CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BA OR BS)

Introduction
Criminal justice is the study of criminal law, criminal procedure, and the enforcement of criminal law. It includes understanding the social context of criminal behavior and the way society upholds social control and sanctions those who violate the criminal law. The major is grounded in a liberal arts curriculum; it emphasizes not only how the criminal justice system has developed in its present form, but also how changes in the system affect other parts of society. The major prepares students for a broad spectrum of occupations, including law enforcement, corrections, and allied mental health. Finally, students who wish to pursue careers as lawyers can major in criminal justice and also take advantage of the college’s Pre-Law program. For a more detailed description of the program, faculty, facilities, academic and co-curricular opportunities please go to the Criminal Justice website (https://www.canisius.edu/academics/programs/criminal-justice).

Qualifications
Students must have a minimum grade of C in all required courses and maintain a 2.0 GPA in their major and a 2.0 overall average to graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Advisement
All students should have an advisor in the major and should contact the department directly to have an advisor assigned if they do not already have one. Meetings with academic advisors are required prior to students receiving their PIN for course registration each semester. All majors should work closely with their advisor in discussing career expectations, choosing their major electives, developing their entire academic program and planning their co-curricular or supplemental academic experiences.

Double Majors
Students who wish to expand their educational opportunities may decide to declare a double major. The decision may be based on career goals or planned graduate studies. Before a student declares a double major, it is important to meet with the appropriate academic departments for advisement. Some double major combinations can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional coursework may be required. Students must complete the appropriate minor request form.

Curriculum
Please note that students who matriculated in fall 2018 or before were enrolled in the BA degree, student matriculating in spring 2019 or later will be enrolled in the BS degree. Students who would like the BS degree, may submit a change of major form to be switched into the BS degree in Criminal Justice. Only students in the BS can complete any of the optional concentrations (see below).

An Ignatian Foundation
All undergraduate students must complete either the Canisius Core Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/core-curriculum) or the All-College Honors Curriculum (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/core-curriculum/all-college-honors-program). Many schools refer to their college-wide undergraduate requirements as “general education” requirements. We believe that the core curriculum and the honors curriculum are more than a series of required classes; they provide the basis for a Jesuit education both with content and with required knowledge and skills attributes that are central to our mission.

Free Electives
Students may graduate with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Core Curriculum or Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum of 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Major Requirements
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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* Select 3 of the following courses as electives: any 3-credit CRJ course not included in the list of required classes, ANT 310, ANT 333, ISB 460, PSC 103, PSC 320, PSC 321, PSC 345, PSC 420, PSY 303, PSY 360, SOC 315, SOC 340, or SOC 355.

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ANT 351 Qualitative Research Methods
HSV 303 Research Methods in the Social Sciences
CRJ 227 Criminal Justice I 3
CRJ 228 Criminal Justice II 3
CRJ 250 Criminal Law and Procedure 3
CRJ 325 Restorative Justice and the Administration of Justice 3
CRJ 382 Criminal Justice Ethics 3
CRJ 455 Criminology 3
Criminal Justice Electives (select 3 from list below) 9
Total Credits 36

1 Students may choose to follow a specific concentration within the major. We currently offer the following optional concentrations: environmental regulation and justice track, law enforcement, law and justice, and corrections. Concentrations will appear on the student’s transcript. The requirements for these concentrations are below.

Criminal Justice Electives
Students must take three Criminal Justice electives. Students may use any additional Criminal Justice (CRJ) course or any of the following courses as electives for the criminal justice major and minor:

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1 This course will count as an elective for dual psychology/criminal justice majors.

Optional Criminal Justice Concentrations

Environmental Justice and Regulation
Students who double major in Environmental Studies (EVST) and Criminal Justice (CRJ) should follow this concentration when selecting their electives.

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Law Enforcement

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Corrections: Including Probation, Social Work and Juvenile Court

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- ANT 310 Codebreaking
- ANT 333 Forensic Anthropology
- CRJ 300 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- CRJ 336 Drug Treatment Courts
- CRJ 337 Violence and the Family
- CRJ 345 Gangs in American Society
- CRJ 354 Juvenile Delinquency
- CRJ 356 Treatment of Offenders
- CRJ 365 Criminalizing the Mentally Ill
- CRJ 498 Criminal Justice Internship
- HSV 100 Introduction to Human Services
- HSV 302 Children, Schools, and the Community
- HSV 360 People Helping Skills

Total Credits: 15

Criminal Justice and Psychology Double Major

Students double majoring criminal justice and psychology may satisfy the statistics and methods requirements with the following courses:

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Internships

Many internship opportunities upon approval are available to qualified juniors and seniors. As an urban center situated on the Niagara Frontier, Buffalo offers numerous internship experiences where students can explore careers and get valuable real life experience. A GPA of 3.0 of higher is required.

