

# DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

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## 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 the advanced CJ electives (300+ level courses) 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 is a 120 hour program and requires the following, which meets the general academic regulations:

- 41 hours of general studies courses
- 9 hours of support courses
- 27 hours of criminal justice core courses
- 18 hours in criminal justice advanced electives (300+)
- 25 hours of minor and general 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 seven classes (21 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, Criminal Investigations (Track I) is a 120 hour program which requires the following:

- 41 hours of general studies courses
- 6 hours of support courses
- 21 hours of Forensic Investigation Lower Division Core courses
- 24 hours in the Criminal Investigations track
- 18 hours of Advance Forensic Investigation minor
- 10 hours of general electives

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Forensic Investigation, Forensic Laboratory/Technician (Track II) is a 120 hour program which requires the following:

- 41 hours of general studies courses
- 6 hours of support courses
- 21 hours of Forensic Investigation Lower Division Core courses
- 18 hours in the Forensic Laboratory/Technician track
- 28 hours of Forensic Biochemistry minor (This is inclusive of the 8-hour chemistry sequence.)
- 14 hours of general electives

NOTE: Forensic Investigation - Criminal Investigation (Track I) majors must obtain a minor in Advanced Forensic Investigation. Forensic Investigation - Forensic Laboratory/Technician (Track II) majors must minor in Forensic Biochemistry or choose a second major in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.

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- Forensic Investigation - Criminal Investigations (Bachelor of Science) (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-criminal-investigation-bs/>)
- Forensic Investigation - Laboratory Technician (Bachelor of Science) (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-laboratory-technician-bs/>)
- Advanced Forensic Investigation Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/advanced-forensic-investigation-minor/>)
- Criminal Justice Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Forensic Investigation Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-minor/>)

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