

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Criminal Justice examines the structure, functions, and decision-making processes of agencies that deal with crime and criminal offenders. As an independent academic discipline, criminal justice is comparatively new. Interest in criminal justice education was spurred by the "war on crime" during the 1960's and the resulting massive federal funding to upgrade criminal justice agencies, technology, programming and education of criminal justice personnel.

Faculty in this program provide expertise in law enforcement, investigations, corrections, criminal law, research and theory. The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice allows the student flexibility to choose courses which best reflect their individual interests and career aspirations.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students with a B.S. degree in criminal justice qualify for employment in city, county, state and federal criminal justice agencies, and in the rapidly-growing private industrial security field. A number of graduates continue their education in graduate programs in criminal justice, criminology or law. The program also offers a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Job titles for Criminal Justice graduates:

- Detective
- DEA Agent
- Juvenile Probation Officer
- Correctional Counselor/Officer
- Police Officer (Federal/State/Local)



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## CORE Curriculum requirements

First Year Seminar	1 hour
Written Communication	6 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3-4 hours
Humanities with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Fine Arts with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Natural Science with Critical Thinking	3-5 hours
Social Science with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Citizenship	3 hours
Global Aware./Fitness&Wellness/Tech	2-3 hours

## MAJOR Requirements

CRIM 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice	3 credits
CRIM 1101 Police Operations	3 credits
CRIM 2206 Intro to Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 2240 Adjudication Process	3 credits
CRIM 2250 Cybercrime	3 credits
CRIM 2295 Ethics in CJ	3 credits
CRIM 3320 Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 3340 Criminal Procedure	3 credits
CRIM 4400 Research in Social Sciences	3 credits
CRIM 4425 Evaluation of CJ System	3 credits

## Additional Requirements for BS in Criminal Justice Major:

### Criminal Justice Electives 15 CREDITS

A Criminal Justice elective is any Criminal Justice course not listed as required for the major. Must include a minimum of 12 credits of 3300 – 4400 level courses.

### Social and Behavioral Sciences 21 CREDITS

Students must choose 21 hours from 2200-4400 courses in Geography, History, National Security and Intelligence, Political Sciences, Philosophy, Psychology, or Sociology. Courses must be chosen from at least three disciplines.

### Free Electives 27 CREDITS

Note: This model schedule is a suggested course sequence & is meant to be used as a guide. Students should check the Undergraduate Catalog for their entrance year into Fairmont State University (or any subsequent catalog) to learn more about the graduation requirements for their major.

## Sample Schedule

Students must successfully complete 120 hours for the degree. Schedules vary based on course availability, semester student enters program and any courses already completed)

<b>First Year, 1st Semester</b> CORE 1st Year Seminar ENGL 1101 CORE REQ #10 CORE REQ #11 CRIM 1100 Soc/Beh. Elective	<b>First Year, 2nd Semester</b> CORE REQ #3 CORE REQ #5 CRIM 2206 CRIM 1101 MAJOR Elective Major Elective
<b>Second Year, 1st Semester</b> CORE REQ #4 CORE REQ #7 CORE REQ #6 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Free Elective	<b>Second Year, 2nd Semester</b> CORE REQ #8 CRIM 2240 CRIM 2250 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Major Elective
<b>Third Year, 1st Semester</b> CRIM 2295 CRIM 3320 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Free Elective Major Elective	<b>Third Year, 2nd Semester</b> CRIM 3340 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Free Elective Free Elective
<b>Fourth Year, 1st Semester</b> CRIM 4400 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Free Elective Free Elective Major Elective	<b>Fourth Year, 2nd Semester</b> CRIM 4425 Social/Behavioral SCI Elective Free Elective Free Elective Free Elective

## Criminal Justice Minor

Students may choose to complete a minor in Criminal Justice. Courses required for the minor include:

Required Courses (9 hours)

- CRIM 1100 Intro to Criminal Justice
- CRIM 1101 Police Operations
- CRIM 2206 Introduction to Corrections

Criminal Justice Electives (9 hours)

- Any 3000-4000 level Criminal Justice course.