

# Criminal Justice Studies

## Degrees Available at SIUE

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

## Accelerated Combined Degree

This program provides an accelerated option for qualifying SIUE students who wish to earn simultaneous undergraduate and graduate credit for some courses taken their senior year.

## Criminal Justice Studies at SIUE

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.

## 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. These global experiences provide students with opportunities to study the police, court systems, and correctional systems of these countries.

## Career Opportunities

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 variety of jobs open to you include:

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

## Admission Requirements

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

## Graduation Requirements

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.



## 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 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

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	<b>SOC 111</b> Introduction to Sociology (BSS) 3	<b>CJ 111</b> Intro to Criminal Justice 3
	<b>ANTH 111B</b> Human Culture and Comm (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	<b>CJ 202</b> Introduction to Corrections 3	CJ 273 Crime, Theory and Practice 3
	<b>CJ 208</b> Introduction to Law Enforcement 3	<b>CJ 206</b> Criminal Law 3
	<b>POLS 112</b> American National Government (BSS) 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 or SOC 303 Stats with Computer Apps 3
	CJ 366 Race and Gender in CJ 3	CJ Elective (200 level recommended) 3
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	Life, Physical or Social Science with a lab (EL) 3	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3
	Elective 3	Elective 3
	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15
	Year 4	CJ Elective 3
CJ Elective 3		Elective* 3
Elective 3		Elective* 3
Elective* 3		Elective 3
Elective* 3		Elective 2
Total Credits 15		Total Credits 14
	<b>Total Hours</b> 120	

\*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

**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](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

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