

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE)

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice prepares the student for a job in either a law enforcement or correctional field. It provides insights into the study of the role and functions of police and correctional organizations as agents of social control in a democratic society. This includes an understanding of the history, organizational structure, policies, planning, and coordination among various criminal justice organizations. The importance of establishing and maintaining positive, supportive relations with the public is an area of special interest.

Course	Title	Credits
Jax MIX General Education Curriculum		41

Criminal Justice Core Curriculum

27 hours required courses plus 18 hours CJ advanced electives needed for the Criminal Justice major.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3
CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CJ 225	Criminal Courts	3
CJ 302	Research Methods (WI)	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
CJ 320	Criminal Investigations	3
Select one course from the following:		3
CJ 472	Senior Internship in Criminal Justice	
CJ 497	Senior Seminar I	
CJ 498	Senior Seminar II	
CJ 499	Senior Seminar III	
CJ Advanced Electives (300+)		18
Total Hours		45

Courses credited within the core will not be credited within the advanced electives or the minor.

In addition to courses noted below, candidates for graduation must successfully complete all JSU Academic Regulations. **More information about Jax MIX requirements (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/jax-mix-requirements/>) and Alabama Transfers equivalents (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/alabama-transfers-equivalents/>) can be found in their respective section of the catalog.**

Freshman		Hours
Fall		
Jax MIX Communication: EH Composition sequence		3
Jax MIX Expression: Fine Arts		3
Jax MIX Inquiry: Science		4
Jax MIX Experience: History sequence		3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
Hours		16

Spring		
Jax MIX Communication: EH Composition sequence		3
Jax MIX Inquiry: Science		4
MS 110	Finite Mathematics (or higher excluding MS 204 - Jax MIX Communication)	3
Jax MIX Experience: History sequence		3
CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	3
Hours		16

Sophomore		
Fall		
EH 141	Speech (Jax MIX Communication)	3
CS 201	Introduction to Information Technology	3
MS 204	Basic Statistics	3
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3
CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
Hours		15

Spring		
Jax MIX Expression: Literature		3
PSY 201	Principles of Psychology (Jax MIX Experience)	3
PSC 102	Introduction to State and Local Government	3
CJ 225	Criminal Courts	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
Hours		15

Junior		
Fall		
Jax MIX Expression: Foreign Language		3
SY 221	Introduction to Sociology (Jax MIX Experience)	3
CJ 302	Research Methods (WI)	3
CJ 320	Criminal Investigations	3
Adv. CJ 300+ Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		6
Minor/General Electives		9
Hours		15

Senior		
Fall		
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		6
Minor/General Electives		9
Hours		15

Spring		
Senior Capstone Course ¹		3
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		3
Criminal Justice Major Field Test		
Minor/General Electives		7
Hours		13
Total Hours		120

¹ Select one of the following: CJ 472 Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3), CJ 497 Senior Seminar I (3), CJ 498 Senior Seminar II (3), or CJ 499 Senior Seminar III (3).