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

Criminal Justice

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
Survey of the agencies and processes involved in the Criminal Justice System: the police, the prosecutor, the public defender, the courts, and corrections.

CJ 200 Introduction to Corrections (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
Philosophical foundations of punishments, historical developments in American penology. Corrections in contemporary America.

CJ 201 Criminal Law (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
Analysis of the origin and sources of criminal law as well as definition of parties to crimes and affirmative defenses. Discussion of specific crimes of common law and in state and national statutes.

CJ 202 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
The development of contemporary American Police. Law enforcement role, philosophy, values, culture, discretion, organizational control, accountability, corruption, misconduct, police-community relations, and future trends.
CJ 205 Legal Research and Records (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
To develop essential legal research skills and knowledge about acquiring legal information from the statutes, case-law books, legal records, online data retrieval services and other legal resources, and to know the essential content of key reports and documents currently used in the courts.

CJ 225 Criminal Courts (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
An analysis of the roles of the Criminal Courts in their interactions with the major participants in the Criminal Justice System; the Court structure and functions; selected critical cases and key issues, such as sentencing and plea bargaining.

CJ 300 Theories of Crime Causation (3)
An examination of biological, psychological, sociological, political and economic theories of crime causation.

CJ 302 Research Methods (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
An introduction to the theory, design, collection, and analysis of data in criminal justice research.

CJ 304 Introduction to Forensic Investigation (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
Introduction to the development of Forensic Investigations and its contribution to the Criminal Justice System and the applications of the scientific discipline to the examination and analysis of physical evidence.

CJ 310 Criminal Behavior and Rehabilitation Strategies (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200.
A study of criminal behavior from a psychological perspective with correctional rehabilitation programs and strategies serving as the focus. The effectiveness of various correctional institutions and their programs and strategies will also be examined.

CJ 311 Correctional Techniques (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200.
An introduction to correctional strategies and the theories on which they are based. Among the topics discussed are counseling, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, humanistic psychology, learning theory, and behavior modification. This course will also provide an in-depth examination of both assessment and counseling strategy effectiveness with offender populations.

CJ 315 Community Based Corrections (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200.
A survey of non-institutional correctional programs focusing on alternatives to incarceration in community settings. Programs reviewed include prerelease, parole, halfway houses, restitution centers, probations, and community correctional centers.

CJ 320 Criminal Investigations (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204, CJ 202 or CJ 304.
Practical application of investigative techniques for specific crimes such as sex offenses, murder, robbery, arson, assaults, and fraud cases.

CJ 322 Juvenile Agencies (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200 or CJ 205.
Examination of the historical aspects of the juvenile justice system with emphasis on juvenile rights in the present juvenile court system and pretrial techniques.

CJ 352 Evidence (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 225 or CJ 325.
Analysis of the rules of evidence, their origins, and types. Constitutional limitations upon their use, methods of safeguarding their value. The trial and techniques for testifying.

CJ 353 Correctional Law (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200 or CJ 205.
Legal problems of the convicted from conviction to release; pre-sentence investigation, sentencing, civil rights loss and restoration, and other legal problems confronting the convicted.

CJ 361 Constitutional Law (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
Analysis of the Constitution of the United States as it affects the law enforcement and corrections field, to wit: the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Amendments to the Constitution.

CJ 362 Constitutional Law II (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 361.
A study of constitutional issues in the administration of justice, fair trial guarantees, humane punishment, and the civil and criminal liability of criminal justice professionals.

CJ 363 Foundations of Law Enforcement (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 202.
An examination of the foundations of American law enforcement from its cultural heritage in England to the present.

CJ 368 Forensic Osteology (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 310 or CJ 430.
This course presents the protocol for forensic osteology with regard to the examination of skeletal elements. Identification and physical morphology related medical/legal problems will be emphasized. Assessment of human or non-human; time since death and cause of death. Proper recovery of skeletal remains as well as other evidentiary items.

CJ 370 Police Administration (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 202.
Organizational structure and coordination of all branches of law enforcement agencies; police, staff, and auxiliary function; their interrelationships and interdependence.

CJ 377 Independent Study in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ or FI. An opportunity for the advanced student to explore an area of special interest. Students must have a supervising criminal justice faculty member agree to a written proposal or outline for an appropriate topic for study and then must secure the approval of the department head.

CJ 378 Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing with 18 hours in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigations or department head approval.
An in-depth study of current issues in criminal justice. The content will vary each semester. May be duplicated for a total of six (6) semester hours.

