 103 (or placement into Math 104, 106, or 108).

\*Note: 1) CJ 281 is designated as a USP Explore Course (Nature; Quantitative Literacy); 2) CJ 281 is designated as a Math Level II course.

**CJ 288: Police in Modern Society** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Foundational CJ Courses (Required)**

**CJ 312:** **Managing Criminal Justice Organizations** (3 credits)[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Prerequisites**: Criminal Justice Major who has completed at least two of the following courses: Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110 and at least one of the following: Crim Jus 270, 288, 244, 281; OR consent of instructor.

**CJ 318: Adjudication Process in Criminal Justice** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites**: Criminal Justice Major who has completed at least two of the following courses: Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110 and at least one of the following: Crim Jus 270, 288, 244, 281; OR consent of instructor.

**CJ 343: Quantitative Research Design** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** CJ 281 or concurrent enrollment in CJ 281 and at least one of the following courses: CJ 270, CJ 288, or CJ 244; Criminal Justice Major or consent of instructor.

**CJ 351: Theoretical Criminology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed at least two of the following courses: Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110 and at least one of the following: Crim Jus 270, 288, 244, 281; OR consent of instructor.

**Elective Criminal Justice Courses (15 credits of electives are required)**

Criminal Justice Majors must complete 15 credits of electives. A minimum of 9 credits from the list of CJ elective courses must be completed (see list below). Criminal Justice Majors may complete 6 credits of the required 15 elective credits by enrolling in suggested courses that are offered outside the Department of Criminal Justice (see the list that follows). However, this is not required. Criminal Justice Majors may complete all their elective credit requirements with CJ elective courses.

**CJ 304:** **Criminal Investigation** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 315: Police Deviance** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288,

281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor An additional course fee of $40.00 is applied to this course to facilitate the use of a “Use of Force Simulator”.

**CJ 319:** **Criminal Courts: Proof of Guilt** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 328:** **Criminal Courts Behavior** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 331: Women and Crime** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 332: Institutional Violence** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 333:** **Illegal Bias in the Criminal Justice System** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 334:** **Comparative Criminal Justice Policies** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 340:** **Police Administration** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 341:** **Administration of Police Operations** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 344:** **Crime Films, Popular Culture, and Criminology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 346:** **Community-Based Corrections** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 347:** **Juvenile Justice System** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 348:** **Law of Corrections** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 352:** **Organized Crime** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 353:** **Convict Criminology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 354:** **Homeland Security and Terrorism** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 357: Forensic Odontology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 361: Forensic Burial Recovery (**3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 365: Crime Scene Documentation and Evidence Collection** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 374:** **Human Osteology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 375: Special Topics –** the topic of this course will vary (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 377:** **Forensic Anthropology** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 388:** **Drugs and Crime** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed Crim Jus 270, 288, 281, 244, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 343, 351; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed Crim Jus 110, at least one of the following: Crim Jus 244, 270, 281, 288, and at least two of the following: Crim Jus 312, 318, 351; OR consent of instructor

**CJ 396: Internship in Criminal Justice** (1 – 8 credits)

**Prerequisites:** instructor consent; students **MUST** meet with a Criminal Justice faculty member before pursuing an internship opportunity. Students intending to take an internship must have completed at least 90 credits and have a 3.0 GPA in the major.

**CJ 446: Independent Study** (1 - 3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** departmental consent, and general prerequisites as described by Course and Academic Advisement Policies.

**CJ 474:** **Honors: Thesis** (1 – 6 credits)

**Prerequisites:** departmental consent, university honors status, and junior or

senior status.

**Senior Capstone Course (Required)**

**CJ 358:** **Major Criminal Justice Issues** (3 credits)

**Prerequisites:** Criminal Justice Major who has completed CJ 270, CJ 288, CJ 281, CJ 244, CJ 312, CJ 318, CJ 343, CJ 351 and, at least, 9 of the 15 required CJ elective credits; OR Criminal Justice Minor who has completed CJ 110, at least one of the following: CJ 244 or CJ 270 or CJ 281 or CJ 288, and all of the following: CJ 312, CJ 318, CJ 351; OR consent of instructor.

\*Criminal Justice Majors should take CJ 358 during their final semester before graduation.

**Suggested list of CJ Electives taught outside the Department of Criminal Justice**

This list does not contain all courses that may be relevant for CJ majors. Some courses may be offered infrequently, or the department may change prerequisites for courses preventing CJ majors from enrolling (see the relevant department for the required prerequisites and credits for these courses). New courses may be offered that are not on the list. Thus, we urge students to discuss the selection of other relevant electives from other departments not found on this list with their CJ advisor. If a CJ major does select a course that is not listed here, she or he must complete a curriculum modification with either the Criminal Justice Office or a CJ faculty member. It is recommended that the CJ major complete this form prior to enrolling in the selected elective.

