

BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Units required for Major: 60

Total units required for BS: 120

Program Description

Criminal Justice encompasses multidisciplinary examinations of crime, crime control, the justice process, and justice institutions. The discipline addresses definitions, causation, prevention, investigation, legal process, treatment, rehabilitation, and research relating to crime and justice as well as the institutions of the justice system and their administration.

The Criminal Justice program at Sacramento State is one of the most highly sought after programs in Northern California. Due to the large number of applications, the program is now officially impacted. Students wishing to become Criminal Justice majors must complete a series of required lower division courses and then must apply for admission to the program. It is highly recommended that interested students speak with a Criminal Justice advisor as soon as possible.

Pre-Requisite Requirements

To become a Criminal Justice major, the student must first have successfully completed the following courses or their equivalent with a grade of "C" or better:

Code	Title	Units
CRJ 1	Introduction to Criminal Justice and Society	3
CRJ 2	Law of Crimes	3
CRJ 4	General Investigative Techniques	3
CRJ 5	The Community and the Justice System	3

Students who wish to become a Criminal Justice minor must contact the Division of Criminal Justice.

Most upper division Criminal Justice courses are restricted to Criminal Justice majors or minors or permission of instructor. Students interested in Criminal Justice majors or minors are encouraged to contact the Criminal Justice Student Advising Center.

Criminal Justice majors are assigned a faculty advisor at the time they are approved for admission into the major. Majors must meet with their assigned faculty advisor during their first semester. Advising appointments are scheduled in the Criminal Justice Office Alpine Hall 137.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Students majoring in Criminal Justice must achieve a "C" grade or better in each lower division and a "C" or better in each upper division course applied to the major and a GPA of at least 2.0 ("C") for all upper division required courses applied to the major.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (60 Units)		
CRJ 1	Introduction to Criminal Justice and Society ¹	3
CRJ 2	Law of Crimes	3
CRJ 4	General Investigative Techniques	3
CRJ 5	The Community and the Justice System	3

Required Upper Division Core Courses

CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods ²	3
CRJ 102	Crime And Punishment ²	3
CRJ 121	The Structure and Function of the American Courts ²	3
CRJ 123	Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure ²	3
CRJ 130	Fundamentals of Corrections ²	3
CRJ 141	Police and Society ²	3
CRJ 160	Justice and Public Safety Administration ²	3
CRJ 190	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice ^{1,2}	3

Upper Division Electives

Select 24 units from the following: ³ 24

Criminal Justice Administration

CRJ 142	Police Administration ²	
CRJ 144	Contemporary Issues in Police Administration ²	
CRJ 163	Leadership in Criminal Justice and Public Safety ²	
CRJ 165	Planning for Justice and Public Safety ²	
CRJ 168	Justice and Public Safety Information Systems ²	
CRJ 172	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems ²	

Investigation

CRJ 152	Interviewing and Detection of Deception ²	
CRJ 153	Advanced Criminal Investigation ²	
CRJ 154	Introduction to Physical Evidence ²	
CRJ 156	Introduction to Crime and Intelligence Analysis ²	

Corrections

CRJ 131	Correctional Institutions ²	
CRJ 134	Community Based Corrections ²	
CRJ 136	Corrections Administration ²	

Offenses and Offenders

CRJ 105	Delinquency, Prevention and Control ²	
CRJ 106	Analysis of Career Criminals ²	
CRJ 108	Domestic Crime and Violence ²	
CRJ 112	Gangs and Threat Groups in America	
CRJ 114	Sexual Offenses and Offenders	
CRJ 115	Violence and Terrorism	
CRJ 116	Restorative Justice and Conflict Resolution	
CRJ 117	American Criminal Justice and Minority Groups ²	
CRJ 118	Drug Abuse and Criminal Behavior	
CRJ 119	Latin American Immigrants and the US Criminal Justice System	
CRJ 151	White Collar Crime	

Law

CRJ 125	Law of Responsibility ²	
CRJ 126	Law of Evidence ²	
CRJ 127	Juvenile Law ²	
CRJ 128	Administrative Law for Public Safety Personnel ²	
CRJ 129A	Law School Readiness: Preparing for Law School and a Legal Career	
CRJ 129B	Law School Readiness: Becoming a Successful Law School Applicant	
CRJ 129C	Law School Readiness: Law School Admissions and Financial Aid	

Additional Courses

CRJ 109	Media, Crime, and Criminal Justice ²
CRJ 111	Women and the Criminal Justice System
CRJ 169	Emergency Management
CRJ 172	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems ²
CRJ 174	Criminal Justice Systems of the Future
CRJ 176	Security Systems ²
CRJ 191	Topics in Criminal Justice Administration ²
CRJ 195	Internship ^{2,4}
CRJ 196	Experimental Offerings in Criminal Justice ²
CRJ 198	Co-Curricular Activities ⁴
CRJ 199	Special Problems ^{2,4}