CJ 379 Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing with 18 hours in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigations or department head approval.
An in-depth study of current issues in criminal justice. The content will vary each semester. May be duplicated for a total of six (6) hours.
CJ 395 Crime Prevention (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.

CJ 399 Study Tour (3)
Topics, excursions, and requirements determined by the department. May be duplicated for credit up to 6 hours. Infrequently scheduled and subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Advance deposit required.

CJ 400 Protective Systems (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
The criminal threat, protective system concept; systems configuration and cost benefit analysis of currently available protective systems.

CJ 402 Police and Community Relations (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 202.
Study of the numerous and complex factors involved in the area of human relations as it affects policing and police management.

CJ 405 Judicial Administration (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 325.
Advanced study of the workings of the state and federal court systems, with a focus on the administrative support agencies of the courts including the responsibilities of clerks of courts, courts administrators, with an examination of careers in the court systems of the states and federal government, and the issues facing the judiciary.

CJ 410 Correctional Administration (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200.
Advanced study of the workings of the state and federal prison systems, and local jails. The application of the theories of organization, management and public administration to the operations of correctional units, policy matters, and other issues facing corrections.

CJ 411 Victimless Crimes (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior Standing with 18 hours of CJ or Fl. Study of controversial area of law that deals with consensual crimes. Topics to be included for discussion may be drugs; obscenity and pornography; prostitution; gambling. The history of legislative enactments and judicial decisions will be dealt with, as well as the social and political implications of enforcement to both police agencies and their clients.

CJ 417 Criminal & Deviant Behavior (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 300, CJ 304, FI 304 or SY 320.
An analysis of criminal and deviant behavior systems with an emphasis on classical and contemporary theories of crime causation.

CJ 420 Probation and Parole (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 200 or CJ 202.
Development, organization, operation of probation and parole with emphasis on alternatives to incarceration.

CJ 430 Criminalistics (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
Methods of scientific analysis, comparison and identification of physical evidence; blood and body fluids, casts and molds, detective dyes, fingerprints, and trace evidence.

CJ 456 Homicide Investigation (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
Special problems involved in homicide investigation including the forensic autopsy.

CJ 463 Crime Scene Processing (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
In-depth and practical look at various types of physical evidence and methods by which evidence is collected and transported to forensic crime laboratories.

CJ 464 Interviews/Interrogations (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204, CJ 200 or CJ 202 or CJ 304.
Discussions and practical exercises covering the various techniques used by criminal justice practitioners to elicit information from witnesses and criminal suspects.

CJ 465 Interviews and Interrogations (3)
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CJ 466 Drugs of Abuse (3)
Prerequisite(s): BY 102 and BY 104 or CY 106 and CY 108; CJ 430, FI 310 or NU 306.
Drugs of abuse, their field identification and drug abuse education.

CJ 467 Trace Evidence (3)
Prerequisite(s): BY 102 and BY 104 or CY 106 and CY 108; CJ 430 or FI 310.
Review of techniques used in the analysis of hairs, fibers, and minute items of evidence related to criminal matters.

CJ 471 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing, consent of Internship Director, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice. Students must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved Criminal Justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by Internship Director.)

CJ 472 Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing, consent of Internship Directory, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice. Student must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved Criminal Justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship and additional scheduled meetings with the Internship Director. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by Internship Director.) This is a Senior Capstone course, and satisfactory work requires completing the EPP and other senior exit-requirements.

CJ 488 Seminar Series (1)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ. Seminar series dealing with current topics and issues in the field. No more than 6 hours credit may be earned.
Forensic Investigation

**FI 204 Introduction to Forensic Investigation (3)**
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
Introduction to the development of Forensic Investigations and its contribution to the Criminal Justice System and the applications of the scientific discipline to the examination and analysis of physical evidence.

**FI 225 Criminal Courts (3)**
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
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**FI 302 Research Methods (3)**
Prerequisite(s): CJ 101.
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**FI 310 Criminalistics (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
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**FI 320 Criminal Investigations (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 204, CJ 202 or CJ 304.
Practical application of investigative techniques for specific crimes such as sex offenses, murder, robbery, arson, assaults, and fraud cases.

**FI 330 Forensic Documentation (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 310 or CJ 430.
The principles and techniques of digital photography as applied to crime scenes, forensic evidence, identification, and court presentation. Emphasis is on single lens reflex digital cameral operation with various types of lighting. Legal aspects of forensic photography and courtroom presentation.

