

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES (CJS)

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The purpose of the Criminal Justice Sciences program is to provide the student with a system orientation to the field of Criminal Justice. Study in Criminal Justice involves the application of the principles of Criminal Justice and the related behavioral and social sciences to problems and issues in the field of Criminal Justice. The program focuses on the building of knowledge in the areas of policing, courts, and corrections from a social science perspective. Students develop a knowledge base for an in-depth understanding of human behavior and the kinds of problems and circumstances that often result in criminality. Finally, the program provides students with the opportunity to gain necessary skills in the area of interviewing, program development, community organization, planning and research to function in a professional position in the field of Criminal Justice.

**Program Admission Requirements for New and Continuing Students:**

Admission to this academic program is limited and is based on space availability and the competitiveness of the applicant pool. Factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to: courses completed, cumulative GPA, hours completed, personal interview or written statement, and samples of work completed. For additional information on minimum requirements for admission and the application and selection process, visit [IllinoisState.edu/Majors](http://IllinoisState.edu/Majors) or contact the undergraduate advisor for the intended major.

The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences reserves the right to maintain a balanced enrollment.

- This may restrict the numbers of freshmen, transfer students, and continuing students who wish to be Criminal Justice Sciences majors.
- Most Criminal Justice Sciences courses are restricted to Criminal Justice Science majors.

**Retention Requirements:**

Criminal Justice Sciences majors must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.40 every semester. If, at any given time, a student's GPA falls below a 2.40 that student may be removed from the major and reclassified as Undeclared. After a student is reclassified as Undeclared, all rights as a major are forfeited, including the right to be

eligible to do the Criminal Justice Sciences internship.

Students who have been reclassified must meet regular admission requirements to be eligible for readmission to the major.

**HONORS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES**

The Department offers honors study in Criminal Justice Sciences to highly qualified students who will pursue an individualized program of study. The Honors Program enables the student to focus on topics of the student's own choosing in close consultation with a Criminal Justice Sciences Department faculty member.

Students must also fulfill the general education requirements for participation in the University's Honors Program. Successful completion of the Honors Program will provide the designation of Honors in Criminal Justice Sciences upon graduation. The University will note the Honors designation on official transcripts and the diploma. Requirements include being in good standing with the Honors Program and are reviewed at the end of the final semester. These requirements include:

- 3.30 cumulative GPA;
- 3.50 major GPA;
- Fulfill Honors Program participation requirements: One (1) Honors Learning Experience per semester in the program, including the final semester. Please note: students are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience when they are off-campus.
- Complete three (3) Honors Learning Experiences in CJS courses, which may include:
  - Honors Section
  - Honors Contracts for in-class honors
  - Honors Research
  - Honors Explorations (maximum of 2)
- Complete an Honors Capstone Experience, which may include:
  - Honors Independent Study (299)
  - Honors Thesis (HON 395)

Students interested in participating in the Honors Program should inquire about admission in the Office of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences. Further details about the University Honors program are available at [Honors.IllinoisState.edu](http://Honors.IllinoisState.edu).

**Criminal Justice Sciences Programs**

Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.

**MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES**

- 51 hours required.
- Required courses (30 hours): CJS 101, 200, 201, 207, 208, 300, 398A01\* (6 hours); PSY 110 or 111; SOC 106.
- 21 hours of electives selected from the following CJS courses: CJS 206, 210, 212, 215, 216, 217, 240, 241, 287, 291, 299, 305, 306, 307, 308, 310, 311, 312, 322, 337, 338, 339, 342, 360, 369, 395, 398A02\* (3-6 hours).

\*Students seeking enrollment in CJS 398A01 and 398A02 must complete necessary paperwork for application to the internship which will be received during mandatory meetings set by the Internship Coordinator. To be eligible, the student must have: (1) completed 60 semester hours, (2) an overall and major GPA of 2.00 at the time referrals are made. Students who have significant professional experience in the criminal justice system or related field, may apply for an exemption to the internship requirement. If approved, students must take 6 hours of coursework approved by the academic advisor. Students eligible for an internship will, with the assistance of the internship coordinator, choose an agency from a list of approved agencies. Students may also participate in out-of-state internships.

#### MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

- 21 hours required.
- Required courses: CJS 101, 200, 201, 207, 208.
- 6 hours of electives selected, with the approval of an academic advisor, from the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences course offerings.
- **NOTE:** Space in Criminal Justice Sciences courses is limited for non-majors.

Please see the department website for specific criteria for admission and retention to the minor.

#### Criminal Justice Sciences Courses

##### 101 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES

**3 sem. hrs.**

An analysis of the criminal justice system focusing on the police, courts, and corrections.

##### 102 INDIVIDUALS, SOCIETY, AND JUSTICE ICL

**3 sem. hrs.**

Explores justice, law, and civic life from historical, comparative, social science, and contemporary cultural perspectives. May not be taken under the P/NP option. Not for credit major or minor.

##### 200 CONTEMPORARY CORRECTIONS

**3 sem. hrs.**

Familiarizes students with correctional alternatives as they currently exist. Controversies and emerging trends in corrections will be considered. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 201 CRIME AND BEHAVIOR

**3 sem. hrs.**

Theoretical and conceptual explanations of criminal behavior. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 206 FUNDAMENTALS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

**3 sem. hrs.**

An intensive analysis of the criminal investigation process including information gathering and analysis, preservation of evidence, legal issues, and investigative strategies. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 207 CONTEMPORARY POLICING IN AMERICA

**3 sem. hrs.**

Survey of law enforcement, its history, police practices, functions, and related issues and concepts of contemporary police. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 208 CRIMINAL LAW

**3 sem. hrs.**

Survey of criminal law, including development of substantive criminal law. Examination of judicial opinions related to the criminal justice process. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 210 CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEMS

**3 sem. hrs.**

Survey of the role of criminal courts in the criminal justice system, including plea bargaining, trials, juries, and appellate courts. Prerequisite: Major or minor only, or consent of the department advisor.

