Department of Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a bachelor of arts (BA) degree in criminal justice and minors in criminal justice and sociology.

Criminal Justice Major

Degree Requirements

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in criminal justice must complete all University, College and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements, all requirements for an approved minor and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Admission into the Major

Acceptance into the criminal justice major requires the completion of at least 12 semester hours with a 2.25 higher education GPA. Students who meet these standards may declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students).

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grade Point Average (GPA) section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Major Courses

The major in criminal justice requires the successful completion of the following 36 semester hours (minimum grade of C-):

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*Students may apply up to 6 hours of CJ 395 and 3 hours of CJ 499 to the major.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Ancillary Courses

This minor does not require ancillary courses; however the formal declaration of the Criminal Justice minor is required prior to enrolling in any 300-400 level courses.

Additional Minor Requirements

A grade of C- or higher is required in all criminal justice courses. A maximum of 6 hours of CJ 395 and 3 hours of CJ 499 will count as CJ electives. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with all College and University degree requirements.

Special Opportunities

The Department of Criminal Justice has two very active student organizations. Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society and is devoted to promoting academic excellence, leadership and self-enrichment through academic standards and community outreach. The Criminal Justice Student Organization welcomes all students with interest in the field of criminal justice.

Sociology Minor

Admission into the Minor

Students are expected to formally declare a minor by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the minor is required. Please see the Grade Point Average (GPA) section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Minor Courses

The sociology minor requires the successful completion of the following 18 semester hours:

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Total Hours 18

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of six hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the minor must be earned on this campus.
Ancillary Courses
This minor does not require ancillary courses.

Additional Minor Requirements
Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with all College and University degree requirements.

Prerequisites
Unless otherwise stated, the prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level SOC courses is SOC 101 Intro To Sociology.

Cyber Criminology Minor
Admission into the Minor
Acceptance into the cyber criminology minor requires at least 12 earned semester hours and a 2.25 higher education GPA. Students are expected to formally declare a minor by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Grade Point Average
A 2.0 grade point average in the minor is required. Please see the Grade Point Average (GPA) section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Minor Courses
The minor in cyber criminology requires the successful completion of the following 18 semester hours:

Minor Courses
Required Courses: 12
- CC 201 Introduction to Cyber Criminology
- CC 301 Cyber Law and Policy
- CC 401 Law Enforcement in the Digital Age
- CS 202 Intro to the Internet

Choose from these Elective Courses: 6
- AC 334 Introduction to Fraud Risk Management
- CC 402 Digital Forensic Investigation
- CJ 300 Survey Criminal Theories
- CS 340 Legal & Ethical Issues in Comp
- PY 368 Intro To Personality

Total Hours 18

Upper-level Residency
A minimum of six hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the minor must be earned on this campus.

Ancillary Courses
This minor does not require ancillary courses.

Prerequisites
CC 201 is a prerequisite for all CC upper-level courses.

Faculty
Professors
Reid, Lesley
Johnson, Ida
Lanier, Mark M.
Litchenstein, Bronwen

Associate Professors
Lankford, Adam
Williams, Jimmy J.

Assistant Professors
Dolliver, Diana
Dolliver, Matthew

Pennington, Liana
Prohaska, Ariane
Seigfried-Spelar, Kathryn
Wakeham, Josh
Guidry, Tiffany
Klutz, Douglas
Olin, Lin

Criminal Justice (CJ) Courses
CJ 100. Intro Criminal Justice. 3 sem. hrs.
An overview of the criminal justice system with emphasis on the roles and problems of law enforcement, courts, and correctional components. CJ 100 is a prerequisite for all 300- and 400-level criminal justice courses.

CJ 102. Law Enforcement Technology/Law Enforcement in the Digital Age. 3 sem. hrs.
This course examines the role that technology plays in modern-day policing, and provides students with a detailed overview of how the cyber, digital, and technological worlds have impacted policing historically. In the technology component of the course, students will comprehend computer basics, understanding computer and human networks, and identify the broad range of technologies used by police departments (e.g., less-than-lethal weapons, databases).

CJ 220. Law Enforcement. 3 sem. hrs.
Development of law enforcement; organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; and functions of police officers.

CJ 221. Private Security. 3 sem. hrs.
Organization and management of the security function in industry, business, and government. Exploration of methods to protect personnel, facilities, and other major assets: loss prevention, control, and risk management.

CJ 240. Juvenile Delinquency. 3 sem. hrs.
Extent and patterns of delinquency; its development in individuals and gangs; group therapy with delinquents; and juvenile courts, training schools, probation, and aftercare supervision.

A general overview of U.S. judicial systems, including recent innovations and future trends.

