

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.

The B.A. in Criminal Justice from Georgian Court University is a multidisciplinary degree designed to maximize student preparation for a rapidly expanding field of professional opportunities and research.

Students who pursue a major in Criminal Justice at GCU will find that our faculty members are passionate about their areas of scholarship and professional experiences in the field. We aim to instill in our students the ability to think critically about criminal justice systems and a desire to act with extraordinary integrity and professionalism. Our curriculum is designed with social justice and the development of concrete and translatable skills in mind. Such skills include the ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing, to understand strategies and tools of effective problem solving, and to evaluate the impact of diversity on criminal justice systems.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of studies for Criminal Justice, the student will receive a B.A. in Criminal Justice and will have given evidence of the following outcomes and goals.

- Students will demonstrate knowledge across required content areas: administration of justice, corrections, criminological theory, law adjudication, law enforcement, research methods, and sociological theory and principles through course exams and papers evaluated by a common rubric.
- Students will demonstrate an ability to present work and to collaborate in course presentations evaluated by a common rubric.
- Students will identify and apply ethical decision making as it applies across theory, research, practice, and/or policy in program courses. Students will evidence competency in socially responsible and equitable behavior in case study responses evaluated by a common rubric.

Requirements

To earn this degree, students must successfully complete at least 120 credits, including General Education (<http://catalog.georgian.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/bridge-general-education-program-requirements/>) requirements and the major requirements below.

Major Sequence

A minimum of 45 core credits, plus courses in related areas, is required for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. It is strongly recommended that students take MA103 Introduction to Statistical Thinking to satisfy the General Education Quantitative Analysis requirement.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Core Requirements | | |
| CJ111 | The Criminal Justice System | 3.0 |
| CJ167 | Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice | 3.0 |
| or AN112 | Cultural Anthropology | |
| CJ/SO200 | Theories of Crime | 3.0 |
| CJ210 | Introduction to Law Enforcement | 3.0 |
| or CJ212 | Introduction to Corrections | |
| CJ213 | Criminal Law & Practice | 3.0 |
| CJ320 | Special Populations in the CJ System ² | 3.0 |
| CJ325 | Gender & Crime | 3.0 |

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| CJ331 | Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 3.0 |
| CJ351 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems | 3.0 |
| CJ435 | Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice | 3.0 |
| SO101 | Principles of Sociology | 3.0 |
| SO201/CJ202 | Social and Crime Statistics | 3.0 |
| 3 CJ electives. PS320 and PS321 may be used as CJ electives | | 9.0 |
| General Education Course ¹ | | |
| World Language ¹ | | 3.0 |
| Total Credits | | 48.0 |

¹ World Language is required; Spanish is strongly recommended. Another language may be substituted with the approval of the student's advisor.

² CJ majors are expected to take CJ320. However, PS320 can be used to satisfy the CJ320 requirement. PS320 cannot be counted as a substitute for CJ320 and as a CJ Elective.

Concentrations in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice majors who would like to focus on courses specific to their career or academic interests may elect to do a concentration in one of three areas: Cyber Crime, Global Justice and Society, or Law Enforcement and Corrections. Students wanting to add a concentration take courses as listed in the groups below or other concentration courses not listed that are offered on a rotating basis as designated by the department chair each semester. Three of the courses in the concentration may count toward the electives required for the major. Concentrations are an elective part of their major. Students may request to take alternate courses (e.g., in other departments) relevant to the concentration upon department chair and advisor approval.

Cyber Crime

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Select one of the following: | | |
| CS105 | Computer Literacy | |
| CS111 | Foundations Of Computer Science | |
| CS123 | Computer Programming I | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6.0 |
| CJ301 | Cyber Security & GIS | |
| CJ302 | Cyber Crime | |
| CJ355 | Political Crimes & Terrorism | |
| CJ398 | Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (when approved for cyber crime) | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6.0 |
| AC171 | Principles of Financial Accounting | |
| IS320 | Management Information Systems | |
| IS422 | Enterprise Cybersecurity | |
| Total Credits | | 15.0-16.0 |

Global Justice & Society

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Select four of the following: | | |
| CJ/PO313 | Constitutional Law | |
| CJ353 | Victimology | |
| CJ/PO355 | Political Crimes & Terrorism | |
| CJ365 | International Human Rights Law | |
| CJ375 | Global Justice & Law | |
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| CJ398 | Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (dependent on semester, and when designated as concentration course by dept. chair) | |
| CJ410 | Independent Research in Criminal Justice (dependent on research topic; dept. chair approval required) | |
| S0304 | Globalization & Sustainability | |
| PO211 | American National Government | |
| PO233 | Modern Political Thought | |
| SW253 | Human Rights & Social Justice | |
| Total Credits | | 12.0 |

