

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (B.S.)

Bachelor of Science Program

Program Code: BS-SP

Major Code: CRJ

Criminal Justice Department

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Students in the B.S. degree program in Criminal Justice receive a broad and comprehensive background that examines all aspects of crime and how society reacts to it. Students will learn about criminology—the causes and factors of crime; and the criminal justice system’s role and function—including policing, courts, and corrections.

The program challenges students to think with diverse world views and intense study of current events. The program equips students to be the next generation of criminal justice practitioners, policymakers, and researchers for positions at the local, state, and federal levels; law school; or graduate study.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)		
33 credit hours		33
Criminal Justice Major Requirements (42 credit hours)		
<i>Core Courses (18 credit hours)</i>		
CRJ 101	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRJ 201	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CRJ 202	THE POLICE PROCESS	3
CRJ 204	THE CORRECTIONAL PROCESS	3
CRJ 303	CRIMINAL JUSTICE THEORY AND IDEOLOGY	3
CRJ 315	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
<i>Supporting Courses (6 credit hours)</i>		
Select two from the following:		6
CRJ 250	INTRODUCTION TO INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS	
CRJ 301	POLICE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	

CRJ 302	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMUNITY	
CRJ 305	THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRJ 306	PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	
CRJ 307	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRJ 308	CRIME PREVENTION	
CRJ 317	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRJ 320	CRIMINAL COURTS	
CRJ 355	CRIME ANALYSIS	
<i>Advanced Electives (6 credit hours)</i>		
Select two from the following:		6
CRJ 402	ADVANCED ADMINISTRATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRJ 404	WHITE-COLLAR AND CORPORATE CRIME	
CRJ 406	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS	
CRJ 408	PROSEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ¹	
CRJ 409	ADVANCED ISSUES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT	
CRJ 410	ORGANIZED CRIME	
CRJ 420	ADVANCED ISSUES IN PUNISHMENT AND CORRECTIONS	
CRJ 440	DRUGS, CRIME, AND DRUG POLICY	
CRJ 450	TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRJ 455	ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS	
CRJ 470	ADVANCED SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRJ 485	MOCK TRIAL	
CRJ 488	INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ²	
CRJ 495	SPECIAL PROJECT ³	
CRJ 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY ³	
<i>Senior Seminar and Diversity Requirement (3 credit hours)</i>		
Select one from the following:		
CRJ 425	RACE, ETHNICITY, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	

CRJ 430	GENDER AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	
<i>Statistics Core Requirement (3 credit hours)</i>		
Select one from the following:		3
CRJ 310	STATISTICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
ECO 305	STATISTICS FOR ECONOMICS	
MAT 311	INTRODUCTORY PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
PSY 350	STATISTICS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH	
SOC 299	SOCIAL STATISTICS	
<i>Professional, Behavioral, and Social Science Electives (6 credit hours)</i>		
Select two courses from two different departments:		
ANT 325	FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
BUS 312	FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING	
BUS 334	BUSINESS LAW I	
BUS 360	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	
CAS 301	PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD ABUSE AND ADVOCACY	
CRS 302	CREATIVE APPROACHES TO PROBLEM SOLVING	
ECO 302	WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY	
ECO 312	URBAN ECONOMICS	
ECO 350	PUBLIC FINANCE	
ECO 360	INTRODUCTION TO THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LAW	
ENG 300	WRITING FOR THE PROFESSIONS	
ENG 302	TECHNICAL WRITING	
FOR 312	CHEMISTRY AND CRIMINALISTICS	
HEW 320	PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS AND HEALTH	
HEW 425	ALCOHOL PROBLEMS	
HIS 311	AMERICAN IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION	
HIS 322	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY	
HIS 341	AFRICAN AMERICANS AND CIVIL RIGHTS	
LIB 300	ADVANCED LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODS	
PAD 435	ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES IN PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT SECTORS	
PHI 304	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	
PHI 310	HISTORY OF ETHICS	
PHI 314	RIGHTS AND RESPECT	
PLN 325	MAPS AND MAPMAKING USING GIS	
PLN 380	NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
PSC 305	ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	
PSC 312	LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	
PSC 315	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	