Supporting Courses

ACCY 161	Government and Nonprofit Accounting
ANTH 101	Cultural Diversity 🌐 ¹
ANTH 144	Contemporary American Culture in Anthropological Perspective
ANTH 163	Urban Anthropology
ANTH 166	Rise of Religious Cults ¹
ANTH 183	Women Cross-Culturally ¹
ANTH 186	Culture and Poverty 📝🌐 ¹
COMS 116	Intercultural Communication
CSC 114	Digital Evidence and Computer Crime
CSC 115	Internet Security
CSC 116	Cyber Forensics
ENGL 120P	Intro to Professional Writing 📝 ¹
ENGL 120S	Writing in the Social Sciences
ETHN 100	Ethnic America 📝🌐 ¹
ETHN 110	The Asian American Experience ¹
ETHN 117	Black Political Thought
ETHN 130	Chicano/Mexican-American Experience ¹
ETHN 131	La Raza Studies 🌐
ETHN 136	US Mexican Border Relations ¹
ETHN 140	Native American Experience ¹
ETHN 155	Genocide and Holocaust Studies ¹
ETHN 170	Pan African Studies ¹
ETHN 173	The Black Family in the United States
GEOG 109	Geographic Information Systems
POLS 120A	Constitutional Law
POLS 120B	Constitutional Rights and Liberties
POLS 122	The Law and Bureaucracy
POLS 155	United States Congress
POLS 165	Politics of the Underrepresented 📝🌐
POLS 170	Public Policy Development
POLS 180	California State and Local Government
HIST 162	Social History of the United States ¹
HIST 163	The City in US History ¹
HIST 177	The African-American Experience, 1603-Present 🌐 ¹
PHIL 101	Ethics and Social Issues 📝 ¹
PHIL 102	Professional and Public Service Ethics ¹
PHIL 122	Political Philosophy ¹

PHIL 155	Philosophy Of Law
PHIL 160	Deductive Logic II
PSYC 100	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYC 103	Perception
PSYC 108	Organizational Psychology
PSYC 110	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 130	Personality Theories
PSYC 135	Psychology of Multicultural Groups 🌐 ¹
PSYC 137	Stress Management ¹
PSYC 145	Social Psychology
PSYC 149	Psychology of Adolescence
PSYC 151	Psychological Aspects of Death and Dying
PSYC 168	Abnormal Psychology
RPTA 152	Law Enforcement for Forest and Park Rangers
RPTA 169	Traumatology: An Introduction to Posttraumatic Growth
SOC 101	Introduction to Statistics for Sociologists
SOC 102	Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 120	Ethnic and Race Relations 🌐 ¹
SOC 130	Political Sociology
SOC 136	Social Movements
SOC 155	Criminology ¹
SOC 156	Delinquency ¹
SOC 157	Issues in Courts and Prisons
SOC 158	Sociology of Deviance
SOC 162	Middle Eastern Societies and Culture ¹
SWRK 102	Crosscultural Theory and Practice: Issues of Race, Gender and Class 🌐 ¹
SWRK 118	Chemical Dependency and Social Work Practice
SWRK 126	Theories of Criminal Behavior 📝 ¹
SWRK 134	Crimes Without Victims ¹
SWRK 136	Poverty and Homelessness in America ¹
SWRK 137	The Child and the Law
SWRK 138	Violence In The Family
WGS 139	Violence Against Women

Total Units **60**

¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² **Prerequisite:** Restricted to declared majors and minors or instructor permission.

³ Students will collaborate with their Criminal Justice advisor to develop a plan of electives that reflects the student's academic and professional interests. Electives must be drawn from at least two of the listed "Areas of Interest," of which one must be from the "Supporting Courses" area. The Writing Intensive graduation requirement may be completed in the major. An approved minor may be substituted for up to 12 units of the major elective courses and fulfills the requirement for selection of a course from the "Supporting Courses".

⁴ No more than 6 units of Credit/No Credit courses will be allowed toward completion of the degree.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area Course C	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area D: The Individual and Society (9 Units)		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course		3
Area D Course ²		0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
Area E Course		3
Total Units		46

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI) ²	0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³	6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

Criminal Justice, BS: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
CRJ 1	Introduction to Criminal Justice and Society	3
CRJ 21	First Year Seminar: Becoming an Educated Person	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition ²		3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication ²		3
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
CRJ 2	Law of Crimes	3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking ²		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Units		15
Year 2		
First Semester		
CRJ 4	General Investigative Techniques	3
CRJ 5	The Community and the Justice System	3
GE Area 3A - Arts ²		3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science ²		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory ²		1
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Units		17
Second Semester		
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science ²		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
Units		16
Year 3		
First Semester		
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CRJ 102	Crime And Punishment	3
CRJ 121	The Structure and Function of the American Courts	3

CRJ 130	Fundamentals of Corrections	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
CRJ 123	Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure	3
CRJ 141	Police and Society	3
CRJ 160	Justice and Public Safety Administration	3
CRJ Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Units		15
Year 4		
First Semester		
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
CRJ 190	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice ✍	3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
Units		12
Total Units		120

Criminal Justice, BS: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CRJ 102	Crime And Punishment	3
CRJ 121	The Structure and Function of the American Courts	3
CRJ 130	Fundamentals of Corrections	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
CRJ 123	Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure	3
CRJ 141	Police and Society	3
CRJ 160	Justice and Public Safety Administration	3
CRJ Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences + American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Units		15
Year 2		
First Semester		
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15

Second Semester		
CRJ 190	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice ✍	3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
CRJ Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
Units		15
Total Units		60

1. Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.
2. Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/engineering-computer-science/engineering-civil/bs-in-civil-engineering/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).
3. Please see an academic advisor for elective options.