Foreign Language and Study Abroad

The department encourages criminal justice majors to study a foreign language of their choice and to participate in the college study abroad program.

Roadmap

Recommended Semester Schedule for Major Course Requirements

**Freshman**

- **Fall**: SOC 110
- **Spring**: MAT 131 or PSY 201

**Sophomore**

- **Fall**: CRJ 227
- **Spring**: CRJ 228

- **Fall**: CRJ Elective
- **Spring**: CRJ 250

**Junior**

- **Fall**: CRJ 382
- **Spring**: CRJ 325

Select one of the following:

- CRJ Elective
- SOC 342
- ANT 351

**Senior**

- **Fall**: CRJ Elective
- **Spring**: CRJ 455

Learning Goals & Objectives

**Student Learning Goal 1**

Criminal Justice Majors will evaluate the administration of the criminal justice system within the context of ethics, global awareness, diversity and justice.

Students will:

- **Objective A**: Describe the organization and administration of the criminal justice system;
- **Objective B**: Identify issues in the criminal justice system as they relate to ethics, global awareness, diversity and justice.

**Student Learning Goal 2**

Criminal Justice majors will be able to demonstrate that they have the knowledge and skills necessary to become scholar-servant-leaders in the criminal justice community.

Students will:

- **Objective A**: Evaluate and critique systems and policies in the criminal justice system terms of justice;
- **Objective B**: Apply social science research and ethics to criminology and the administration of the criminal justice system.

**Student Learning Goal 3**

Criminal Justice majors will become information literate within the context of criminology and the administration of the criminal justice system.

Students will:

- **Objective A**: Evaluate appropriate information within the context of criminology and the administration of the criminal justice system;
- **Objective B**: Analyze how ethical principles and ethical codes of conduct apply to criminal justice professionals;
- **Objective C**: Synthesize criminology and information with the administration of criminal justice systems.

Minors

Two minors are housed in Criminal Justice:

- Criminal Justice Minor (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor)
- Inter-Disciplinary Minor in Computer Forensics (http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/criminal-justice/inter-disciplinary-minor-computer-forensics) (co-administered with the Marketing Program)

Courses

**CRJ 227 Criminal Justice I**

Focuses on the nature and extent of crime, policing, and court system including constitutional rights and trial process.

Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences)

Offered: fall.
CRJ 228 Criminal Justice II 3 Credits
Examines sentencing, corrections, juvenile court, drug court, and global crime issues.
Offered: spring.

CRJ 250 Criminal Law and Procedure 3 Credits
The substantive criminal law, including offenses against persons, property and public morality with emphasis on New York State Penal Law. Criminal responsibility and defenses. In addition key Supreme Court decisions on the criminal justice related constitutional amendments (4th, 5th, 6th and 8th amendments). Finally, Appeals and post-conviction relief will be discussed.
Prerequisite: CRJ 227.
Offered: every spring.

CRJ 280 Language for Legal Professions 3 Credits
Explores the use of language in the administration of law, including ways to read and brief cases and to read statutes.
Fulfills College Core: Justice, Oral Communication
Offered: spring.

CRJ 300 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3 Credits
Critical examination of a selected topic in criminal justice. Subject matter determined by the instructor.

CRJ 325 Restorative Justice and the Administration of Justice 3 Credits
Examination into issues of race, gender and social class in criminal justice policies and professional discretion. Restorative justice practices will be explored to mitigate the harm to society from discriminatory practices in the administration of justice.
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Offered: every spring.

CRJ 330 Current Issues in Forensic Psychology 3 Credits
Application of the science of psychology to questions and issues relating to criminal law and the criminal justice system. Topics discussed include competency to stand trial, assessment of mental state for an insanity plea, and prediction of violence and assessment of risk.
Prerequisites: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Offered: spring.

