

Criminal Justice Studies

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies

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Criminal justice studies at SIUE, offered through the Department of Criminal Justice Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, is a multidisciplinary degree program with a strong academic foundation in the liberal arts. Among the general topic studies are theories of crime and delinquency; the origins and development of criminal law and procedure; the functions and operations of criminal justice agencies in America, including the criminal justice response to juvenile offenders; the prevention of crime and delinquency; privatization in corrections and policing; the nature, meaning and purpose of criminal punishment; the nature and impact of criminal justice policy; and the relationship between criminal justice and human diversity.

In recent years, career opportunities in fields linked with criminal justice have shown steady growth. While some jobs do not require a university degree, many do, and a degree almost always improves a person's chances for promotions and other career advancement. Because the criminal justice program at SIUE rests on a strong academic foundation, a wide variety of occupations will be accessible to its graduates.

There are a wide range of other positions that include working to prevent crime and delinquency, working to repair lives that are touched by crime, and so much more. A partial listing of the jobs open to you includes, law enforcement, courts/law, corrections, federal agencies, and state and local agencies.

Hands-On Learning

Hands-on learning is an important component of the program, and all students are required to complete an internship with an organization or agency involved with some aspect of criminal justice. The internship could be with a public agency such as a police department, state or federal prison; local jail, circuit and municipal court; prosecutor's office; or with a private organization delivering products or services to the criminal justice system.

Global Experience

The criminal justice studies program conducts study abroad trips to Ireland and The Netherlands. The global experiences provide students with opportunities to study the police, court systems, correctional systems, and correctional systems of these countries.

Admission Requirements

A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale in SIUE courses.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete all specific program and university requirements which include:

- Cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale in criminal justice coursework.
- Students must pass all required courses with a grade of C or better.
- A minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-level courses are required for graduation.



Faculty

Kevin Cannon, PhD
2001, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Rachel Cousert, MS
2006, University of Cincinnati

P. Ann Dirks-Linhorst, PhD
2003, University of Missouri - St. Louis

Ekaterina Gorislavsky, PhD
2014, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Erin Heil, PhD
2008, University of Illinois at Chicago

Dennis Mares, PhD
2004, University of Missouri - St. Louis

Trish Oberweis, PhD
1999, Arizona State University

Matt Petrocelli, PhD
1997, Arizona State University

Sample Four-Year Curriculum

Sample curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies shown below. Students wishing to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree may do so by adding one (1) year of foreign language, as well as four (4) additional courses in fine and performing arts or humanities.

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (BSS) 3 ANTH 111b Human Culture and Comm (BSS, EGC, EUSC) (recom) 3 ENG 101 English Composition I 3 QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3 ACS 101 or 103 Oral Expression 3 Total Credits 15	CJ 111 Intro to Criminal Justice 3 ENG 102 English Composition II 3 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 2	CJ 202 Introduction to Corrections 3 CJ 208 Introduction to Law Enforcement 3 POLS 112 American National Government (BSS) 3 Breadth Information & Communication in Society (BICS) 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Total Credits 15	CJ 273 Crime, Theory and Practice 3 CJ 206 Criminal Law 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Health Experience (EH) 3 Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 3	CJ 302 Research Methods in CJ 3 CJ 366 Race and Gender in CJ 3 CJ Elective (200 level) 3 Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 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 Total Credits 15
Year 4	CJ Elective 3 CJ Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	CJ 488 Supervised Internship 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 12

Transfer Students To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either 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.

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