

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

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Students who are not majoring in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation may minor in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation. A minor in Criminal Justice or Forensic investigation 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 of the criminal justice system. Studies in the advanced CJ electives (300+ level courses) provide students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills that 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.

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. A 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 that requires the following:

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

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

- 41 hours of general studies courses
- 6 hours of support courses
- 24 hours of Forensic Investigation Lower Division Core courses
- 15 hours in the Forensic Laboratory/Technician track
- 24 hours of Forensic Analysis minor
- 10 hours of other required electives

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

- Criminal Justice (Bachelor of Science) (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-bs/>)
- 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/>)
- Digital Forensic Investigation Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/digital-forensic-investigation-minor/>)
- Forensic Investigation Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/forensic-investigation-minor/>)
- Law Enforcement Academy Minor (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/law-enforcement-academy-minor/>)

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