

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES (CJS) 525

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<https://CriminalJustice.IllinoisState.edu>

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General Department Information

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Sciences program is to provide the student with a system orientation to the field of Criminal Justice. Study in Criminal Justice involves the application of the principles of Criminal Justice and the related behavioral and social sciences to problems and issues in the field of Criminal Justice. The program focuses on the building of knowledge in the areas of policing, courts, and corrections from a social science perspective. Students develop a knowledge base for an in-depth understanding of human behavior and the kinds of problems and circumstances that often result in criminality. Finally, the program provides students with the opportunity to gain necessary skills in the area of interviewing, program development, community organization, planning and research to function in a professional position in the field of Criminal Justice.

Program Admission Requirements for New and Continuing Students

Admission to this academic program is limited and is based on space availability and the competitiveness of the applicant pool. Factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to: courses completed, cumulative GPA, hours completed, personal interview or written statement, and samples of work completed. For additional information on minimum requirements for admission and the application and selection process, visit IllinoisState.edu/Majors or contact the undergraduate advisor for the intended major.

The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences reserves the right to maintain a balanced enrollment.

- a. This may restrict the numbers of freshmen, transfer students, and continuing students who wish to be Criminal Justice Sciences majors.
- b. Most Criminal Justice Sciences courses are restricted to Criminal Justice Science majors.

Retention Requirements

Criminal Justice Sciences majors must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.40 every semester. If, at any given time, a student's GPA falls below a 2.40 that student may be removed from the major and reclassified as Undeclared. After a student is reclassified as Undeclared, all rights as a major are forfeited, including the right to be eligible to do the Criminal Justice Sciences internship.

Students who have been reclassified must meet regular admission requirements to be eligible for readmission to the major.

Honors in Criminal Justice Sciences

The Department offers honors study in Criminal Justice Sciences to highly qualified students who will pursue an individualized program of study. The Honors Program enables the student to focus on topics of the student's own choosing in close consultation with a Criminal Justice Sciences Department faculty member.

Students must also fulfill the general education requirements for participation in the University's Honors Program. Successful completion of the Honors Program will provide the designation of Honors in Criminal Justice Sciences upon graduation. The University will note the Honors designation on official transcripts and the diploma. Requirements include being in good standing with the

Honors Program and are reviewed at the end of the final semester. These requirements include:

- 1) 3.30 cumulative GPA
- 2) 3.50 major GPA
- 3) Fulfill Honors Program participation requirements: One (1) Honors Learning Experience per semester in the program, including the final semester. Please note: students are not required to complete an Honors Learning Experience when they are off-campus
- 4) Complete three (3) Honors Learning Experiences in CJS courses, which may include:
 - Honors Section
 - Honors Contracts for in-class honors
 - Honors Research
 - Honors Explorations (a maximum of 2)
- 5) Complete an Honors Capstone Experience, which may include:
 - Honors Independent Study (299)
 - Honors Thesis (HON 395)

Students interested in participating in the Honors Program should inquire about admission in the Office of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences. Further details about the University Honors program are available at Honors.IllinoisState.edu.

Criminal Justice Sciences Programs

Degrees Offered: B.A., B.S.

Students seeking enrollment in CJS 398A01 and 398A02 must complete necessary paperwork for application to the internship which will be received during mandatory meetings set by the Internship Coordinator. To be eligible, the student must have: (1) completed 60 semester hours, (2) an overall and major GPA of 2.00 at the time referrals are made. Students who have significant professional experience in the criminal justice system or related field, may apply for an exemption to the internship requirement. If approved, students must take 6 hours of coursework approved by the academic advisor. Students eligible for an internship will, with the assistance of the internship coordinator, choose an agency from a list of approved agencies. Students may also participate in out-of-state internships.

Minor in Criminal Justice Sciences

- 21 hours required
- Required courses: CJS 101, 200, 201, 207, 208
- 6 hours of electives selected, with the approval of an academic advisor, from the Department of Criminal Justice Science's course offerings

Note: Space in Criminal Justice Sciences courses is limited for non-majors. Please see the department website for specific criteria for admission and retention to the minor

Criminal Justice Sciences Courses:

<https://coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/cjs/>

All Courses: <https://coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/>

MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (B.A. or B.S.)

General Education (39 credit hours)

Refer to the General Education section of the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education requirements and courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)

- _____ 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- _____ 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)

Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)

- _____ 3 CJS 102 Individuals, Society, and Justice

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning for B.S. or LAN 115 for B.A. (1 course required)

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

Social Sciences (1 course required)***

- _____ 3 CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice Sciences

Additional Graduation Requirements

_____/120 minimum total credit hours

_____/42 minimum senior college hours

AMALI requirement

***certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement

B.S. Science, Math, & Technology or B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)

Major (min. 51 credit hours)

- _____ 3 CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice Sciences
- _____ 3 CJS 200 Contemporary Corrections
- _____ 3 CJS 201 Crime & Behavior
- _____ 3 CJS 207 Contemporary Policing in America
- _____ 3 CJS 208 Criminal Law
- _____ 3 CJS 300 Research Methods (P: CJS 101; 45+ earned hours)
- _____ 6 CJS 398A01 Professional Practice: Criminal Justice Sciences I (P: 60+ earned hours; 2.0 GPA; approved application)
- _____ 3 SOC 106 Introduction to Sociology

Take 1 of the following courses:

- _____ 3 PSY 110 Fundamentals of Psychology
- _____ 4 PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology

Take 7 (21 credit hours) additional Criminal Justice Sciences electives:

Please consult your academic advisor.

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Transfer Students

Illinois Articulation Initiative (min. 37 credit hours)

To be eligible for IAI, at least one transfer course must have been articulated to an IAI core requirement. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of IAI courses and policies.

Communication and Composition (3 courses required)

A grade of C or better required in ENG 101 and 145 or equivalents

- _____ 3 C2 900 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- _____ 3 C1 900 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry
- _____ 3 C1 901 ENG 145 Writing in the Academic Disciplines

Mathematics (1 course required)

Please see major requirements for mathematics options

Physical & Life Sciences (2 courses/7-8 hours required)

Students must complete 1 life science and 1 physical science course; at least 1 course must have a lab.

Humanities & Fine Arts (3 courses required)

At least 1 humanities and 1 fine arts course required

Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses required)

2 different disciplines must be represented

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