Criminology and Criminal Justice is a complex field. The study of crime and justice connects researchers, practitioners, and policy makers, who together tackle issues such as drugs, gangs, violent crime, corporate crime, capital punishment, incarceration, police brutality, and international crime.

At The University of Memphis, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice emphasizes research, scholarship, service, and community outreach. Our faculty, many of whom have won teaching awards, provide outstanding instruction on the causes of crime and on methods for controlling and preventing it. The department provides all of its students with the analytical and research skills for successfully pursuing the extensive variety of careers possible in the public and private sectors.

What does a typical selection of courses look like?

Once you’ve covered the introductory courses in criminal justice, statistics, research methods, and theory, you can pursue elective courses on such topics as:

- Drug Addiction and Alcoholism
- Police in America
- Courts in America
- Ethical Dilemmas in Criminal Justice
- Forensic Science
- Corporate and White-Collar Crime
- Terrorism
- Organized Crime
- Private and Industrial Security
- Victimology

What other opportunities can you enjoy in Criminology?

- Internships with local criminal justice agencies
- Specialized guidance, if you are considering law school, from the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Advisor Ms. Mary Tucker, mhtucker@memphis.edu, and Pre-Professional Advisor, Ms. Jessica Kelso (jgclffrd@memphis.edu, Scates 107); http://www.memphis.edu/cas/pre_law/index.php
- A minor in Legal Thought and Liberal Arts, which includes courses specifically designed to strengthen analytical and expressive language skills for law school
- Participation in volunteer projects in your area of interest, which provides hands-on experience and opportunities to network with professionals
- Assisting faculty on local and national research grants
- Engagement in outreach and service
CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Freshman Year

ENGL 1010 3
GE MATH 3-4
CJUS 1100 3
BA Foreign Language 2010 3
Elective 3

ENGL 1020 3
CJUS 2226, 2326, or 2426 3
BA Foreign Language 2020 3
GE Social/Behavioral Science 3

Semester Totals 15-16 hrs.

Sophomore Year

ENGL 2201 or 2202 3
GE Social/Behavioral Science 3
CJUS Elective 3
GE Humanities/Fine Arts 3
GE Nat. Science w/lab 4
GE Fine Arts 3
GE History 3
CJUS 3130 3

Semester Totals 16 hrs.

Junior Year

GE History 3
Elective 3
CJUS 3540 3
CJUS UD Elective 3
COMM 2381 3

UD ENGL Elective 3
CJUS 4130 3
UD Elective outside major 3
Elective 3
CJUS UD Elective 3

Semester Totals 15 hrs.

Senior Year

CJUS UD elective 3
CJUS UD Elective 3
UD Elective outside major 3
CJUS UD Elective 3
UD Elective outside major 3
UD Elective outside major 3

CJUS 4110 3
Elective outside major 4
Elective outside major 3

Semester Totals 15 hrs.

GE = General Education Requirements
BA = Bachelor of Arts college requirements
UD = Upper division

Foreign Language Requirement – See the Undergraduate Catalog: http://catalog.memphis.edu

CJUS 1100; one of 2226, 2326, or 2426; 3130; and 3540 are prerequisites for most UD CJUS electives.

