

CRIMINAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE (B.A.)

The Criminal & Social Justice major is a multi-disciplinary major that will educate students in the structure and process of the criminal justice system with a holistic Catholic, Franciscan social justice perspective.

This program seeks to:

- Provide students with a broad liberal arts foundation challenged by Franciscan values and charism, engaged in a continuous pursuit of knowledge, faith, wisdom, and justice, and ever mindful of a tradition that emphasizes reverence for creation, compassion, and peacemaking.
- Provide a social justice perspective on criminal justice through the exploration and understanding of societal issues that lead to criminal behavior.
- Teach students theoretical and practical knowledge of the structures, processes, and functions of the criminal justice institutions and their relationship to other social systems.
- Provide students the opportunity to explore an area of Criminal & Social Justice in depth through concentration options.
- Incorporate the following skills and attitudes into the curriculum as identified by law enforcement professionals:
 - Ethics and integrity
 - Cultural diversity and tolerance
 - Public service and community leadership
 - Interpersonal communication and conflict resolution
 - Strong writing skills
- Provide students with the opportunity for experiential learning including service learning, internships, and research.
- Prepare students to contribute to society through service and leadership as criminal and social justice professionals.
- Graduate students who have an awareness and appreciation of diversity including differences and similarities of culture, race, ethics, norms and values.

Major Requirements (42 core credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
CSJU 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
CSJU 220	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
CSJU 221	Law Enforcement and Society	3
CSJU 225	Introduction to Corrections	3
CSJU 230	Juvenile Justice Systems	3
CSJU 240	Criminology	3
CSJU 310	Social Justice Issues	3
CSJU 333	Criminal and Social Justice Research Methods	3
CSJU 370	Criminal Justice and Diversity Issues	3
CSJU 410	White Collar Crime	3
or CSJU 494	Topics in Criminal and Social Justice	
CSJU 430	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CSJU 497	Criminal and Social Justice Internship	6-12
POLI 346	Constitutional Law II: Bill of Rights	3

Specified General Education Requirements

MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
PHIL 320	Contemporary Issues In Ethics	3
POLI 221	State and Local Politics	3
PSYC 111	General Psychology	3

Concentration		
Select one of the following concentrations: ¹		9
Forensics (p. 1)		
Languages and Cultural Diversity (p. 1)		
Leadership (open to practicing Law Enforcement officers only) (p. 1) ²		
Politics and Law (p. 2)		
Psychology (p. 2)		
Social Work (p. 2)		
Total Hours		63-69

- ¹ Students must choose from one of six concentrations including: Forensics, Language & Cultural Diversity, Politics and Law, Leadership (for current law enforcement officers), Psychology, Social Work, and eventually Homeland Security. Each concentration requires a minimum of three (3) courses from a single concentration. At least one course must be at the 300-400 level. Writing skills, ethics and integrity, service, and social justice will be emphasized to prepare students for a profession where these traits and skills are in high demand.

² All courses are offered online.

Forensics Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 114	Human Biology	4
CHEM 120	Foundations of Chemistry	5
CHEM 495	Directed Study	2
PSYC 260	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3

Languages and Cultural Diversity Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
FORL 294	Intermediate Topics In Foreign Languages (Requires advisor approval)	3
or FORL 494	Advanced Topics In Foreign Languages	
FORL 300	Translation	3
CSJU 497	Criminal and Social Justice Internship ¹	6-12

- ¹ Must be in a "diverse" setting ("diverse" setting is defined as one that exposes the student to a culture different from his/her own).

Leadership Concentration (open to practicing Law Enforcement officers only)

Code	Title	Hours
ORGL 331	Leadership Principles ¹	3
ORGL 332	Interpersonal Comm in Wkplce ¹	3
ORGL 333	Team Building and Development ¹	3
ORGL 335	Strategies for Change ¹	3
ORGL 336	Ethics in the Workplace ¹	3
ORGL 337	Human Resource Issues for Lead ¹	3
ORGL 338	Contemporary Issues in Leadership ¹	3

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Law and Politics Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
CSJU 320	Terrorism	3
CSJU 410	White Collar Crime	3
CSJU 494	Topics in Criminal and Social Justice	2
POLI 210	Introduction to Law	3
POLI 350	Legal Process/ Mock Trial	3
POLI 375	American Public Policy	3

Psychology Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 240	Life-Span Development	3
PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 260	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	3
PSYC 342	Child & Adolescent Development	3
PSYC 350	Personality	3

Social Work Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
SWRK 315	Social Policy II	3
SWRK 321	Legal Issues & Helping Profess	3
SWRK 363	Social Work Practice I	3
SWRK 364	Social Work Practice II	3
SWRK 424	Social Work in a Pluralistic Society	3

Transferring from a Community College

An associate degree in criminal justice, law enforcement or related field will transfer to the University of St. Francis as completing the first half of the bachelor's degree. Most courses at the 100 or 200 level, including criminal justice and law enforcement courses, will transfer from a community college with grades of "C" or higher. USF has articulation agreements with many Illinois colleges. Contact the Transfer Center, counselor or advisor at your community college, speak with an USF admission counselor or visit the USF website for more information on course transferability.

Internship

The Internship is an opportunity for a senior to gain further experience by working with professionals in a criminal justice, corrections, probation or law enforcement setting. It allows students to explore areas of possible employment while gaining valuable experiences.

Students work with their advisors in selecting additional elective credits to fulfill the 120 credit hours required for graduation.