



## Department of Criminal Justice

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**Objectives:**

- ◆ The first of its kind in Southern Colorado, this new multidisciplinary liberal arts degree in Criminal Justice explores the connections between law, crime, and justice. The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking about criminal justice systems, the administration of justice, legal studies and the political economy. The program is intended for a diversity of students whose interests range from the local to the global, from street crime to terrorism, from municipal policing to international courts.
- ◆ The degree explores fields of study that impact criminal justice, including sociology, psychology, law, political science, ethnic studies, economics, history, philosophy, and international relations.
- ◆ The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is designed to provide a balanced, liberal arts-based education that examines the multidisciplinary nature of criminal justice and the organizational and operation of each functional component in the field of law enforcement.

<b>Criminal Justice - 36 credits, 18 upper division</b>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>
CJ 1001 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 2041 Crime Theory and Causes	3
CJ 3100 Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
CJ 3150 Statistics for Criminal Justice	4
CJ 3250 Violence in Society	3
CJ 4042 Corrections	3
CJ 4043 Law Enforcement	3
CJ 4044 Courts and Judicial Process	3
CJ 4960 Internship in Criminal Justice <i>(instructor permission required/possible waiver from department)</i>	3
Criminal Justice electives	7-10
 <u><b>Auxiliary Requirements</b></u>	
C S 100 Computer Literacy <i>or</i> INFS 110 MS Office Applications and PC Basics <i>(or pass the Computer Literacy Test)</i>	3
PSY 100 General Psychology	4
P SC 110 American Political System	3
SOC 111 Intro to Sociology	4
PHIL 102 Ethics <i>or</i> PHIL 115 Crime and Punishment	3
PHIL 112 Critical Thinking	3
COMM 201 Oral Communication in the Workplace <i>or</i> COMM 210 Public Speaking	3
P AD 3268 Contemporary Issues in Social and Public Policy	3
PSY 327 Intro to Biopsychology	4
 <u><b>General Education Requirements**</b></u>	
**In addition to the Auxiliary Requirements listed above, students pursuing a BA in Criminal Justice will need to satisfy additional general education requirements established by the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and the School of Public Affairs. These courses are identified in the LAS section of the schedule of courses and in the bulletin.	
Composition Requirement	6
Reasoning Skills Requirement	3
Humanities Area Requirement	
General	3
Core	3
Natural Science Area Requirement (including a lab course)	8
Global Awareness Requirement	3
Cultural Diversity Requirement	3
General electives	<u>+25</u>
Total credits needed for BA CJ	<b>120</b>
<b>Total Credits - 45 upper division (300/3000-400/4000) level</b>	

# MODEL DEGREE PROGRAM

## Criminal Justice (C J)

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

### Suggested First Year

#### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL131 Rhetoric & Writing I  
(Prer. of ENGL099 or ACT 19+ or SAT 450+)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC110 American Political System
- \_\_\_\_\_ ID101 Freshmen Seminar *or* General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL112 Critical Thinking
- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 1001 Introduction to Criminal Justice (*fall only*)

**TOTAL=15 credits**

#### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL141 Rhetoric & Writing II  
(Prer. of ENGL131 or ACT 29+ or SAT 650+)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 100 General Psychology – 4 hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Humanities Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 2041 Crime Theory and Causes
- \_\_\_\_\_ I D 105 OR I D 200 *or* MATH104 Reasoning Skills Requirement (Prer. for MATH 104 is ACT 19+ or score of 9+ on the Algebra Diagnostic Exam)

**TOTAL=16 credits**

### Suggested Second Year

#### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 111 Intro to Sociology - 4 hrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ COMM 201 Oral Communication in the Workplace (O)
- \_\_\_\_\_ C S 100 Computer Literacy *or*  
INFS 110 MS Office Applications and PC Basics
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 102 Ethics *or* PHIL 115 Crime and Punishment

**TOTAL=16 credits**

#### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 3100 Criminal Justice Research Methods – 4 hrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Diversity Course (D)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ Global Awareness Course (G)

**TOTAL=16 credits**

### Suggested Third Year

#### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 3150 Statistics for Criminal Justice – 4 hrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 3250 Violence in Society
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective (w/lab) – 4 hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ P AD3268 Contemp Issues in Social and Public Policy

**TOTAL=14 credits**

#### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ HUM 399 Core Humanities
- \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 327 Intro to Biopsychology – 4 hrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice Elective

**TOTAL=16 credits**

### Suggested Fourth Year

#### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ CJ 4960 Internship in Criminal Justice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice General Elective – 1 hour
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective – 4 hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 4042 Corrections
- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 4043 Law Enforcement

**TOTAL=14 credits**

#### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ C J 4044 Courts and Judicial Process
- \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective – 1 hour

**TOTAL=13 credits**

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

\*ACT/SAT placement scores are based on the English section of the exam only.

Courses fulfilling General Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, as well as the Global Awareness (G), Cultural Diversity (D) and Oral Communication (O) requirements, may be found in the Bulletin or the current schedule.

Electives may be used toward a minor, a 2<sup>nd</sup> major, prerequisites, additional courses in Criminal Justice (up to 54 credits maximum), or just for fun!