

UNDERGRADUATE

Criminal Justice

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Criminal Justice

SIUE



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Criminal Justice Studies at SIUE

Criminal justice studies is a multidisciplinary degree program with a strong academic foundation in the liberal arts. General topic studies include:

- Theories of crime and delinquency
- Origins and development of criminal law and procedure
- Functions and operations of criminal justice agencies in America, including the criminal justice response to juvenile offenders
- 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
- The relationship between criminal justice and human diversity

Accelerated Combined Degrees

Students may complete a bachelor's and master's degree in five academic years. Learn more at siue.edu/combined-degrees.

Degrees Available at SIUE

Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice Studies

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Studies

What can I do with a degree in criminal justice?

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 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.

- Law Enforcement
- Courts/Law
- Corrections
- Federal Agencies
- State and Local Agencies

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Sample Curriculum, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Students wishing to obtain a Bachelor of Arts may do so by adding one year of foreign language, as well as four additional courses in fine and performing arts or humanities.

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (BSS; recom) 3		CJ 111 Intro to Criminal Justice 3	
	ANTH 111B Human Culture and Communication (BSS, EGC, EUSC; recom) 3		ENG 102 English Composition II 3	
	ENG 101 English Composition I 3		RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3	
	QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3		Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3	
	ACS 101 Public Speaking 3		Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3	
	FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1		Total Credits 15	
	Total Credits 16			
Year 2	CJ 202 Introduction to Corrections 3		CJ 273 Crime, Theory and Practice 3	
	CJ 208 Introduction to Law Enforcement 3		CJ 206 Criminal Law 3	
	POLS 112 American National Government (BSS; recom) 3		Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3	
	Breadth Information & Communication in Society (BICS) 3		Health Experience (EH) 3	
	Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3		Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3	
	Total Credits 15		Total Credits 15	
Year 3	CJ 302 Research Methods in CJ 3		CJ 303 Data Analysis in CJ 3	
	CJ 366 Race and Gender in CJ 3		(3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3	
	CJ Elective (200 level) 3		(3) Elective 3	
	Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3		(3) Elective 3	
	Elective 3		(3) Elective 3	
	Total Credits 15		Total Credits 15	
Year 4	CJ Elective* 3		CJ 488 Supervised Internship 3	
	CJ Elective* 3		CJ Elective (200 level recommended)* 3	
	Elective 3		CJ Elective* 3	
	Elective 3		Elective 3	
	Elective 3		Elective 2	
	Total Credits 15		Total Credits 14	
	*12 hours of approved graduate CJ electives may be applied to the undergraduate degree for students admitted to the Accelerated Master of Science in criminal justice policy program.		Total Hours	120

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. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

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. Internship options include:

- Police department
- State or federal prison
- Local jail
- Circuit and municipal court
- Prosecutor's office
- Private organizations 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. These global experiences provide students with opportunities to study the police, court systems, and correctional systems of these countries.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the criminal justice program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 from courses taken at SIUE.

Graduation

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in criminal justice coursework 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 are required for graduation.

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