

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice is a 120 credit-hour program. It is an interdisciplinary major, predicated on a common core of the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and physical sciences. The goal of the program is to develop in students critical thinking skills and an increased analytical awareness of the role of law enforcement agencies, courts, correctional institutions, human services, and social advocacy venues in the criminal justice system. The curriculum includes coursework to provide students with awareness of recent advances in human dynamics, civil rights legislation, information technology and security, cybercrime, intelligence organizations, and leadership roles.

The course of study consists of an extensive overview of the criminal justice system and an intensive examination of each of the major components of the system. The program is designed to serve students who may elect to enter the criminal justice profession immediately upon graduation, students of the liberal arts with professional interest in criminal justice, and students who desire to pursue graduate or law school. Criminal Justice majors are able to apply for an internship during their junior year.

To request an application form, please call the Admissions office at 508-929-8040.

Requirements for a Major

42 credits in criminal justice, of which 22 must be completed at Worcester State University.

Code	Title	Credits
Major Core (24 credits)		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-102	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ-111	Law Enforcement and Society	3
CJ-203	Theories of Crime	3
CJ-204	Introduction to Research in Criminal Jus	3
CJ-205	American Judicial System	3
CJ-302	Criminal Law	3
CJ-400	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
Criminal Justice Electives (18 credits)		
Select 18 credits		18
Total Credits		42

Sample Timeline for Completion of Degree: Criminal Justice

Year One		
Semester One		Credits
LASC	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	3
EN-101	College Writing I	3
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
MA-099	Developmental Mathematics (or higher based on Accuplacer score)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CON)	3
Credits		15
Semester Two		
EN-102	College Writing II	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	3

CJ-102	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ-111	Law Enforcement and Society	3
LASC	LASC Elective (QR)	3
Credits		15

Year Two

Semester Three

CJ-203	Theories of Crime	3
CJ-205	American Judicial System	3
LASC	LASC Elective (GP)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (HBS)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (USW)	3
Credits		15

Semester Four

CJ-302	Criminal Law	3
CJ	Elective Course in Major	3
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	4
LASC	LASC Elective (CA)	3
LASC	LASC Elective (ICW)	3
Credits		16

Year Three

Semester Five

SELECT	CJ Elective	3
SELECT	CJ Elective	3
LASC	LASC Elective (NSP)	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
Credits		15

Semester Six

CJ-204	Introduction to Research in Criminal Jus	3
SELECT	CJ Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
Credits		15

Year Four

Semester Seven

CJ-400	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
SELECT	CJ Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
Credits		15

Semester Eight

SELECT	CJ Elective	3
SELECT	CJ Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
SELECT	General Elective	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		118

Students are required to meet with their department advisor to review their upcoming semester academic choices. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.