CJ 270. Corrections. 3 sem. hrs.

CJ 280. Research Methods. 3 sem. hrs.
Theoretical and specific instruction in both the conduct and application of research methods in criminal justice settings. Includes problem of research and policy dimensions of both direct and applied approaches.

Examination of selected problems and issues in Criminal Justice. A maximum of three hours may be used toward the major.

CJ 300. Survey Criminal Theories. 3 sem. hrs.
Study of traditional and modern explanations of crime and criminality.

CJ 301. Cyber Law and Policy. 3 sem. hrs.
This course examines cyber criminology from a law and policy perspective, including its impact on Fourth and Fifth Amendment jurisprudence and the changing conceptions of privacy and identity. Topics will focus on the effects of cyber criminology on how criminal laws are conceptualized, enforced, and prosecuted. A central part of the course is a Moot Court component in which students will write a legal brief and argue their side of a cyber-related legal case in front of a panel of lawyers and law students acting as judges.

CJ 302. Digital Forensic Investigation. 3 sem. hrs.
This course is a non-technical overview of the digital crime scene. This course aims to answer the question, “How do law enforcement officers investigate the digital crime scene?” This course will cover how digital forensic investigators identify, preserve, and extract digital evidence using different forensic tools and software. This course will also cover the various legal challenges in digital forensic investigations, including admissibility of evidence in courts, right to privacy, and the right to avoid self-incrimination.
Study of the role played by racial minorities at each stage of the criminal justice system. Special attention is devoted to theories and measurement of minority crimes and race relations and to the treatment of minorities by law enforcement officers, courts, and corrections.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 306. Hist Crime And Treatment. 3 sem. hrs.
Examination in historical sequence of the perspectives on and methods of crime control, from the traditional to the modern. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 321. Intro to Forensic Sciences. 3 sem. hrs.
Fundamentals of criminal investigation from forensic sciences perspective.

CJ 325. Cyber Criminals and Computer Forensics. 3 sem. hrs.
This course will introduce students to the traditional and contemporary forms of cyber crime, including hacking, insider threat, Internet child pornography use, cyber bullying, and cyber terrorism. Not only will students learn how computers can be either the target or tool in cyber crimes, this course will examine such crimes from both social and behavioral science perspectives, such as the personality traits associated with computer deviance. Finally, this course will provide a general overview of the digital forensic investigation as well as the analysis of digital evidence. No prior knowledge in any of these areas is required.

CJ 381. Statistics. 3 sem. hrs.
Statistical methods in criminal justice, including central tendency and dispersion, tests of significance, and measures of association.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100 and MATH 110 or MATH 112 or MATH 115.

CJ 395. Internship. 1-12 sem. hr.
An opportunity for students to conduct career exploration and build a record of experience in the field.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100 ***A maximum of 6 hours can be used toward the major.

CJ 408. Gendered Justice and the Death Penalty. 3 sem. hrs.
This course is designed to introduce the student to gender and justice issues related to women sentenced to death. Using a series of field trips, guest speakers, videos, and case study analyses will explore the historical, social, political, and legal issues of serving time in female prisons. Special emphasis will be placed on female offenders who have been sentenced to death and those sentenced to life without parole. Also, gendered-related issues comparing the incarceration experiences of female death row inmates to the incarceration experiences of male death row inmates will be examined.

CJ 409. Women, Law, and Incarceration. 3 sem. hrs.
The course examines the various issues that confront women who are incarcerated in state correctional institutions. Additionally, legal issues surrounding women’s pathways to crime and their incarceration experiences will be explored.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 410. Community Based Correct. 3 sem. hrs.
Study of intermediate punishments and alternatives to incarceration.

CJ 420. Seminar In Law Enforcement. 3 sem. hrs.
Examines the philosophical basis of law enforcement and traces the development of the law enforcement function.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 220.

CJ 422. Terrorism. 3 sem. hrs.
An analysis of selected areas of terrorism and counter-terrorism, with an emphasis on parallels between terrorism and crime.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100 - Introduction to Criminal Justice.

The course will offer an overview of the United States Department of Homeland Security from its initiation to present day, and the wide range of issues that the department influences, both policy and operational. Additionally, how the United States Department of Homeland Security interacts with state, local, and tribal governments, or law enforcement agencies.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100 - Introduction to Criminal Justice.

CJ 450. Seminar In Judicial Process. 3 sem. hrs.
Examines the philosophical basis of the American legal system and traces the development of the judicial process.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 250.

