

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN VICTIM STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Victim Studies		
Core Curriculum		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		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) ²		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	3-4
or STAT 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
or PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
Select five of the following:		15
COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication	
COMS 3371	Conflict, Negotiation, and Resolution	
ECON 2300	Introduction To Economics	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 3365	Modern Philosophy	
POLS 3393	Social Policy	
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology	
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	
Major: Foundation		
CRIJ 2361	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System ^{2,3}	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology ³	3
CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research ⁴	3
VCST 3350	Victimology	3
VCST 4398	Problem Analysis in Victim Studies	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		
Select nine of the following:		
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law	
CRIJ 4362	Substance Use And Abuse	
CRIJ 4373	Undergraduate Internship in Criminal Justice	
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice and Social Diversity	
POLS 3338	Victims' Rights, Politics, and Policy	
VCST 3341	Aging, Crime and Victimization	
VCST 3351	Victim Service Delivery	
VCST 4338	Child Abuse And Neglect	
VCST 4351	Trauma and Crisis Intervention	
VCST 4370	Interviewing & Counseling	
VCST 4376	Independent Study in Victim Studies	

VCST 4377	Special Topics in Victim Studies	
VCST 4383	Family Violence	
VCST 4390	Violence Against Women	
Electives: General		
General Electives		21
Minor: Not Required ^{5, 6}		
Total Hours		120-121

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

³ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.

⁴ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.

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Notes

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II ¹		3 Component Area III	4
Component Area III		4 Component Area V	3
CRIJ 2361 ^{2, 3}		3 CRIJ 2362 ³	3
ENGL 1301 ⁴		3 ENGL 1302 ⁴	3
HIST 1301 ⁵		3 HIST 1302 ⁵	3
	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV		3 Component Area IX	3
Component Area IX		1 Degree Specific Requirement ⁷	3
CRIJ 3378 ⁶		3 MATH 3379, STAT 3379, or PSYC 3402	3-4
Degree Specific Requirement ⁷		3 POLS 2306 ⁸	3
POLS 2305 ⁸		3 VCST 3350	3
	13		15-16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Degree Specific Requirement ⁷		3 Degree Specific Requirement ⁷	3
General Electives		6 General Electives	6
Prescribed Electives ⁹		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
Prescribed Electives ⁹		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Degree Specific Requirement ⁷		3 General Electives	6
General Electives		3 Prescribed Elective ⁹	6
Prescribed Electives ⁹		3 Prescribed Electives ⁹	3
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VCST 4398		3	
		15	15

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The BS in Victim Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

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