

Bachelor of Science

Major in Criminal Justice Degree Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Criminal Justice and with career interests in law enforcement, corrections, or criminal justice administration must meet the following requirements.

- 1. Hours for the Degree:** Completion of a minimum of 128 total semester hours and 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at UNT; a minimum of 42 hours must be advanced, including at least 12 hours of advanced work in the major and 24 of the 42 advanced hours which must be completed at UNT.
- 2. General University Requirements:** See “General Degree Requirements” in the Academics section of this catalog.
- 3. General Academic Requirements for Degree (including University Core Curriculum):** Minimum of 55 hours. See “Summary of Degree Requirements” for each degree for exact hours.
- 4. Major Requirements:** Major of 63 hours, including 30 hours of criminal justice courses and 33 hours of supporting courses.
- 5. Electives:** 10 hours (plus 3 additional elective hours for students in corrections curriculum).
- 6. Other Course Requirements:** See individual curriculum descriptions.
- 7. Other Requirements:**
 - All students entering the criminal justice program must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 or otherwise be in good academic standing.
 - Students seeking specialized training in law enforcement must complete 21 hours of course work in criminal justice and law enforcement at a junior college or other institution.

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*Following is **one** suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their adviser each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment.*

BS with a Major in Criminal Justice (Career Interest: Law Enforcement)

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 1310, College Writing I	3
HIST 2610, United States History to 1865 ¹²	3
PSCI 1040, American Government	3
PSYC 1630, General Psychology I ¹⁷	3
CSCI ⁷	<u>3</u>
Total	15

FRESHMAN YEAR

SPRING	HOURS
ENGL 1320, College Writing II	3
HIST 2620, United States History Since 1865 ¹²	3
PSCI 1050, American Government	3
SOCI 1510, Individuals in Society ¹⁷	3
MATH ¹⁰	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	<u>3</u>
Total	18

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ECON 1110, Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ENGL 2210, World Literature I	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	3
Visual and Performing Arts ¹³	<u>3</u>
Total	18

SOPHOMORE YEAR

SPRING	HOURS
CJUS 3060, The Criminal Justice System	3
ENGL 2220, World Literature II	3
Laboratory Science ²¹	4
Occupational Specialization ²²	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	<u>3</u>
Total	16

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
CJUS 3160, Juvenile Justice	3
ENGL 2700, Technical Writing	3
Oral Communication ⁸	3
Distribution Course ²³	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	3
Occupational Specialization ²²	<u>3</u>
Total	18

JUNIOR YEAR

SPRING	HOURS
CJUS 3200, The American Legal System	3
CJUS 3470, Crime Typologies	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Laboratory Science ²¹	4
Wellness ³⁵	<u>2</u>
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
CJUS 3220, Criminal Justice and Public Policy	3
CJUS 3300, Law Enforcement Systems	3
CJUS 4220, Criminal Law	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Methods ²⁰	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

SPRING	HOURS
CJUS 4100, Offender Behavior	3
CJUS 4820, Theoretical Criminology	3
CJUS 4840, Law and Social Problems	3
SOCI 3400, Social Psychology	3
Elective	<u>1-3</u>
Total	13-15

*Note: Some courses may require prerequisites not listed in the above plan.
See Community Service footnotes.*

Summary of Degree Requirements:

Criminal Justice (and supporting courses):	63
General Academic Requirements: (including Core):	55
English	15
History	6
Political Science	6
Laboratory Science	8
Economics	3
Mathematics	3
Visual and Performing Arts	3
Computer Science	3
Oral Communication	3
Wellness	2
Understanding of Ideas and Values	3
Electives (9 hours must be advanced):	10

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CJUS 3060, The Criminal Justice System	3
CJUS 3160, Juvenile Justice	3
CJUS 3200, The American Legal System	3
CJUS 3220, Criminal Justice and Public Policy	3
CJUS 3300, Law Enforcement Systems	3
CJUS 3470, Crime Typologies	3
CJUS 4100, Offender Behavior	3
CJUS 4220, Criminal Law	3
CJUS 4820, Theoretical Criminology	3
CJUS 4840, Law and Social Problems	3
Occupational Specialization	21
PSYC 1630, General Psychology I	3
SOCI 1510, Individuals in Society	3
SOCI 3400, Social Psychology	3
Methods (MATH 1680, Elementary Probability and Statistics; SOCI 4870, Social Research; or PSYC 3610, Quantitative Methods in Psychology)	3