

## **Criminal Justice (B.A.)**

The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice focuses on criminal or forensic investigation. The Program's modern curriculum adjusts the knowledge, theory and techniques of the field of Criminal Justice to the demands of a dynamic and changing society. The curriculum is inter-disciplinary with branches of knowledge related to human behavior. The Program permits students to acquire personal and professional skills in accord with their interests and aptitudes. It also stresses the importance of the adequate development of attitudes and characteristics of the student's personality, while emphasizing knowledge of the causes and spread of crime, the methods and modern techniques of criminal justice, crime prevention, and rehabilitation. The Program is designed to: 1) prepare the student to occupy positions at the operational level in the field of the criminal justice system, both in the private and public sector, 2) upgrade the preparation of personnel offering services in these areas, 3) stimulate students to pursue graduate studies, and 4) permit students to put into practice the theoretical knowledge acquired in their studies through an internship experience in their area of major. All course requirements for a major in penology and criminal justice must be passed with a minimum grade of C.

Students who are candidates for the Internship must meet the requirements established by the University for this Program. They must complete or provide the following: internship application; satisfactory criminal background investigation; proof of immunizations; General Release; official transcript of credits; satisfactory official evaluation of the Registrar; three letters of recommendation; four pictures 2X2; and a letter from the coordinator of the Program to the Registrar.

In addition, students must meet the requirements stipulated by the practice center.

The curriculum is inter-disciplinary but emphasizes branches of knowledge related to human behavior. The requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice include the following: (1) 48 general education credits; (2) 40 core course credits; (3) 6 prescribed distributive (elective concentration) credits; (4) 21 concentration credits; and (5) 6 elective credits.

This program is authorized to be offered online.

### **TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM**

Tuition	\$22,990
Fees	\$ 3,200
Books	\$ 3,472
Supplies	<u>\$ 2,304</u>
Total	\$31,966

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

General Education Requirements	48 credits
Core Course Requirements	40 credits
Concentration Requirements	21 credits
Prescribed Distributive Requirements	6 credits

Elective Courses  
Total

6 credits  
121

### **General Education Requirements - 48 credits**

Forty-eight (48) credits are required, as explained in the section “General Education Requirements for Bachelors’ Degrees.” In addition to the courses GEHS 2010F and GEHS 2011, students of this Program will select two courses, from the following alternatives in the Historic and Social Context Category: GEHS 2020, GEHS 4020, or GEHS 4030.

### **Core Course Requirements - 40 credits**

CJUS 1000	Introduction to Criminology	3
CJUS 2050	Victims of Crime	3
CJUS 2090	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJUS 3025	Criminal Law	3
CJUS 3027	White Collar Crimes	3
CJUS 3300	Alternate Methods of Conflict Resolution	3
CJUS 4972	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
POLS 1011	Introduction to Political Science	3
PSYC 1051	General Psychology I	3
PSYC 3001	Statistical Methods	3
SOCI 1030	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 2080	Criminal Justice System	3
CJUS 4500	Social Scientific Research Techniques	4

### **Prescribed Distributive Requirements - 6 credits from the following courses:**

CJUS 1010	Police and Community	3
CJUS 2010	Criminal Procedures in Justice System	3
CJUS 2075	Social Deviation	3
CJUS 2095	Ethics in Process of Prevention and Police Intervention	3
CJUS 3015	Women Faced with Crime	3
CJUS 3055	Federal Jurisdiction	3
CJUS 397_	Special Topics*	3
CJUS 4020	Alcoholism and Drug Addiction	3
CJUS 4914	Internship in Criminal Investigation	3
PSYC 4213	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 4520	Crisis Intervention	3
SOCI 2050	Urban Society and its Transformation	3

\*The Special Topics course does not substitute for the Seminar in Criminal Justice.

### **Concentration Requirements - 21 credits**

#### **Criminal Investigation (Criminal Justice)**

### **Criminal Investigation - 21 credits**

CJUS 2070	Human and Civil Rights	3
CJUS 3030	Interviews and Interrogation	3
CJUS 3035	Special Criminal Laws	3
CJUS 3250	Criminal Investigation	3
CJUS 4035	Modern Technology in Investigation	3
CJUS 4040	Evidence Management	3
CJUS 4060	Fraud Detection and Management	3

Students may substitute an Internship in Criminal Investigation with research work in the fields of penology or criminology in those cases where students present evidence of experience in the areas of criminal justice. The substitution will be subject to the following: a) students must have worked full-time for a period of two years within five years immediately preceding the application; b) the experience to be validated must correspond to an internship in the student's specialization and must be in agreement with the criteria established by the University for this internship; and c) students must present evidence of their work experience and this must be certified by their immediate supervisor and approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the institution where they were employed.

### **Forensic Investigation (Criminal Justice)**

#### **Forensic Investigation - 21 credits**

CJUS 2070	Human and Civil Rights	3
CJUS 2205	Oral and Written Communication for Forensic Investigation	3
CJUS 3035	Special Criminal Laws	3
CJUS 3241	Forensic Investigation I	3
CJUS 3242	Forensic Investigation II	3
CJUS 397_	Data Analysis for Forensic Investigation	3

#### **Elective Requirements - 6 credits**

An elective course is (i) any course a student takes in any General Education, Major or Prescribed Distributive Course within the student's degree program, in addition to the courses that the student has taken to satisfy the minimum degree program requirements in each category and/or (ii) any course in another degree program. Provided that the student must meet course prerequisites and cannot count the same course twice