

## THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*is designed for students who are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, judicial administration or other areas related to the study or management of crime, either directly upon graduation or after further graduate training. This pamphlet contains information that may be useful to you in planning your course of study in the minor and will answer some questions which you might have about the program.*

Students who register for the minor should make certain that their names are included in the Criminal Justice Minor listserv. The listserv is used to distribute information about the minor (e.g., class availability in a semester).

• Once you have declared the minor, you should send an e-mail to the following address:

LISTSERV@LISTSERV.JMU.EDU

• In the body of the e-mail write the following message:  
Subscribe CJ-MINORS-L

Failure to subscribe to the listserv may mean that you miss important messages about the minor.

Inquiries about the minor should be directed to the CJ minor coordinator. Her contact information is as follows:

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## REQUIRED COURSES

*The requirement for a minor in criminal justice is 21 hours of course work. Choose any TWO of the following THREE courses:*

**PUAD 215**

**INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**SOCI/JUST 325**

**CRIMINOLOGY**

**PSYC 250 (NON MAJORS) OR**

**PSYC 335 (MAJORS ONLY)**

**INTRO TO ABNORMAL**

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**TOTAL 6 HOURS**

## ELECTIVES

*Choose any FIVE courses from the following. Courses must be in at least 2 different academic disciplines)*

PHIL 325 Crime, Punishment and Justice

POSC 326 Civil Rights

PSYC 250 (non-majors) OR PSYC 335 (majors) Intro to Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 312 Forensic Psychology

CRJU 215 Introduction to Criminal Justice

JUST315 Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System

JUST319 Psychopathology and Crime

JUST 323 Comparative Criminal Justice

JUST 327 Criminal Law

CRJU 328 Criminal Procedure

CRJU 329 Criminal Investigation and Evidence

CRJU 301 Special Topics in Criminal Justice

SCOM 231 Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution

SCOM 331 Communication and Conflict

SOCI 214 Social Deviance

SOCI/JUST 325 Criminology

SOCI 327 Juvenile Delinquency

SOCI 330 Corrections

PUAD 495 OR POSC 495/497 OR SOCI 485 OR

PSYC 495 OR CRJU 401: Internship1

SOCI 490 OR PSYC 402: Readings and Research2

**TOTAL 15 HOURS**

1 Internships must be in a criminal justice related field in order to receive credit for the CJ minor. Credit for only one internship will be given towards the minor.

2 Readings and Research courses must be specifically related to the field of criminal justice. Students may register for only one Readings/Research class for credit towards the minor.



## STUDENT ORGANIZATION

LAE, the Criminal Justice fraternity, has a very active chapter at JMU. It is a student led organization which sponsors activities and programs related to criminal justice issues. Membership in LAE is open to all students at JMU, but is especially appropriate for Criminal Justice minors. In the recent past, the organization has sponsored activities like trips to the police firing range, a tour of the local jail, speakers from federal law enforcement agencies, and work with the law enforcement dog training center in Front Royal Virginia. Those interested in joining the organization should contact the program coordinator for more information.



## FACTS ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

- If you take all three of the course options listed in the "Required Courses" section, one of those classes will count as an elective for the minor
- Internships are NOT required for the CJ minor (although they are recommended). An internship is one of the options for elective courses.
- Internships may be taken for credit in multiple disciplines (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Justice Studies, Criminal Justice, etc.). An internship will only be applied as elective credit for the minor if the work is done in a criminal justice related agency. You should request approval for an internship from the program coordinator prior to registering for the class.
- Readings and Research (Independent Study) is NOT required for the CJ minor. An independent study is one of the options for elective courses.
- Independent study courses may be taken for credit in multiple disciplines (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Justice Studies, Criminal Justice, etc.), in addition to those listed above. Elective credit in the minor will only be given to Independent Study courses which are related to criminal justice issues. You should request approval for an independent study from the program coordinator prior to registering for the class.
- No more than one internship and no more than one independent study course may be applied as credit towards the minor.
- Occasionally, elective credit may be given for courses not included in this list (generally special topics courses offered in other disciplines and the like). If you have a question about a course which is not on the approved list, but that you think might be relevant for the minor, you can apply to the program coordinator for approval.
- A maximum of three courses may be transferred into the criminal justice minor from other institutions. No transfer credit will be given for any course offered in the minor at the 300 or 400 level.
- All CJ minors must have graduation applications signed by the program coordinator. You should have the program coordinator sign off on your application BEFORE you bring it to your major department. The program coordinator will need a copy of your unofficial transcript in order to fill out the form.

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