

# DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

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Students who are not majoring in Criminal Justice may minor in Criminal Justice, Offender Rehabilitation, or Law Enforcement. Each minor requires a minimum of 21 credit hours.

Students who are not majoring in Forensic Investigation may minor in Forensic Investigation. A minor requires a minimum of 21 credit hours.

## Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation merges liberal arts and professional studies into a well-balanced curriculum. A Bachelor of Science with a major in criminal justice is a solid foundation for law school or graduate study, in addition to being a superb preparation for employment in the rapidly growing field of criminal justice. The core courses provide a basic understanding of the nature of crime and society's reaction to crime, as well as an in-depth investigation of the various components within the criminal justice system. Studies in concentration areas provide students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills which enhance future employment and serve as a basis for advanced studies.

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Criminal Justice requires the following, which meets the general academic regulations:

- a minimum of 120 hours consisting of 50 hours of general studies courses
- 18 hours of criminal justice core courses
- 24 hours in a criminal justice concentration
- 28 hours of minor and elective courses

NOTE: Criminal Justice majors must obtain a minor outside the department. Spanish is the preferred minor or co-minor.

## Forensic Investigation

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Forensic Investigation (FI) consists of two separate tracks that address career interests. A degree in Forensic Investigation can lead to a fulfilling career that offers a lifetime of opportunities locally, nationally, and globally. Students interested in pursuing a major in FI must initially declare their major as Forensic Investigation Undecided. They will be advised to complete the lower division Forensic Investigation core that consists of five classes (15 semester hours). Upon completion of these lower division courses, the coursework will be assessed by their advisor to determine whether they have met the minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA and a 2.5 in CJ and FI coursework required to proceed to upper division coursework in one of the two forensic investigation tracks. The minimum 2.5 overall GPA is also required to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Investigation in either track.

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Forensic Investigation is a 120 hour program which requires the following:

- 50 hours of general studies courses
- 15 hours of Forensic Investigation Lower Division Core courses
- 27 hours in a Forensic Investigation track
- 28 hours of minor and elective courses

NOTE: Forensic Investigation - Criminal Investigation majors must obtain a minor outside the department. Forensic Investigation - Forensic Laboratory Technician majors must minor in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.

- Criminal Justice - Offender Rehabilitation (Bachelor of Science) ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-offender-rehabilitation-bs/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-offender-rehabilitation-bs/))
- Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement (Bachelor of Science) ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-law-enforcement-bs/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-law-enforcement-bs/))
- Forensic Investigation - Criminal Investigations (Bachelor of Science) ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-criminal-investigation-bs/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-criminal-investigation-bs/))
- Forensic Investigation - Laboratory Technician (Bachelor of Science) ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-laboratory-technician-bs/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-laboratory-technician-bs/))
- Criminal Justice Minor ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor/))
- Forensic Investigation Minor ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-minor/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-minor/))
- Law Enforcement Minor ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/law-enforcement-minor/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/law-enforcement-minor/))
- Offender Rehabilitation Minor ([catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/offender-rehabilitation-minor/](http://catalog.jsu.edu/archive/2020-2021/undergraduate/human-services-social-sciences/criminal-justice/offender-rehabilitation-minor/))

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