

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.S.

Completion of this major prepares one to assume the responsibilities of the following professions: Police officer (municipal and state), special agent (in federal law enforcement agencies), criminal investigator (in state prosecutor offices), court administrator (state and federal), probation officer (state and federal), parole officer (state), correctional officer (state and federal), juvenile counselor, victim advocate (government or community), and others. Continued study may include a master's and/or doctoral degree in criminal justice or public administration or a doctoral degree in law.

The requirement for admission to this degree track is a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0.

Various discipline-specific concentrations that will prepare students for multiple fields of employment or areas of additional undergraduate/graduate study are noted below. Course requirements for each concentration are explained in detail. The requirements for graduation, in addition to completion of the major area, are listed on "Undergraduate Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.njcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-degree-requirements/>)."

Major Concentration

The requirement for admission to this degree track is an overall 2.0 GPA. Additionally, the 2.0 minimum overall GPA and a 2.0 minimum average GPA in the major is a requirement for continuation in the major, as well as for graduation.

Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement, Courts, Probation, Corrections, Parole, Juvenile Justice, Victim Advocacy; Government or Community)

Students concentrating in Criminal Justice will be required to complete 39 semester hours in Criminal Justice Courses in residence at NJCU:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CJ 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 112	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 215	Police Organization & Administration	3
CJ 216	Court System & Admin	3
CJ 217	Correctional Systems & Administration	3
CJ 305	Criminal Law	3
CJ 372	Criminal Justice Research	3
CJ 463	Management of Public Safety Agencies	3

Students are required to take a minimum of five electives from the following courses listed below to satisfy the remaining 15 semester hours left to be completed alongside the eight required courses mentioned above:

Restricted Electives

Select a minimum of 15 credits from the following courses:	15
CJ 115	Juvenile Justice
CJ 120	Careers in Criminal Justice
CJ 130	Writing for Criminal Justice
CJ 201	Law, Order, and Justice in Society
CJ 205	Community Corrections
CJ 210	Crime Prevention
CJ 250	Crisis Intervention

CJ 260	Criminal Investigation
CJ 275	Police & Community
CJ 300	Victimless Crimes/Organized Crime
CJ 301	Terrorism
CJ 302	White Collar Crime
CJ 303	Women and Criminal Justice
CJ 306	Crime and the Movies
CJ 308	Multi-Cultural Law Enforcement
CJ 310	Hate Crimes Seminar
CJ 311	Violence, Victims, & Criminal Justice
CJ 315	Seminar in Criminal Justice Problems
CJ 325	Criminal Procedure
CJ 340	Criminal Evidence
CJ 360	Victims Of Crime
CJ 370	Minorities & Criminal Justice
CJ 420	International Criminal Justice
CJ 444	Criminal Justice Ethics
CJ 464	Management of Information Systems

Total Credits 39

Freshman

Semester 1		Credits
ENGL 101	English Composition I	4
or ESL 101	or English Composition I for English as a Second Language Students	
MATH 114	Contemporary Mathematics (or Higher)	3
General Education Tier I Course		3
CJ 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
INTD 101	Orientation to College ^{*first time freshmen only}	1
Credits		14

Semester 2

CJ 112	Crime and Delinquency	3
ENGL 102	English Composition II	4-6
or ESL 102	or	
General Education Tier I Course		3
General Education Tier I Course		3
Elective Course		3
Credits		16-18

Sophomore

Semester 1

CJ 215	Police Organization & Administration	3
CJ 216	Court System & Admin	3
General Education Tier I Course		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
Credits		15

Semester 2

CJ 217	Correctional Systems & Administration	3
Criminal Justice Elective		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
General Education Tier II Course		3
Credits		15

Junior**Semester 1**

CJ 305	Criminal Law	3
	Criminal Justice Elective	3
	Criminal Justice Elective	3
	Criminal Justice Elective	3
	General Education Tier II Course	3
Credits		15

Semester 2

	Criminal Justice Elective	3
	General Education Tier III Capstone	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
Credits		15

Senior**Semester 1**

CJ 372	Criminal Justice Research	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
Credits		15

Semester 2

CJ 463	Management of Public Safety Agencies	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
	Minor/Elective	3
Credits		15

Total Credits 120-122

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Criminal Justice BS program, students will be able to:

1. Apply critical reasoning skills to solve problems in selected areas of criminal justice.
2. Demonstrate research skills necessary to enter into criminal justice fields, or alternatively pursue graduate studies.
3. Demonstrate writing skills required to enter into professional criminal justice fields, or alternatively to pursue graduate studies.
4. Identify the multi-disciplinary concepts of criminal justice, criminology, and law, and the workings of major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.