

Iowa State University

Criminology and Criminal Justice

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Program Description

Criminology and Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary major that offers an opportunity for students to learn about the components of the juvenile and criminal justice systems, become acquainted with the issues affecting these systems, apply theoretical concepts to real-world phenomena, interface with criminal justice and social service provider practitioners, and plan an academic and/or applied career in criminology and criminal justice. Because of its interdisciplinary curriculum, students can individually tailor their course of study to their academic/career interests in criminology and criminal justice, psychology, political science/law, human development, and other fields.

Program Requirements

- 36 credits of 200 or above with at least 9 credits of 400 or above.
- An average grade of C in the overall major.
- 7 additional credits in complementary courses.

Required Courses

Foundations in Social Science Methods (select one course)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 202 | Introduction to Research Methods | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | POL S 301 | Introduction to Empirical Political Research | <i>Prereq: 3cr Pol S & Stat</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PSYCH 301 | Research Design and Methodology | <i>Prereq: 3cr Psych & Stat</i> |

Epidemiology of Crime and Justice

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST 240 | Introduction to the U.S. Criminal Justice System | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 241 | Youth and Crime | 3 cr |

Legal, Political, and Philosophical Bases (select one course)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/POL S 320 | American Judicial Process | <i>Prereq: Pol S 215</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/PHIL 332 | Philosophy of Law | <i>Prereq: Phil 230</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HD FS 380 | Family Law | <i>Prereq: Junior class.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | POL S 420 | Constitutional Law | <i>Prereq: Pol S 215; Junior class.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PSYCH 383X | Psych and Law | <i>Prereq: Psych 101 or 280</i> |

Theoretical Bases of Crime, Justice, and Social Control (select two courses)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 340 | Deviant and Criminal Behavior | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 341 | Criminology | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST 403 | Criminal Offenders | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PSYCH 460 | Abnormal Psychology | <i>Prereq: Psych 101; 9 cr in Psych</i> |

Criminal Justice Special Topics (select two courses)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 351 | Police and Society | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 352 | Punishment, Corrections, and Society | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 402 | White-Collar Crime | 3 cr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 484* | Topical Studies in Criminal/Juvenile Justice* | 3 cr |

Application and Internship

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CJST/SOC 460 | Criminal and Juvenile Justice Practicum | <i>Prereq: Junior class.</i> |
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*Specialized courses can be substituted for SOC 484 via approval from the Criminal Justice Advisory Board

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Interdisciplinary Perspectives (select three courses)

ANTHRO 424	Forensic Anthropology	Anthro 202, Anthro 307, & Anthro 319
HD FS 349	Parenting and Family Diversity Issues	9 cr in social sciences, including HD FS 102 or Psych 230
HD FS 367	Abuse in Families	9 cr in social sciences, including HD FS 102 or Psych 230
HD FS 227	Adolescent Development	HDFS 102 or Psych 101 or Psych 230
HD FS 395	Children, Families, and Public Policy	6 cr in social sciences
HIST 361	U.S. 1945 to the Present	Sophomore classification
HIST 427	Crime and Policing in England 1550-1850	Sophomore classification
HIST 428	Punishment, Mentalities, and Society in England 1550-1868	Sophomore classification
PHIL 230	Moral Theory and Practice	
PHIL 335	Social and Political Philosophy	Phil 201 or 230
POL S 319	Law and Politics	Sophomore classification; Pol S 215
POL S 476	Administrative Law	Junior classification; Pol S 215
POL S 421	Constitutional Freedoms	Pol S 320 or 420
PSYCH 230	Developmental Psychology	
PSYCH 280	Social Psychology	
PSYCH 310	Brain and Behavior	Psych 101, Biol 155 or 211
PSYCH 315	Drugs and Behavior	Psych 101, Biol 155 or 211
SP CM 322	Argumentation, Critical Thinking and Debate	Sp Cm 212
SP CM 323	Legal Communication	Sp Cm 212

Required Complementary Courses

SOC 115	Orientation to Sociology & Criminal Justice	R
STAT 101	Principles of Statistics	4 cr
ENGL 302, 309, or 314	Business Communication, Report and Proposal Writing, or Technical Communication	3 cr

Recommended General Education Courses

PHIL 201, POL S 215, PSYCH 101, SOC 130, SOC 134

English Proficiency

ENGL 150 (C or above)
 ENGL 250 (C or above)
 ENGL 302, 309, 314 (C or above)

Double Major/Double Degree

Double Major. Criminology and Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program and many students choose to double major in related fields in the social and behavioral sciences (e.g., psychology, political science, sociology, etc.). Students who wish to double major must complete the required and complementary courses for both majors and have 15 credits in each major that is not being applied in the other.

Double Degree. Students who wish to earn a double degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice and any other major must complete the required and complementary courses for both majors and earn a total of at least 150 credits.