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Criminal Justice Major Advising Guide 2023-2024

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PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

IMPACTION CRITERIA:	EQUIVALENT		UNITS
• Complete a minimum of 45 semester units (60 for transfer students)	Semester	Grade	
Minimum 2.8 GPA cumulative			
Four required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of "C"			
Political Science 102			3
Sociology 101			3
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Statistics Requirement: Chose one from the following: ECON 201, POL S 201, or PSY 280, SOC 201, STAT 119 or 250			3

	COMPLET GRADE	ΓED(Y/N)
Upper Division Writing Course:		3

Criminal Justice Major does not have a language requirement or an International Experience/Study abroad Requirement

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

UPPER DIVISION CORE CLASSES: 7 courses including the practicum	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Criminal Justice 300 — Crime law & Justice — (Prerequisite to all upper division CJ courses; can take with non-specific electives			3
Criminal Justice 301 – Law in Society			3
Criminal Justice 302 – Crime and Behavior			3
Criminal Justice 303 – Crim Just & Social Control			3
Criminal Justice 304 OR AFRAS 380			3
Criminal Justice 540 (Taken once reached 90 units & GWAR completed)—Planning & Eval in CJ			3
UPPER DIVISION PRACTICUM: (Prerequisites: reached 90 units and earned credit in CJ 300) Choose 1 from the following: CJ 431 – Field Study in Local Corrections CJ 497 – Investigation and Report CJ 498 – Internship in Criminal Justice (CJ 498 requires a 3.0 major GPA) CJ 543 – Community Resources in Criminal Justice CJ 550 – Study Abroad: Criminal Justice- ISCOR 450- Study Abroad	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Practicum:			3
Chose two PA Elective (6 units total) Ranging from 300-599	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS TOTAL 6
PA specific elective #1:			3
PA specific elective #2:			3

UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVES: 9 units (3 courses) of CJ or Related Area electives	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
(Note: a minimum of 6 units (2 courses) must be CJ)			12 TOTAL
CJ specific elective:			3
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Elective (CJ Specific or Non CJ specific elective):			3

UPPER DIVISION CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES:

NOTE:

- All CJ specific electives require CJ 300
- you can use additional practicum courses as CJ Specific requirements.
- Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can double-count as Explorations of Human Experience courses. These are identified as follows: *(A) Natural Sciences *(B) Social Behavioral Sciences.

CJ SPECIFIC ELECTIVES:	NON CJ SPECIFIC COURSES
Law in Society	POLS 338. The Legislative Process
CJ 320. Criminal Law	POLS 346. Law and the Political System
CJ 333. The Judiciary	POLS 347A. American Constitutional Law
CJ 420. Constitutional Issues in CJ	POLS 347B. American Constitutional Law
CJ 520. Prosecutorial Function	POLS 348. The Supreme Court and Contemporary Issues ISCOR 421.
CJ 520. Prosecutorial Function Crime and Behavior CJ 321. Juvenile Justice (or SOC 444) If using CJ 321 course will count as CJ specific elective. If using Soc 444 course will count as non-CJ specific elective. CJ 570. Organized Crime: Domestic and Intl. Perspective CJ 571. Drugs: Domestic and Intl. Perspective CJ 572. Dark Networks, Crime and Security CJ 596. Special Topics Criminal Justice System CJ 305. Professions and Ethics CJ 310. Law Enforcement CJ 330. Corrections	POLS 348. The Supreme Court and Contemporary Issues ISCOR 421. Alternate Dispute Resolution PHIL 510. Philosophy of Law POLS 541. Special Problems in Public Law (pre-req: POLS 346, 347, or 348) WMNST 370. Women, Law and Policy *(B) POLS 322. Politics and Conflict POLS 370. Political Violence PSY 340 or SOC 410. Social Psychology *(B) (pre-req: PSY 101/SOC 101) PSY 350. Abnormal Psychology (pre-req: PSY 101) PSY 365. Drugs and Behavior SOC 412. Social Constructions of Reality SOC 442. Homicide in America SOC 443. Crime and Society SOC 444. Juvenile Delinquency (or CJ 321) SOC 445. Sociology of Deviance WMNST 572. Women and Violence
CJ 496. Special Topics in CJ	ANTH 360. From the Grave: Modern Forensic Anthropology *(A)
CJ 499. Special Study in CJ CJ 531. Probation and Parole	CHEM 300. Forensic Science *(A) (pre-req: CHEM 100 or GE completion)
CJ 510. Contemporary Issues in CJ	POLS 479. National Security Policy PSY 321. Organizational Psychology (pre-req: PSY 319)
CJ 531. Probation and Parole	SOC 430 Social Organization