

# 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.

## Criminal Justice Core Curriculum

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

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

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 general education requirements can be found in the Summary of Degrees/Requirements** (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/summary-degrees-requirements/>) **section of the catalog.***

Freshman		Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
EH Composition sequence		3
Fine Arts		3
Natural Science		4
History sequence		3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SSC 101	First Year Experience	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EH Composition sequence		3
Natural Science		4
MS 110 or MS 112	Finite Mathematics or Precalculus Algebra	3

History sequence		3
CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EH 141	Speech	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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Literature		3
PSY 201	Principles of Psychology	3
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government	3
CJ 225	Criminal Courts	3
CJ 305	Professional Writing in Criminal Justice (WI)	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Literature		3
SY 221	Introduction to Sociology	3
CJ 302	Research Methods (WI)	3
CJ 320	Criminal Investigations	3
Adv. CJ 300+ Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		6
Minor/General Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Senior</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		6
Minor/General Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Senior Capstone Course <sup>1</sup>		3
Criminal Justice Major Field Test		
Adv. CJ 300+ Electives		3
Minor/General Electives		7
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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).