PSC 317	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
PSC 319	GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING POLITICS
PSC 320	U.S. CIVIL LIBERTIES
PSC 321	CIVIL PROCEDURE
PSC 345	POLITICS AND HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST
PSC 360	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
PSC 364	AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY
PSC 421	DISCRIMINATION AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
PSY 325	SOCIAL BEHAVIOR
PSY 367	ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR
PSY 375	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 376	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 392	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 393	ABNORMAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 480	PSYCHOTHERAPY: THEORY, RESEARCH, AND PROCEDURES
REL 321	WORLD RELIGIONS
SAF 305	FUNDAMENTALS OF SAFETY
SAF 310	PERSONAL SAFETY AND FIRST AID
SAF 340	COMMUNITY SAFETY
SSE 363	AMERICAN IDENTITY IN TRANSITION: DIVERSITY AND PLURALISM IN THE UNITED STATES
SOC 321	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY
SOC 330	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
SOC 340	SOCIOLOGY OF THE CITY
SOC 350	POWER, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY
SOC 351	SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY
SOC 353	ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY
SOC 370	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR
SOC 380	SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME
SOC 382	SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
SOC 383	SOCIOLOGY OF PUNISHMENT AND CORRECTIONS
SOC 390	SOCIOLOGY OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
SOC 393	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS
SPA 201	INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I
SPC 306	PUBLIC SPEAKING
SPC 307	GROUP COMMUNICATON
SPC 311	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
SWK 301	POVERTY AND PUBLIC POLICY
All College Electives	

39-45 credit hours	39-45
Total Credit Hours	120

The Criminal Justice Department offers three concentrations for students who would like to specialize in a particular field of criminal justice. To register for a concentration, please see the Department. Students who do not select a concentration are automatically placed in the integrated concentration that allows students to tailor their major by choosing their supporting and advanced electives to fit their educational and career goals.

Concentration in Policing

The primary objective of the policing concentration is to provide students with the appropriate foundation for understanding policing issues. It helps prepare students for professional careers in law enforcement available in federal, state, local, or private justice-related organizations.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Supporting Courses:		
CRJ 301	POLICE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	3
CRJ 317	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
Advanced Electives:		
CRJ 409	ADVANCED ISSUES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
CRJ 440	DRUGS, CRIME, AND DRUG POLICY	3

Concentration in Corrections

The primary objective of the corrections concentration is to enhance students' knowledge of correctional programs, policies, and issues. It helps prepare students for professional careers in institutional or community-based correctional programs available in federal, state, local, or privately-run organizations.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Supporting Courses:		
CRJ 302	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMUNITY	3
CRJ 306	PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
Advanced Electives:		
CRJ 406	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS	3
CRJ 420	ADVANCED ISSUES IN PUNISHMENT AND CORRECTIONS	3

Concentration in Intelligence Analysis

The primary objective of the intelligence analysis concentration is to allow students to develop competency and practical knowledge of intelligence analysis issues and techniques. It helps prepare students for professional careers in intelligence and/or crime analysis in government agencies or law enforcement available in federal, state, or local organizations.

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Supporting Courses:		
CRJ 250	INTRODUCTION TO INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS	3
CRJ 355	CRIME ANALYSIS	3
Advanced Electives:		
CRJ 450	TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRJ 455	ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS	3

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CRJ 408 may be taken 3 times as long as 3 different topics are taken. Only two CRJ 408 courses will apply to the CRJ major.

If you take more than 3 CRJ 408 courses, the extra courses will be invalid and you will not receive credit.

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CRJ 488 requires senior class standing, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at Buffalo State and/or Instructor Permission.

3

CRJ 495 and CRJ 499 require senior class standing and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at Buffalo State. No more than one CRJ 499 and/or CRJ 495 course may be used in the major and none may be used in the major if taken prior to successful completion of CRJ 315 without written consent of the department.

Students are able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of legal principles governing criminal justice.
2. Demonstrate an appropriate understanding of the theories and ideologies of crime and their interactive influences with criminal justice policies and practices.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the organization and process in criminal justice agencies.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the effects of crime control efforts.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the research process in criminal justice.
6. Demonstrate critical thinking.
7. Demonstrate preparation for a career in criminal justice or graduate study.