Degree hours = 120
42 Upper Division hours required for graduation

No more than 2 hours of physical education courses may be counted toward a degree.
Residence – 30 of the last 60 hours must be taken at University of Memphis; at least 60 hours must be at a four-year institution; transfer students must earn at least 6 hours of a major at UM and at least 3 hours of a minor at UM
CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CJUS 1100. Introduction to Criminal Justice. Introduction to American criminal justice system.
CJUS 2110. Comparative Justice Systems. Overview of justice systems of various countries.
CJUS 2140. Crime, Public Policy, and the Criminal Justice System. Social construction, social causes, and explanations for criminal behavior.
CJUS 2226 - Introduction to Police. Introduction to law enforcement, emphasizing the functions, operations, and practical realities of crime control in American society; career opportunities within criminal justice.
CJUS 2326 - Introduction to Courts. Introduction to American courts, emphasizing the functions, operations, and practical realities of crime control in American society; career opportunities within criminal justice.
CJUS 2426 - Intro/Corrections in America. Introduction to corrections, emphasizing the functions, operations, and practical realities of crime control in American society; career opportunities with criminal justice.
CJUS 3226 - Police in America. Comparative analysis of problems, procedures, organization, and functions of effective police organization; examination of advanced police strategies and evaluation of their effectiveness.
CJUS 3326 - Courts in America. Exploration and analysis of structure, process, personnel, policy, and legal theory in the American judicial system; examination of specialized and innovative courts and evaluation of their effectiveness.
CJUS 3426 - Corrections in America. Concepts of organizational behavior applied to probation, parole, community-based corrections, prisons, and other detention facilities.
CJUS 3510. Law and Society. Law as system of control and as mechanism for resolution of conflict.
CJUS 3521. Constitutional Criminal Procedure. General application of U.S. constitution principles to investigative and prosecutorial process of the criminal justice system.
CJUS 3540. Criminology. Examination and explanation of crime including sociological, economic, psychological, and biological theories of crime causation; theories examined in light of crime data.
CJUS 4110. Advanced Application in CJUS. Selected special issues integrating theory and empirical research with the evolving field of criminal justice practice, programs, and policy.
CJUS 4130. Ethical Dilemmas In Criminal Justice. Legal, moral, & social implications of ethical dilemmas in criminal justice.
CJUS 4150. Internship In Criminal Justice. Experience in actual criminal justice setting.
CJUS 4152. Drug Misuse and Abuse. Cultural and medical aspects of use of alcohol and various other drugs; consideration of roles of law enforcement and corrections in these areas.
CJUS 4160. Forensic Sciences. Forensic specialties in terms of their history, scientific rationale upon which each is based, and problems that may compromise accuracy or validity; introduction to field techniques and analysis of evidence.
CJUS 4180. Corporate and White-Collar Crime. Organizational and occupational crime compared to other types of criminality.
CJUS 4190. Terrorism: Social and Legal Perspective. Theoretical and ideological aspects of practice of and response to international and domestic terrorism; terrorism as crime from political, social, economic, historical, and legal perspectives.
CJUS 4235. Security Management. Role and function of private police organizations and legal restrictions on private security personnel; facets of private security to include retail, industrial and corporate security.
CJUS 4460. Race, Ethnicity, Gender & Criminal Justice in America Race, ethnicity, and gender in the American system of criminal justice; examining how practices of criminal justice reflect societal organization, conflict, and social change.
CJUS 4520. Substantive Criminal Law. Substance of the crime, including common-law sources and basic principles, types of offenses, responsibility, justification and excuse, and related areas.
CJUS 4521. Foundations of the Criminal Process. Examination of historical, philosophical and social issues influencing the development of criminal law; consideration of problems regarding application of criminal law in a democratic society.
CJUS 4533. Juvenile Delinquency. Theories of juvenile delinquency, gang activities, and status offenses; history, organization programs and procedures of agencies charged with control and prevention of juvenile delinquency.
CJUS 4542. Victimology. (3). Analysis of victim’s role in criminal event; victim interaction with offender, criminal justice system, and others involved in event; evidenced by current and historical research findings.
CJUS 4999. Senior Honors Thesis. (3). Independent research project conducted under direction of faculty supervisor.

Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog at http://catalog.memphis.edu for complete descriptions.
CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Program objectives for a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice are: (a) to possess a fundamental understanding of the criminology and criminal justice discipline; (b) to develop skills in analysis, synthesis, and quantitative reasoning essential to hypothesis testing, critical thinking, interpretation of data, and written and oral communication; (c) to be successful in finding employment that utilizes the knowledge and training developed in the program.

A. University General Education Program (41 hours)
See the Undergraduate Catalog for the University General Education Program requirements.

B. College and Degree (B.A.) Requirements (6-9 hours)
The College and Bachelor of Arts requirements are in addition to the University General Education Program requirements and are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog.

C. The Major (39 hours)
Completion of 39 semester hours of including CJUS 1100, either 2226, or 2326 or 2426, 3130, 3540, 4110, and 4130, and an Upper Division English course, plus 21 additional hours in criminology and criminal justice, of which at least 15 hours must be at the upper-division level. Students will be allowed no more than 6 hours of credit toward the degree in non-classroom courses such as internships and individual directed studies.

D. Electives
Electives may be chosen to bring the total number of hours to 120.

E. Honors Program
Majors who have completed at least 55 hours of coursework (with at least 9 hours in Criminology & Criminal Justice) and have a 3.25 or higher departmental and overall grade point average are invited to apply for admissions to the department's honors program. Students who are admitted must complete 15 hours of honors coursework in the Department, with at least 9 hours being upper-division criminal justice courses. Honor students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25. Students who complete the program and the regular college requirement will be recognized at the commencement ceremony by having their degrees conferred “With Honors in Criminology and Criminal Justice.” The student's diploma and the official record at The University of Memphis will also reflect this accomplishment.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Minor
Completion of 18 hours in criminal justice courses including CJUS 1100, either 2226 or 2326 or 2426 and 3130 and 3540, and 6 additional upper-division hours in Criminology and Criminal Justice courses.

For more information, please contact:
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