

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BS)

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science degree enables students to demonstrate a general knowledge of law enforcement, legal research, corrections and criminology. Students must take a minimum of 39 credit hours in criminal justice courses in residence at Columbus State University.

Career Opportunities

- City and-or state police
- Sheriffs' departments
- Probation departments
- Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Drug enforcement agencies
- Secret Service
- Correctional institutions
- Juvenile justice agencies
- Private, industrial security
- FBI

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities ¹		4-5
Choose one of the following communication options		3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	
Foreign Language Course Options		
AMSL, ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPN, KREN, LATIN, PORT, SPAN - 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002; SWAH - 1001, 1002.		
Take one of the following courses		1-2
ITDS 1779	Scholarship Across the Disciplines	
LEAD 1705	Introduction to Servant Leadership	
PERS 1506	Perspectives 1-hour	
PERS 1507	Perspectives 2-hour	
Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics & Quantitative Skills ¹		3-7
DATA 1501	Introduction to Data Science	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3
MATH 1101	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1125	Applied Calculus	3
MATH 1131	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1132	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 1165	Computer-Assisted Problem Solving	3
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 1501	Calculus I	4
MATH 2125	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History		6
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
or HIST 2112	U. S. History since 1865	
POLS 1101	American Government	3

Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics		6
Select one Fine Arts course		3
ARTH 1100	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	
ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Select one Humanities course		3
ENGL 2111	World Literature I	
ENGL 2112	World Literature II	
ITDS 1155	The Western Intellectual Tradition	
ITDS 1774	Introduction to Digital Humanities	
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing		6
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences ^{1,3}		7-11
ANTH 1145	Human Origins	3
ASTR 1105	Descriptive Astronomy: The Solar System	3
ASTR 1106	Descriptive Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	3
ASTR 1305	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1
ATSC 1112	Understanding the Weather	3
ATSC 1112L	Understanding the Weather Lab	1
BIOL 1125	Contemporary Issues in Biology Non-Lab	3
BIOL 1215K	Introductory Biology	4
BIOL 1225K	Contemporary Issues in Biology with Lab	4
CHEM 1151 & 1151L	Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1152 & 1152L	Survey of Chemistry II and Survey of Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 1211 & 1211L	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1212 & 1212L	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 1105	Introduction to Computing Principles and Technology	3
CPSC 1301K	Computer Science I	4
ENVS 1105	Environmental Studies	3
ENVS 1105L	Environmental Studies Laboratory	1
ENVS 1205K	Sustainability and the Environment	4
GEOG 2215	Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 1110	Natural Disasters: Our Hazardous Environment	3
GEOG 1121	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology	3
GEOG 1121L	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOG 1122	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology	3
GEOG 1322	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOG 2225	The Fossil Record	4

PHYS 1111	Introductory Physics I	4	SOCI 1168	Social Problems	3
& PHYS 1311	and Introductory Physics I Lab		Select two of the following:		6
PHYS 1112	Introductory Physics II	4	SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
& PHYS 1312	and Introductory Physics II Lab		CRJU 2145	Criminal Law	
PHYS 1125	Physics of Color and Sound	3	CRJU 2146	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	
PHYS 1325	Physics of Color and Sound Lab	1	CRJU 2165	Police Organization and Operation	
PHYS 2211	Principles of Physics I	4	SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	
& PHYS 2311	and Principles of Physics I Lab		SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	
PHYS 2212	Principles of Physics II	4	SPAN 2001	Intermediate Spanish I	
& PHYS 2312	and Principles of Physics II Lab		SPAN 2002	Intermediate Spanish II	
Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences		6	POLS 2401	Global Issues	
Select one Behavioral Science course			Field of Study Requirements Total		18
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics		Required for the Major		
ECON 2106	Principles of Microeconomics		Minimum grade of "C" is required in each course		
PHIL 2030	Moral Philosophy		CRJU 3108	Social Science Research	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology		CRJU 3136	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology		CRJU 4167	Multiculturalism in Criminal Justice	3
Select one World Cultures course		3	CRJU 4169	Technical Writing in Criminal Justice	3
ANTH 1107	Discovering Archaeology		CRJU 4175	Interpersonal Communication Skills for Criminal Justice	3
ANTH 1105	Cultural Anthropology		CRJU 4210	Criminal Justice Capstone Course	3
ANTH 2105	Ancient World Civilizations		Required for the Major Total		18
ANTH 2136	Language and Culture		Major Electives		
ENGL 2136	Language and Culture		Minimum grade of "C" is required in each course.		24
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography		Select 24 hours from the following list.		
HIST 1111	World History to 1500		CRJU 3115	Deviant Behavior	
HIST 1112	World History since 1500		or SOCI 3109 Sociology of Deviance		
ITDS 1156	Understanding Non-Western Cultures		CRJU 3116	Criminal Behaviors	
Core IMPACTS Total Hours		42	CRJU 3127	Correctional Practices and Pathways	
Health and Wellness		3	CRJU 3135	Women in Crime and Justice	
KINS 1106	Lifetime Wellness	2	CRJU 3138	Victimology	
or PHED 1205	Concepts of Fitness		CRJU 3146	Criminal Justice Administrations	
Select one of the following		1	CRJU 3155	Juvenile Delinquency	
Any PEDS course			CRJU 3165	Criminal Investigative Techniques	
MUSC 1206	Body Mapping (Music Majors Only)		CRJU 3168	Crime Scene Reconstruction and Investigation *	
			CRJU 3169	Violent Crime	
			CRJU 3175	Media and Crime	
			CRJU 3555	Selected Topics in Criminal Justice	
			CRJU 4126	Crime and Mental Health	
			CRJU 4155	The Juvenile Justice System *	
			CRJU 4165	Community Relations	
			CRJU 4176	Constitutional Law and Criminal Justice	
			CRJU 4177	Principles of Forensic Science: Human Identification	
			CRJU 4698	Criminal Justice Internship	
			CRJU 4719	Principles of Forensic Science: Lethal Agents and Crimes	
			Any SOCI 3000 or 4000-level class approved by advisor.		
			Any approved JADM 3000 and above.		
			Major Electives Total		24
			General Electives		
			Select 18 credits		18