**FI 340 Homicide Investigation (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
Special problems involved in homicide investigation including the forensic autopsy.

**FI 350 Crime Scene Processing (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 304.
In-depth and practical look at various types of physical evidence and methods by which evidence is collected and transported to forensic crime laboratories.

**FI 352 Evidence (3)**
Prerequisite(s): CJ 225, FI 225 or CJ 325.
Analysis of the rules of evidence, their origins, and types. Constitutional limitations upon their use, methods of safeguarding their value. The trial and techniques for testifying.

**FI 360 Forensic Pathology (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 310 or CJ 430.
This course will address medicolegal terminology, anatomy, and physiology of the human body with emphasis on the understanding of the underlying pathology of sudden, unexpected deaths encountered in forensics, and understanding of medicolegal systems. Determination of manner and causes of death will be heavily emphasized. Methods of personal identification and different types of injuries with their characteristic features and mechanisms of death.

**FI 370 Forensic Osteology (3)**
Prerequisite(s): FI 310 or CJ 430.
This course presents the protocol for forensic osteology with regard to the examination of skeletal elements. Identification and physical morphology related medicolegal problems will be emphasized. Assessment of human or non-human; time since death and cause of death. Proper recovery of skeletal remains as well as other evidentiary items.

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FI 410 Imprint/Impression Evidence (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 330, FI 340 or CJ 456, or FI 350 or CJ 463.
This course presents types of evidence which are the result of objects and materials that have retained the characteristics of other objects or materials through direct physical contact. Topics will include footprint, tire tracks, bite marks, firearms, tools, pattern injuries and documents. The themes in this course will differentiate between two dimensional and three dimensional evidence.

FI 411 Victrimeless Crimes (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 350 or CJ 463.
This course presents types of evidence which are the result of objects and materials that have retained the characteristics of other objects or materials through direct physical contact. Topics will include footprint, tire tracks, bite marks, firearms, tools, pattern injuries and documents. The themes in this course will differentiate between two dimensional and three dimensional evidence.

FI 412 Criminal & Deviant Behavior (3)
Prerequisite(s): CJ 300, CJ 304, FI 304 or SY 320.
An analysis of criminal and deviant behavior systems with an emphasis on classical and contemporary theories of crime causation.

FI 430 Arson and Fire Scene Investigation (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 350 or CJ 463.
The techniques of crime scene documentation and investigation as they relate to fire and explosion scenes. Evidence recognition and collection, along with a basic understanding of accelerant and explosive residues. Basic principles of reconstruction of the scene, including fire behavior, fire pattern analysis, ignition mechanisms, interpretation of human behavior and fire scene analysis.

FI 450 Advanced Crime Scene Techniques (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 350 or CJ 463.
This course will build upon those techniques and procedures learned in Crime Scene Processing (FI 350/CJ 463) as they relate to crime scene reconstruction. An in-depth study of specialized techniques such as bloodstain pattern analysis, bullet trajectory analysis, and fire scene reconstruction. Students will then apply this knowledge during practical exercises which will emphasize current techniques and procedures.

FI 465 Interviews and Interrogations (3)
Prerequisite(s): FI 204 or CJ 200 or CJ 202 or CJ 304.
Discussions and practical exercises covering the various techniques used by criminal justice practitioners to elicit information from witnesses and criminal suspects.

FI 471 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing, consent of Internship Director, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation. Students must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved Criminal Justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by Internship Director.)

FI 472 Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing, consent of Internship Director, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation. Student must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved Criminal Justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship and additional scheduled meetings with the Internship Director. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by Internship Director.) This is a Senior Capstone course, and satisfactory work requires completing the EPP and other senior exit-requirements.

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Drugs of abuse, their field identification and drug abuse education.

FI 480 Trace Evidence (3)
Prerequisite(s): BY 102 and BY 104 or CY 106 and CY 108; CJ 430 or FI 310.
Review of techniques used in the analysis of hairs, fibers, and minute items of evidence related to criminal matters.

FI 497 Senior Seminar I (3)
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing in the Criminal Justice major or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or forensic investigation core requirements.
Capstone course which utilizes the student’s knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior in criminal justice professions.

FI 498 Senior Seminar II (3)
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing in the Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or forensic investigation core requirements.
Capstone course which utilizes the student’s knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior for careers in criminal justice professions.

FI 499 Senior Seminar III (3)
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing in the Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or Forensic Investigation core requirements.
Capstone course which utilizes the student’s knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior for careers in criminal justice professions.

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