

# BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminal Justice</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) <sup>2</sup>		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) <sup>3</sup>		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
STAT 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
or MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
or PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
or SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	
Foreign Language <sup>2</sup>		14
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
CRIJ 2361	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System <sup>3</sup>	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology <sup>4</sup>	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law <sup>5</sup>	3
CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems and Practice <sup>5</sup>	3
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices <sup>5</sup>	3
CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research <sup>6</sup>	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (Senior standing is required) <sup>7</sup>	3
VCST 3350	Victimology <sup>7</sup>	3
<b>Major: Prescribed Electives</b>		
CRIJ Advanced Electives		21
<b>Electives: General</b>		
General Electives		16
<b>Electives: Advanced General</b>		
Advanced Electives		6
<b>Minor: Not Required</b> <sup>8,9</sup>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-121</b>

<sup>1</sup> Recommend MATH 1342 or MATH 1332.

<sup>2</sup> WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as three hours of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

<sup>3</sup> CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science).

<sup>4</sup> May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.

<sup>5</sup> May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.

<sup>6</sup> May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.

<sup>7</sup> May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 4.

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<sup>9</sup> All minors can be paired with this degree program.

### Notes

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Use general electives to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.

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### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX		1 Component Area II <sup>5</sup>	3
CRIJ 2361 <sup>1</sup>		3 CRIJ 2362 <sup>6</sup>	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>2</sup>	3
HIST 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 HIST 1302 <sup>3</sup>	3
POLS 2305 <sup>4</sup>		3 POLS 2306 <sup>4</sup>	3
		<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III		4 Component Area III	4
CRIJ 2364 <sup>7</sup>		3 Component Area V	3
CRIJ 2365 <sup>7</sup>		3 CRIJ 2367 <sup>7</sup>	3
Foreign Language <sup>8</sup>		4 Foreign Language <sup>8</sup>	4
General Electives		3	
		<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ Advanced Electives		6 Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ 3378 <sup>9</sup>		3 CRIJ Advanced Electives	6
ENGL 3330		3 Foreign Language <sup>8</sup>	3
Foreign Language <sup>8</sup>		3 General Electives	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ 4385 (Senior standing is required) <sup>10</sup>		3 Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ Advanced Electives		6 CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
General Electives		5 General Electives	5
STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345		3-4 VCST 3350 <sup>10</sup>	3
		<b>17-18</b>	<b>14</b>

**Total Hours: 120-121**

<sup>1</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

<sup>2</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).

<sup>3</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

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The BA in Criminal Justice is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking.
- Written and oral communication.
- Analytical research.
- Proactive and action oriented.