

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION (COMPREHENSIVE)

Program Description

Legal Studies and Criminal Justice blends a strong liberal arts emphasis, a social science perspective in criminology, and a focus on pre-professional development for justice practitioners. The Criminal Justice concentration encourages intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and extensive communication skills, and characteristics associated with rewarding professional and personal lives. At the same time, a primary goal of the UW-Superior's Criminal Justice Program is the academic preparation of individuals planning criminal justice careers as well as the educational advancement of practitioners already enjoying criminal justice careers.

The criminal justice curriculum is both broad and deep, enabling students to critically reflect on the complexity of "the problem" of crime as well as our paradoxical responses to it. Its study requires a multidisciplinary approach. Housed in a Legal Studies major, the concentration in Criminal Justice examines various ways of "knowing" the problem, especially through a rigorous, scientific lens. Social science methodologies are taught and evaluated in upper level courses to facilitate conversation about evidence-based programming and practices in policing, courts, and corrections. Completion of core courses in criminal justice permits students to become firmly grounded in a range of perspectives in the justice field. Selection of courses from legal studies provides a significant context for appreciating the fluid boundaries of justice systems. In addition to classes in criminal justice and legal studies, the curriculum offers coursework in multiple complementary areas, including accounting, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, and sociology. Taking courses from these disciplines enable students to achieve global views of this complex problem and its possible solutions as well as to "drill down" into critical subject areas. Selection of elective courses encourages students to pursue flexible paths of study tailored to their individual interests in such careers as law enforcement, law and course processing, juvenile and adult corrections as well as graduate education. The result is the achievement of baccalaureate competency in the study of criminal justice.

Graduates from UW-Superior's Criminal Justice program distinguish themselves in many diverse professional fields, in graduate and law schools, and in the community. Alumni serve in positions of responsibility across the United States in federal, state and local criminal and juvenile justice agencies as well as in Canadian justice agencies. Others have careers as private attorneys, paralegals, youth counselors, teachers, military officers, security/loss specialists and private investigators.

No minor is required because the Criminal Justice Concentration in Legal Studies is a comprehensive major.

Depending on course selection, the number of credits is either 57 or 58.

Requirements

57 total credits (58 credits with a core University Studies mathematics course - MATH 130 Elementary Statistics)

Code	Title	Hours
Legal Studies Core Courses		
LSTU 115	Law and Human Behavior	3.00
LSTU 211	Criminal Law	3.00
LSTU 268	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3.00
Justice Core Courses		
CJUS 106	Survey of Criminal Justice	3.00
CJUS 207	Police and Society	3.00
LSTU 321	Judicial Process	3.00
CJUS 316	Crime, Corrections and Punishment	3.00
CJUS 448	Criminology	3.00
CJUS 463	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3.00
LSTU 485	Internship	3.00
CJUS 492	Criminal Justice Policy Issues and Reform	3.00
CJUS 498	Senior Capstone Presentation ¹	0.00
Research Design and Quantitative Analysis Courses		
CJUS 374	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3.00
MATH 130	Elementary Statistics	3.00-4.00
or PSYC 301	Statistics for Psychological Research	
Diversity Course		
CJUS 312	Gender, Crime, and Justice	3.00
or LSTU 365	Race, Ethnicity, and Justice	
Elective Credits ²		
Select nine credits of the following Law and Justice courses:		9.00
CJUS 160	Field Exp./Cert Prog CJUS	
LSTU 210	Criminal Procedure	
CJUS 212	Criminal Investigations	
LSTU 261	Contemporary Issues in Law and Society	
CJUS 301	Study Abroad	
CJUS 318	Community Corrections	
CJUS 320	Special Topics	
LSTU 321	Judicial Process	
LSTU 354	Jurisprudence	
LSTU 363	Comparative Law and Courts	
POLS 353	International Law	
LSTU 450	U.S. Constitutional Law, Part I	
LSTU 451	U.S. Constitutional Law, Part II-Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
ACCT 365	Fraud Examination and Investigation	
CJUS 497	Student Initiated Seminar	
CJUS 499	Individualized Research	
Select six credits of the following Human Behavior, Harms, and Ethics courses:		6.00
PHIL 211	Contemporary Moral Problems	
SOCI 273	Race and Ethnicity	
PSYC 310	Social Psychology	
SO W 329	Crisis Intervention	
POLS 330	U.S. State and Local Government	
SO W 350	Introduction to Addiction and Recovery	
PSYC 353	Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 362	Psychological Disorders	
POLS 372	Power and Resistance	

2 Criminal Justice Concentration (Comprehensive)

POLS 381	Theories of Justice
PSYC 403	Memory and Cognition
<hr/>	
Total Hours	57.00-58.00

¹ Courses available to be paired with Capstone Presentation include CJUS 463 Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, CJUS 491 Applied Criminal Justice or CJUS 492 Criminal Justice Policy Issues and Reform with advisor consent.

² With advisor's approval, other courses not listed below can be substituted and count as part of the 15 credits.