Classification and analysis of selected areas of the substantive law of crimes, including basic principles of criminal law and crimes against the person and property.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 461. Criminal Law II. 3 sem. hrs.
General principles and theories of criminal procedure, including concepts of due process, arrest, search and seizure, wiretapping, lineups, and other recent developments.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 470. Seminar In Corrections. 3 sem. hrs.
History, analysis, and evaluation of American correctional institutions, including the sociology of confinement and reform movements within the system.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 483. Law And Society. 3 sem. hrs.
Law as an instrument of social control, the functions and limitations of law, and the machinery of law as a part of the larger society. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 490. Special Topics in Criminal Justice. 3 sem. hrs.
Examination of selected problems and issues in criminal justice. A maximum of three hours may be used toward the major.
Prerequisite(s): CJ 100.

CJ 499. Independent Study In CJ. 1-6 sem. hr.
Research under faculty supervision in any area of interest to the student.
Prerequisite(s): A maximum of 3 hours may be used toward the major or minor.

Cyber Criminology Courses
CC 201. Introduction to Cyber Criminology. 3 sem. hrs.
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Prerequisite(s): CC 201.

Sociology (SOC) Courses
SOC 101. Intro To Sociology. 3 sem. hrs.
Introduction to the scientific study of human social behavior.

Study of contemporary social problems, including definition, description, and analysis. Emphasis is on social change perspectives and cultural complexity.

SOC 205. Social Psychology. 3 sem. hrs.
Not open to students who have earned credit in PY 372. Study of the interrelationships between the individual and the group. Includes perception, cognition, attribution, attitudes, helping behavior, aggression, personal relationships, prejudice, and gender in social life. Also includes aspects of applied social psychology.
SOC 300. Research Methods. 3 sem. hrs.
Theoretical and specific instruction in both the conduct and application of research methods in criminal justice settings. Includes problems of research and policy dimensions of both direct and applied approaches.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 301. Social Statistics. 3 sem. hrs.
Elementary statistical techniques applied to sociological data; tables and graphs, central tendency and dispersion, probability and sampling, tests of significance, and measures of association.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101 and MATH 110 or MATH 112.

SOC 302. Sociological Theory. 3 sem. hrs.
The course will provide a review of the major systems of thought about society. Special emphasis is given to historical context and philosophical background as they relate to the development of sociological theories. Students will be introduced to view points and idea about how society functions, the role of conflict in society and the forces of social change.

SOC 315. Race And Ethnic Relations. 3 sem. hrs.
Analysis of American social structure, race and ethnic relations, and demographic and institutional trends; studies of racial and ethnic issues.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 350. Criminology. 3 sem. hrs.
Theories of criminality, types of delinquent and criminal behavior, crime causation, crime control by police, and the criminal courts.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 352. Social Inequality. 3 sem. hrs.
Analysis of inequities of wealth, power, and prestige; major theories of racial and cultural minorities; behavioral correlates of stratification; social mobility.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 360. Sociology of HIV/AIDS. 3 sem. hrs.
Study of the social dimensions of HIV/AIDS. Discussions cover how HIV/AIDS is socially constructed in terms of gender, sexualities, race/ethnicity and social class. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 390. Selected Topics In Soc. 3 sem. hrs.
The course may be taken a total of four times, with different topics. Social behavior; science, technology, and society; Latin American life; small-group dynamics; environmental sociology; medical sociology.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 404. Health and Society. 3 sem. hrs.
The health consequences of social deviance and the impact of criminalization for individual and societal wellbeing. Seminar discussions cover the criminalization of mental and physical illness and illnesses arising from criminal behavior and incarceration.

SOC 405. Gender & Society. 3 sem. hrs.
A sociological approach to the study of women & men, focusing on: the social construction of genders in institutions and in everyday life, feminist theories of masculinity, gender inequality, and social change.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 444. Environmental Sociology. 3 sem. hrs.
Sociological analysis of environmental issues including the background of environmental issues, population, planning, limits to growth, food and energy resources, and social impacts of environmental alterations. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 450. Sociology Of Law. 3 sem. hrs.
Study of social origin and consequences of law and legal process; analysis of social factors that determine legal outcomes.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 460. Body Politics. 3 sem. hrs.
Study of how human bodies are politicized in modern society. Discussions cover how the human body is politically constructed according to gender, race/ethnicity, occupation and social class. Writing proficiency within this discipline is required for a passing grade in this course.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 471. Medical Sociology. 3 sem. hrs.
This course addresses topical issues relating to health, medicine, and society. The course will cover four fundamental points: how society shapes individual understandings of what it means to be healthy, how people behave when they are ill, how society produces differential patterns of health and illness, and how medicine is practiced in the United States.
Prerequisite(s): Sociology 101.