

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science

Why Criminal Justice Studies?

Criminal justice is a social science that focuses on patterns of criminal behavior and society's approach to understanding and dealing with criminals and the impact of their actions. The field encompasses a broad range of interests and specializations, including sociology, psychology, forensic science, and liberal arts. Students with an interest in law enforcement and security, the court system, corrections, and/or victim's rights may find criminal justice to be a rewarding career path.

Criminal Justice Studies at SIUE

Responding to an evolving global need, criminal justice studies at SIUE includes advanced courses on terrorism, theories of a just society, victim mediation, and complementary studies in anthropology and forensics, all focusing on the application of natural sciences to a criminal justice setting. Award-winning faculty at SIUE are active, committed scholars who are recognized at regional, national, and international levels in their respective fields of interests. The department requires a community internship for all criminal justice students that is tailored to their interests, and has connections to more than 100 agencies, including those in law enforcement, probation, corrections, coroner's offices, and law firms. An active Criminal Justice Club offers lectures by prominent faculty and regional criminal justice professionals, and facilitates discussion of current events and societal responses to criminal behavior.

Career Outlook

A degree in criminal justice studies opens the door to careers within law enforcement, the court system, social service organizations and law. Graduates of SIUE's criminal justice studies program have attained positions with the U.S. Marshals Service, the FBI, and multiple local and regional law enforcement agencies.

Admission Requirements

- Complete all general education skills courses with grades of C or better.
- Complete 15 hours of introductory courses with grades of C or better.
- **Complete the following courses with grades of C or better: SOC 111, POLS 112, and CJ/SOC 201, or their equivalents.**
- Complete the Pre-CJ Program.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.75.

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Faculty

Professors

Finkelstein, Marv, Ph.D.

1984, Michigan State University

Kauzlarich, David, Ph.D.

1994, Western Michigan University

Markowitz, Linda, Ph.D.

1995, University of Arizona

Associate Professors

Cobb, Denise, Ph.D.

2003, Tulane University

Hedley, Mark, Ph.D.

1994, University of Arizona

Maatita, Florence, Ph.D.

2003, University of Connecticut

Assistant Professors

Campbell, Lori, Ph.D.

2007, The Ohio State University

Frey, Connie, Ph.D.

2007, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Heil, Erin, Ph.D.

2008, University of Illinois at Chicago

Mares, Dennis, Ph.D.

2004, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Instructor

Stygar, Elizabeth, M.A.

2008, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BS

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (ISS) (3) ANTH 111B Human Culture and Communication (ISS, IC) (3) ENG 101 English Composition I (3) CMIS 108 Computer Concepts and Applications (3)* SPC 103 or 105 Speech Communication (3)* Total 15	CJ/SOC 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) ENG 102 English Composition II (3) PHIL 106 Critical Thinking (3)* Introductory Fine Arts and Humanities (3) Introductory Natural Sciences and Mathematics (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	CJ 202 Introduction to Corrections (3) CJ 208 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3) POLS 112 American National Government (DSS) (3) International Issues/International Culture (II/IC) (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities or Natural Science and Mathematics (3) Total 15	CJ/SOC 272 Criminology (3) Distribution Fine Arts and Humanities (3) Distribution Natural Sciences and Mathematics (3) Intergroup Relations (IGR) (3) Elective (3) Total 15
YEAR 3	CJ 302 Research Methods in CJ (3) CJ 366 Race and Gender in CJ (3) CJ Elective (200 level) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 18	CJ 303 Data Analysis in CJ or SOC 303 Stats with Computer Apps (3) CJ Elective (200-level recommended) (3) CJ Elective (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 18
YEAR 4	CJ Elective (3) CJ Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (4) Total 16	CJ 488 Supervised Internship (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 12

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

Exit Requirements

A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above in criminal justice course work is required for graduation. Students must pass all required courses with a grade of C or better. A minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-level courses is required for graduation.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

Academic Advising Information

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