THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

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.

INTERNSHIPS AND INDEPENDENT STUDY:

• are NOT required for the Criminal Justice minor, but internships are recommended, as they provide valuable educational experiences that bring together academic and practical knowledge.
• are options for elective courses.
• may be taken for credit in multiple disciplines (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Justice Studies, Criminal Justice, etc.).
• will only be applied as elective credit for the minor if the internship or independent study is related to criminal justice.

Students must request approval for an internship or 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.

PROGRESSION IN THE MINOR

CRJU 215. Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJU 225. Ethics in Criminal Justice (required sequence)

Choose at least one course from each of the following units:

Human Behavior

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SOCI 214. Social Deviance
SOCI 327. Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI/CRJU 325. Criminology
PSYC 250. Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (Non PSYC majors only) or
PSYC 335. Abnormal Psychology (PSYC majors)
PSYC/JUST 316. Human Development and Crime

Law and Procedure

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CRJU 321. Criminalistics
CRJU 327. Criminal Law
CRJU 328. Criminal Procedure
CRJU 329. Criminal Investigation and Evidence

Institutions

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CRJU 330. Corrections
CRJU 335. Law Enforcement
CRJU 337. Courts and the Judiciary
CRJU 340. Administration in Criminal Justice

Choose two additional courses from those listed above or from the following:

CRJU 301. Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CRJU 401. Internship in Criminal Justice

TOTAL CREDITS 21
OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE MINOR

Occasionally, elective credit may be given for courses not included in the list, provided they are relevant to the minor. Contact the program coordinator for approval.

A maximum of two 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 BEFORE bringing it to the major department. The program coordinator will need a copy of the student’s unofficial transcript in order to complete the form.

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PLEASE NOTE: The criminal justice minor is a high demand program. Periodically, waiting lists for entrance are established. Juniors and Seniors should consult with advisors in the Justice Studies Department before declaring the minor.