¹ The hours applied in the Institutional Priorities; Mathematics & Quantitative Skills; and Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences areas must add to 18 credit hours.

² ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts, though listed under both Fine Arts and Humanities, may be taken only once.

³ At least 4 of the credit hours in this area must be in a lab science course.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Complete the core requirements for this program		45
Core Total		45
Field of Study Requirements		
Minimum grade of "C" is required in each course		
CRJU 1105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 2105	Criminology	3
CRJU 2106	Survey of Corrections	3

General Electives Total

Total Credit Hours	123
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*Prerequisite required

Program Map

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I (minimum grade of C)	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (or higher math)	3
Area B1	COMM 1110 Public Speaking or Foreign Language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3
CRJU 1105	Introduction to Criminal Justice (minimum grade of C)	3
KINS 1106 or PHED 1205	Lifetime Wellness or Concepts of Fitness	2
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
ENGL 1102	English Composition II (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA D	Lab Science (see list)	4
CRJU 2105	Criminology (minimum grade of C)	3
Area B2	ITDS 1779 (2), LEAD 1705 (2), PERS 1506 (1; may be repeated with different topic), PERS 1507 (2) ¹	2
Area F Elective	Spring 1 list (select 1) (minimum grade of C)	3
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
CRJU 2145	Criminal Law	
CRJU 2146	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	
CRJU 2165	Police Organization and Operation	
SPAN 1001	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1002	Elementary Spanish II	
SPAN 2001	Intermediate Spanish I	
SPAN 2002	Intermediate Spanish II	
POLS 2401	Global Issues	
Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
AREA E	World Cultures (see list in catalog))	3
AREA D	Non-Lab Science (see list)	3
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	U. S. History to 1865 or U. S. History since 1865	3
AREA C	Fine Arts (see list in catalog)	3
CRJU 2106	Survey of Corrections (minimum grade of C)	3
PEDS	Physical Education	1
Credit Hours		16

Spring

AREA E	Behavior Science (see list)	3
AREA C	Humanities (see list)	3
SOCI 1168	Social Problems (minimum grade of C)	3
Area F	Elective (see Spring 1 list) (select 1) (minimum grade of C)	3
Area D	DATA 1501 Introduction to Data Science (or any other course in Area D2 Math/Science/Tech)	3
Credit Hours		15

Third Year

Fall		
CRJU 3108	Social Science Research (minimum grade of C)	3
CRJU 3136	Criminal Justice Ethics (minimum grade of C)	3
CRJU 4167	Multiculturalism in Criminal Justice (minimum grade of C)	3
Area H	Program Elective* (select 1) (minimum grade of C)	3
Area I	General Elective (select 1)	3

*In the Program of Study for this major, see Option 1 (General Emphasis) or Option 2 (Public Safety Emphasis), depending on your preference. Your advisor will have you decide which option and courses are a best fit for you.

Credit Hours	15
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Spring

CRJU 4175	Interpersonal Communication Skills for Criminal Justice (minimum grade of C)	3
CRJU 4169	Technical Writing in Criminal Justice (minimum grade of C)	3
AREA H	Program Electives (select 2) (minimum grade of C)*	6
Area I	General Electives (select 1)	3

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Credit Hours	15
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Fourth Year

Fall		
AREA H	Program Electives (select 1) (minimum grade of C)*	9
AREA I	General Electives (select 2)	6

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Credit Hours	15
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Spring

AREA H	Program Electives (select 2) (minimum grade of C)*	6
AREA I	General Electives (select 2)	6
CRJU 4210	Criminal Justice Capstone Course (minimum grade of C)	3

Internship (recommended)²

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Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	123

¹ B2: Select 1 or 2 hours of ITDS 1779 Scholarship Across the Disciplines, LEAD 1705 Introduction to Servant Leadership, PERS 1506 Perspectives 1-hour or PERS 1507 Perspectives 2-hour.

² It is strongly recommended that students take advantage of the multitude of internships that are offered during their senior year. Internships (if taken in the last semester) can often lead to employment opportunities immediately after graduation.

Admission Requirements

There are no program specific admission requirements.

Additional Program Requirements

B.S. graduates also will be able to demonstrate and apply knowledge about each of the learning outcomes by passing the department exit exam.