

# 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 ( <a href="http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses">http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses</a> ) |                                       |              |
| 33 credit hours   |                                       | 33           |
| <b>Criminal Justice Major Requirements (42 credit hours)</b>  |                                       |              |
| <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    |              |

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| 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 <sup>1</sup>        |   |
| 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 <sup>2</sup>        |   |
| CRJ 495  | SPECIAL PROJECT <sup>3</sup>                       |   |
| CRJ 499  | INDEPENDENT STUDY <sup>3</sup>                     |   |
| <i>Senior Seminar and Diversity Requirement (3 credit hours)</i> |  |   |
| Select one from the following:                                   |  |   |
| CRJ 425  | RACE, ETHNICITY, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE |   |

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

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

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| 39-45 credit hours        | 39-45      |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> | <b>120</b> |

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.

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| 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            |

1

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.

2

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.