CRJ 336 Drug Treatment Courts 3 Credits
Examination of drug prohibition and the administration of diversional treatment courts and other treatment of drug offenders.
Offered: occasionally.

CRJ 337 Violence and the Family 3 Credits
How family dynamics can contain elements that give rise to violence, including ‘battered women’ and abused children.
Offered: fall & spring.

CRJ 344 Violent Crime in American 3 Credits
Examination into the theories that cause violent crime and behavior. Analysis into the factors attributed to violence - mental illness, racism, poverty, and interpersonal relationships.

CRJ 345 Gangs in American Society 3 Credits
Examines the theoretical causes for the growth of gangs; including youth and criminal gangs. Topics include the social theories, measurement, and solutions.

CRJ 350 Policy Issues in the Administration of Criminal Justice 3 Credits
Critical examination of a selected policy related to criminal justice phenomenon. Subject matter determined by the instructor.
Prerequisite: None.
Offered: every spring.

CRJ 351 Police and the Community 3 Credits
Critical examination of the operation of all levels of law enforcement in America. Topics include the selection process, training, ethics, and police accountability.

CRJ 354 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Credits
Legal processes in juvenile delinquency as well as understanding and analysis of current practices and historic and contemporary issues. Suggested programs for rehabilitation and prevention of delinquency.

CRJ 356 Treatment of Offenders 3 Credits
Correction theory, offender typologies, and nature and diagnosis of offenders and future trends in dealing with criminal offenders.

CRJ 357 Alternatives to Incarceration 3 Credits
Examines the most effective choices to safely punish or treat the offender in the community. Topics include use of intermediate sanctions, such as community service, as an alternative to incarceration.

CRJ 358 White Collar and Green Collar Crime 3 Credits
Crimes committed by ‘respectable people’ in positions of responsibility in private or public sector as well as environmental crimes committed in the private and public sector. Nature of these crimes, how regulatory bodies and legal systems treat these criminals and how they seek to avoid detection and prosecution.
Offered: occasionally.

CRJ 359 Women and Crime 3 Credits
Classical and contemporary accounts of the etiology of female crime, patterns of female criminal behavior, and the role and treatment of women in the criminal justice system.

CRJ 365 Criminalizing the Mentally Ill 3 Credits
This course examines the legal and policy issues regarding the practice of criminalization of persons with mental illness. Topics investigated include the history of criminalization of persons with mental illness, constitutional issues, law enforcement responses to persons with mental illness, mentally ill offenders in jails and prisons, civil commitment, mental health courts and community supervision strategies.
Offered: occasionally.

CRJ 382 Criminal Justice Ethics 3 Credits
The personal, social and criminal justice contexts for understanding justice, crime and ethics. Skills necessary to deal effectively with ethical issues in criminal justice systems. Problems and case studies for active exploration of social issues.
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Ethics
Offered: fall.

CRJ 385 Death Penalty: Law and Policy 3 Credits
This course examines the major legal and policy issues relating to the practice of the death penalty in the United States. Topics investigated include the history of the death penalty in the United States, the constitutional limits on the types of crimes and criminals for which the death penalty is permitted, and contemporary controversies regarding the death penalty including potential innocence, special populations, methods of execution, race and gender biases.
Offered: occasionally.
CRJ 455 Criminology  
Classical and contemporary theories of criminal behavior and the role of theory in the criminal justice system. Explanations for why crime occurs, understanding of criminal behavior and its impact on society. Students will be produce a policy analysis research paper that will explore criminal justice policies, criminal theory and justice theories.  
Prerequisite: CRJ 227 and CRJ 228.  
Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive, Justice  
Offered: every fall & spring.

CRJ 461 Criminal Justice Capstone  
Integrating experience for majors; focus is on demonstrating proficiency in the discipline and preparation for post-graduate studies or employment. Required for class of 2017 and beyond.  
Offered: spring.

CRJ 498 Criminal Justice Internship  
Opportunity for selected students to participate in daily work of law enforcement agencies, courts, law firms, and social service agencies. Students must apply the semester before they take the internship.  
Prerequisite: minimum GPA of 3.0, junior or senior status, & signature of major advisor.  
Offered: fall & spring.

CRJ 499 Independent Study  
Independent studies allow in-depth study of a specific topic and are most often reserved for seniors who cannot otherwise fulfill a graduation requirement. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.  
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.  
Offered: fall & spring.