Iowa State University

Criminology and Criminal Justice

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**Program Requirements**

- 36 credits of 200 or above
- At least 6 credits of 400 or above (only 3 credits of Cj 460 may count towards area 8)
- 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)* 3 credits

- □ SOC 302  Introduction to Research Methods
- □ POL S 301*  Introduction to Empirical Political Research  
  *Prereq: 3cr Pol S & Stat*
- □ PSYCH 301*  Research Design and Methodology  
  *Prereq: 3cr Psych & Stat*

*Epidemiology of Crime and Justice* 6 credits

- □ CJST 240  Introduction to the U.S. Criminal Justice System
- □ CJST/SOC 241  Youth and Crime

*Legal, Political, and Philosophical Bases (select one course)* 3 credits

- □ CJST/POL S 320  American Judicial Process  
  *Prereq: Pol S 215*
- □ CJST/PHIL 332  Philosophy of Law  
  *Prereq: Phil 230*
- □ HD FS 380  Family Law  
  *Prereq: Junior class.*
- □ POL S 420  Constitutional Law  
  *Prereq: Pol S 215; Junior class.*
- □ PSYCH 383  Psych and Law  
  *Prereq: Psych 101 or 280*

*Theoretical Bases of Crime, Justice, and Social Control (select one course)* 3 credits

- □ CJST/SOC 340  Deviant and Criminal Behavior
- □ CJST/SOC 341  Criminology
- □ PSYCH 460  Abnormal Psychology  
  *Prereq: Psych 101; 9 cr in Psych*

*Criminal Justice Special Topics (select one course)* 3 credits

- □ CJST/SOC 351  Police and Society
- □ CJST/SOC 352  Punishment, Corrections, and Society
- □ CJST/SOC 402  White-Collar Crime
- □ CJST/SOC 403  Criminal Offenders
- □ SOC 484  Topical Studies in Criminal/Juvenile Justice

*Diversity Topics (will meet U.S. Diversity)—select one* 3 credits

- □ SOC 327  Sex and Gender in Society
- □ SOC 328  Masculinities and Manhood
- □ SOC 330  Ethnic and Race Relations
- □ SOC 331  Social Class and Inequality

*Application and Internship* (3-12 credits, a minimum of 3 credits is required)

- □ CJST/SOC 460  Criminal and Juvenile Justice Practicum  
  *Prereq: Junior class.*

*Additional 400+ course, 3 credits*

*Must be a declared POL S or PSYCH minor to take this course.*
### Interdisciplinary Perspectives (select three courses) 9 credits

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<td>Forensic Anthropology</td>
<td>Anthro 202 and Biol 155</td>
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<td>HD FS 349</td>
<td>Parenting and Family Diversity Issues</td>
<td>9 cr in social sciences, including HD FS 102 or Psych 230</td>
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<td>HD FS 367</td>
<td>Abuse in Families</td>
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<td>HD FS 395</td>
<td>Children, Families, and Public Policy</td>
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<td>PHIL 230</td>
<td>Moral Theory and Practice</td>
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<td>PHIL 335</td>
<td>Social and Political Philosophy</td>
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### Required Complementary Courses

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<td>STAT 101</td>
<td>Principles of Statistics</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENGL 302, 309, or 314</td>
<td>Business Communication, Report and Proposal Writing, or Technical Communication</td>
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### 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.