**Anthropology**

21-312: The Indians of North America

21-324: Chicanos in America

21-340: Culture and Personality

21-343: Masculinity across Cultures

21-357: Forensic Odontology

21-361: Forensic Burial Recovery

21-365: Crime Scene Documentation and Evidence Collection

21-374: Human Osteology

21-377: Forensic Anthropology

**Economics**

36-307: Discrimination, Gender, and the Economy

**Fire and Emergency Response Management**

FERM 362: Public Personnel Administration

**Geography**

50-340: Mapping and Visualization in GIS

50-341: Spatial Analysis in GIS

50-441: Advanced GIS

**Human Services**

18-353: Domestic Violence

18-415: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Human Services

**Information Systems**

64-311: Essentials of Information Systems

64-316: Network and Data Communications

64-411: Enterprise Security Management

64-412: Barbarians at the Gate: Securing the Network

**Master of Public Administration**

83-751: Program Evaluation

**Political Science**

84-304: Race & Ethnicity in United States Politics

84-306: Constitutional Law & Judicial Policy-Making II

84-310: Urban Government

84-342: Gender, Law and Policy

84-392: Judicial Process in America

**Psychology**

86-303: Psychology of Abnormal Behavior

86-305: Social Psychology

86-307: Psychology of Personality

86-367: Psychopharmacology

86-383: Biological Psychology

86-398: Theories and Principles of Learning

**Public Administration**

81-307: Administrative Law and Procedure

81-362: Public Personnel Administration

81-364: Administrative Leadership and Behavior

**Social Justice**

304: Race & Ethnicity in US Politics

307: Discrimination, Gender, and the Economy

325: Collective Behavior and Social Movements

331: Social Stratification

359: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

**Social Work**

93-333: Poverty

93-375: Treatment and Mistreatment of Offenders

**Sociology**

92-311: Sociology of the Modern City

92-325: Collective Behavior and Social Movements

92-331: Social Stratification

92-337: Work Industry and Occupation

92-351: Criminology

92-353: Juvenile Delinquency

92-355: Social Control

92-359: Minority Groups

92-361: Complex Organizations

92-365: Processes of Social Disorganization

92-369: Sociology of Deviance

92-373: Sociology of Law

**Urban Planning**

99-425: Computer Uses in Urban Analysis

**Women Studies**

98-303: Women, Politics and Policy – A Global Perspective (GS)

98-306: Trans & Non-binary Lives

98-307: Discrimination, Gender, and the Economy

98-315: Women and Madness

98-323: Inside-Out Prison Exchange

98-342: Gender, Law and Policy

98-343: Masculinity Across Culture

98-353: Domestic Violence

**Criminal Justice Internships**

* Students **MUST** meet with a Criminal Justice Faculty member before pursuing an internship opportunity.
* Internships are available from 1-8 credits.
* Students intending to take an internship must have completed at least 90 credits and have a 3.0 GPA in the major.

Although an internship is not required, it can be a very valuable experience. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss internships with a Criminal Justice Faculty member. Students should begin this process well before the semester in which they wish to register for the internship. Internships are a privilege, not a right. If students demonstrate excellent academic achievement (as evidenced by a 3.0 GPA in the CJ Major), as well as maturity, professionalism, and discretion, they may earn a criminal justice internship. If earned, criminal justice faculty members will work to provide a student intern with an academic experience within a criminal justice agency.   
  
Internships also carry an academic requirement. To successfully complete the academic portion, students must integrate the field experience with their academic curriculum. Typically, this is done through periodic consultations with a faculty advisor during the internship, and the submission of a related paper or portfolio.  
  
Since criminal justice agencies go out of their way to provide an educational experience for the student, we insist that the student be able to provide something to the agency as well. We encourage each host agency to put the student’s academic skills to use, particularly in the area of research, analysis, and prison programming.

The criminal justice faculty will make a concerted effort to ensure that student interns receive real world experience within a criminal justice agency.  
  
The availability of internship positions is limited. For this reason, academic achievement is not the only criteria necessary to earn an internship. The faculty evaluation of the student’s professionalism, maturity, and “fit” between the student and agency are all elements in the selection process.

**The Criminal Justice Minor**

A total of 21 credits are required to complete the criminal justice minor. To complete the criminal justice minor, students are required to complete the following courses:

* CJ 110:Introduction to the Criminal Justice Process (3 credits)
* Choose ONE of the following (3 credits): CJ 35-244 (Correctional Process), OR CJ 35-270 (Introductory Criminal Law), OR CJ 35-281 (Elementary Statistics in Criminal Justice Research XM), OR CJ 35-288 Police in Modern Society
* CJ 35-312: Management of Criminal Justice Organizations (3 credits)
* CJ 35-318: Adjudication Process in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
* CJ 35-351: Theoretical Criminology (3 credits)
* One Upper Level CJ Elective Course (3 credits)
* CJ 35-358: Major Criminal Justice Issues (3 credits)

**Registering and Enrolling in Criminal Justice Courses**

Registration for CJ courses can be processed through Titan Web (contact your CJ advisor for an appointment if you have related questions about registering for CJ courses).

**Recommended Minors for the Criminal Justice Major**

While a minor is not required to complete the criminal justice degree, the following minors are recommended for those criminal justice majors who wish to pursue a minor: Anthropology, Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Organizational Communication, Communication Studies, Radio-TV-Film, Economics, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Justice, Sociology, Journalism-Liberal Arts, Military Science, Spanish, , and Women’s Studies.

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1. PA 221 (Introduction to Public Administration), which is occasionally offered by the Department of Public Administration can be substituted for the CJ 312 requirement. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)