

## B.S.C.J. – Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Minimum Total Hours for Degree: 120

**Description:** The course of study leading to the B.S.C.J. degree offers students the opportunity to study the criminal justice system, with a selection of an emphasis in corrections, homeland security, and/or law enforcement.

**Degree Requirements:** The degree consists of 34-35 hours of general education courses, 6 hours of additional support courses, 15 hours of professional Criminal Justice core courses, 24 hours of chosen emphasis courses, 18-21 hours in a selected minor, and general electives to bring the total minimum number of hours to 120.

**General Education Requirements:** The general education courses that the School of Applied Sciences requires for all degree programs are listed below.

Course Area	Hours	To be selected from:	Hours: 34-35
First Year Composition	6	Either Writ 100, 101 or Hon 101 and either Writ 102, Hon 102, or Liba 102	
English Literature Survey	3	Eng 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, <b>OR</b> 226	
Fine Art	3	Chosen from: Art History 101, 102, 201, or 202; Music 101, 102, 103, 104, or 105; Dance 200 or Theatre 201	
Additional or Fine Art or Humanities	3	Chosen from: African American Studies (AAS); Classics (CLC); Gender Studies (G St); History (HIS); Philosophy (PHIL); Religion (REL); Southern Studies (SST); Literature; Modern Languages, or of any of the fine arts listed above	
Introduction to Sociology	3	Soc 101	
General Psychology	3	Psy 201	
Mathematics	3	Math 121 or more advanced	
Statistics	3	Math 115, Econ 230, Bus 230, Psy 202, or CSD 202	
Human Biology w/ Lab	4	Bisc 102/103, 160/161, 206, or 207	
Additional Science w/ Lab	3-4	Courses may be chosen from: Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Astronomy 103 or 104, or Liba 150 or 151.	

### Additional Support Courses:

Course	Hours	Course Title	Hours: 6
History	3	Any history course	
Writ 250 or CJ 322	3	Writ 250: Advanced Composition or CJ 322: Criminal Justice Communications	

**Course Requirements for Major:** A major in Criminal Justice for the B.C.J. degree consists of 15 hours in the professional core. (A student is required to maintain a 2.50 GPA average when combining core courses and emphasis courses)

Course	Hours	Course Title	Hours: 15
CJ 100	3	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CJ 210	3	Criminal Law	
CJ 300	3	Ethics in Legal Studies	
CJ 490	3	Criminal Justice Internship	
CJ 499	3	Colloquium in Criminal Justice	

**Emphasis Requirements:** Criminal Justice students must choose from one of the following emphasis.

### Corrections Emphasis:

Course	Hours	Course Title	Hours: 24
CJ 120	3	Introduction to Corrections	
CJ 270	3	Juvenile Justice	
CJ 320	3	Correctional Treatment Strategies	
CJ 422	3	Probation, Parole, & Comm. Corrections	
CJ 444	3	Law of Corrections	
CJ Electives	9	Chosen from any CJ courses	

### Homeland Security Emphasis:

Course	Hours	Course Title	Hours: 24
CJ 115	3	Introduction to Homeland Security	
CJ 285	3	Foundations of Terrorism	
CJ 376	3	Elite Forces & Special Operations	
CJ 400	3	Homeland Security Operations	
CJ 420	3	Homeland Security Law	
CJ Electives	9	Chosen from any CJ courses	

### Law Enforcement Emphasis:

Course	Hours	Course Title	Hours: 24
CJ 110	3	Introduction to Law Enforcement	
CJ 230	3	Principles of Investigation	
CJ 310	3	Law Enforcement Process & Policy	
CJ 315	3	Drug Abuse Enforcement and Criminality	
CJ 410	3	Criminal Procedure	
CJ Electives	9	Chosen from any CJ courses	

**Minor/Dual Major Requirements:** All Criminal Justice majors must complete a minor or a second (dual) major. The Legal Studies minor is not available to Criminal Justice students.

**College Requirements:** At least 120 semester hours with passing grades must be completed for any School of Applied Sciences degree. At least one-third of the hours applied toward a degree must be at or above the 300-level. Each senior must apply for a degree by returning a completed Letter of Intent to Graduate Form to the Dean's office by the appropriate deadline. Refer to School of Applied Sciences **BSCJ Degree Requirements** section in this catalog for all School rules associated with the B.S. degree.

**University Graduation Requirements:** An overall 2.0 GPA is required on all work attempted at UM, all college work attempted at any institution of higher learning (UM and transfer work), and all coursework submitted toward the degree. At least 25% of the hours required for an undergraduate degree must be taken in residence, with at least 15 of the last 21 credit hours completed at UM. In addition, at least 30 semester hours of residence credit must be taken in the School or College recommending the degree. The limit on the acceptance of credit from a junior or community college is one-half the total requirements for graduation in a given curriculum. Refer to the **Undergraduate Academic Regulations** section in this catalog for all university rules associated with degree requirements.

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