##### 212 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

**3 sem. hrs.**

Theoretical basis, current methodology, and operations: court counselors, citizen action, half-way houses, work-release, drug abuse treatment, detention, reception and diagnostic centers, and probation and parole. Prerequisites: CJS 200. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 215 JUVENILE JUSTICE

**3 sem. hrs.**

The processing and treatment of juvenile offenders. Examines the organization, operation, and goals of the individuals, agencies, and institutions that work with youthful offenders. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 216 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS

**3 sem. hrs.**

Examines ethical issues in the administration of criminal justice, including those faced by police, courts, and corrections. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 217 CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY

**3 sem. hrs.**

Explores how criminal justice policy is made and investigates many prominent policies in the contemporary criminal justice system. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

##### 240 HISTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**3 sem. hrs.**

Crime and the American criminal justice system from the colonial period until the mid-20th century.

##### 241 INTERNSHIPS AND CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**1 sem. hr.**

Provides an overview of career opportunities in criminal justice, and prepares students for the required internship experience. Prerequisites: Completion of 30 hours or consent of the department advisor. Majors only.

**298A50 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:  
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION  
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**1 sem. hr.**

Paid, supervised experiences in local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. Enrollment limited, based on availability of sites. Multiple enrollment allowed once. Prerequisites: Sophomore or junior standing. Major or minor only or consent of the department internship coordinator.

**300 RESEARCH METHODS  
3 sem. hrs.**

Assesses basic components of how research is conducted in criminal justice inquiries. Examines the criteria for social scientific research in the criminal justice field. Prerequisites: CJS 101; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**305 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE  
3 sem. hrs.**

Law of criminal procedure, types of evidence, and legal requirements relating to the admissibility of evidence in court. Formerly *RULES OF EVIDENCE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE*. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**306 EXPERIENCES IN INTERNATIONAL  
JUSTICE  
3 or 6 sem. hrs.**

The course involves an exploration of a foreign country. Students will have exposure to cultural, political, social and criminal justice issues. Travel fees apply. Prerequisite: Freshman standing (12 hours completed).

**307 FAMILY VIOLENCE: CROSS-CULTURAL  
PERSPECTIVES  
3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of family violence in the United States and other countries. Emphasis on police and judiciary response, solutions and treatments. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**308 RACE, ETHNICITY, AND  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
3 sem. hrs.**

Historical and contemporary perspectives of race, ethnicity, crime, and justice relations in the United States. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**310 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
3 sem. hrs.**

An intensive analysis of correctional institutions and jails focusing on management issues, inmate subcultures, and prisonization. Prerequisites: CJS 200; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**311 CRIMINALIZING MENTAL ILLNESS  
3 sem. hrs.**

Historical precedents and new innovations to deal with the rising number of mentally ill in the criminal justice system. Formerly CJS 389A22 *CRIMINALIZING THE MENTALLY ILL*. Prerequisite: Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**312 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS  
3 sem. hrs.**

A broad study of criminal behavior analysis and investigative techniques as they apply to predatory and frequently violent offenders. Formerly CJS 389A21. Prerequisites: Completion of 45 hours. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**322 CONFLICT RESOLUTION, COMMUNICATION,  
AND MEDIATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
3 sem. hrs.**

Conflict resolution, communication, and mediation skills are applied to different areas of professional practice and restorative justice throughout communities. Formerly *COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE*. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**337 SEX OFFENDERS AND THE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM  
3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of sex offender prevalence and typologies. Emphasis on assessment, treatment, and management within the community. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**338 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND CRIME  
3 sem. hrs.**

Analysis of the impact of alcohol and drugs on crime and the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: CJS 101; 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**339 WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
3 sem. hrs.**

Historical and theoretical perspectives and contemporary trends concerning women and crime and processing of women by the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**342 VICTIMOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.**

An examination of the victim's role in the criminal event, the process of victimization, patterns, trends, theories, and victim offender relationships. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**360 ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
1-4 sem. hrs.**

A critical and analytical study of a contemporary issue or controversy in the field of criminal justice. Multiple enrollments are allowed if content is different; maximum 6 hours. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major or minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**360A18 TERROR AND COUNTERTERRORISM  
3 sem. hrs.**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the ideology, motivation, and methods of the numerous terrorist groups in existence over the last two centuries in order to provide a basis for an understanding of contemporary terrorist organizations and their impact on the national security of the United States. Prerequisites: 45 hours completed. Major/minor only or consent of department advisor.

**369 WORLD CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Explores the nature of crime and justice around the world. Provides a comparison of varying systems of justice in selected countries. Prerequisite: 45 hours completed or consent of the department advisor.

**395 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

**3 sem. hrs.**

Aspects of organizational behavior in criminal justice agencies, including management, leadership, and professionalism. Prerequisites: CJS 101; 45 hours completed. Major on minor only or consent of the department advisor.

**398A01 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP I**

**6 sem. hrs.**

Field placement in a criminal justice related agency. Interns work with designated agency personnel and receive an overview of agency functions. CR/NC only. Prerequisites: Consent of the department internship coordinator. Criminal Justice Sciences major only. See Criminal Justice Sciences major requirements for enrollment limitations.

**398A02 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP II**

**6 sem. hrs.**

Intensive experience in a single criminal justice agency setting. CR/NC only. Prerequisites: CJS 398A01 and consent of the department internship coordinator. Criminal Justice Sciences major only. See Criminal Justice Sciences major requirements for enrollment limitations.