Law Enforcement & Corrections

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Select four of the following: 12.0 | | |
| CJ167 | Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice (if also taking AN112 as a core CJ requirement) | |
| CJ210 | Introduction to Law Enforcement (if also taking CJ212 as a core CJ requirement) | |
| CJ231 | Juvenile Justice | |
| CJ301 | Cyber Security & GIS | |
| CJ302 | Cyber Crime | |
| CJ343 | Criminal Investigation | |
| CJ353 | Victimology | |
| CJ398 | Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (dependent on semester, and when designated as concentration course by dept. chair) | |
| CJ401 | Sex Crimes | |
| CJ410 | Independent Research in Criminal Justice (dependent on research topic; dept. chair approval required) | |
| IH335 | Integrative Stress Management & Health | |
| PO211 | American National Government | |
| PO221 | State & Local Government in America | |
| PS320 | Forensic Psychology | |
| PS321 | Criminal Profiling | |
| Total Credits | | 12.0 |

Degree Map(s)

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| First Year | | |
| Fall Semester | | |
| GEN101 | Pathway to the Bridge ¹ | 2.0 |
| EN111 or EN221 | Academic Writing and Research I ¹ or Honors Argument: Rhetoric & Research | 3.0 |
| Modern Language (Spanish is strongly recommended) ^{1,3} 3.0 | | |
| SO101 | Principles of Sociology ^{1,2} | 3.0 |
| CJ111 | The Criminal Justice System ² | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 14.0 |
| Spring Semester | | |
| GEN199 | WI:Discovering Self in the Universe ¹ | 3.0 |
| History ^{1,4} | | 3.0 |
| Literature ¹ | | 3.0 |

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| Select one of the following: | | 3.0 |
| AN112 | Cultural Anthropology ^{1,2,5} | |
| CJ167 | Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice ^{2,5} | |
| Elective | | 3.0 |

Credits 15.0

Second Year

| Fall Semester | | |
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| CJ200 | Theories of Crime ² | 3.0 |
| CJ210 or CJ212 | Introduction to Law Enforcement ² or Introduction to Corrections | 3.0 |
| Quantitative Analysis ^{1,6} | | 3.0-4.0 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3.0 |
| Social Science (if took CJ167) ¹ | | |
| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 15.0-16.0 |

Spring Semester

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| Natural Science w/ Lab ^{1,8} | | 4.0 |
| Religious Studies ¹ | | 3.0 |
| CJ213 | Criminal Law & Practice ² | 3.0 |
| SO201/CJ202 | Social and Crime Statistics ² | 3.0 |
| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 16.0 |

Third Year

| Fall Semester | | |
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| PL245 | Philosophical Inquiry ¹ | 3.0 |
| CJ320 | Special Populations in the CJ System ^{2,7} | 3.0 |
| CJ331 | Research Methods in Criminal Justice ² | 3.0 |
| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 15.0 |
| Spring Semester | | |
| WS311 | Shaping Lives: Women & Gender ¹ | 3.0 |
| Ethics ¹ | | 3.0 |
| Visual & Performing Arts ^{1,8} | | 3.0 |
| CJ325 | Gender & Crime ² | 3.0 |
| CJ351 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems ² | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 15.0 |

Fourth Year

| Fall Semester | | |
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| CJ435 | Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice ² | 3.0 |
| CJ Elective ² | | 3.0 |
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| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Credits | | 15.0 |
| Spring Semester | | |
| CJ Elective ² | | 3.0 |
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| GEN400 | WI:Visioning a Future ¹ | 3.0 |
| Elective | | 3.0 |

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| Elective | 3.0 |
| Credits | 15.0 |
| Total Credits | 120.0-121.0 |

¹ General Education

² Major

³ Spanish strongly recommended. Students should take https://gcu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NeckgPVNDIYLvT (https://gcu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NeckgPVNDIYLvT/) for correct placement.

⁴ GE-History can be taken during the first semester if one of the other required courses is full.

⁵ CJ167 Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice does not fulfill the general education requirement for social science. If SO101 Principles of Sociology and AN112 Cultural Anthropology are taken, social science requirements are fulfilled and an elective can be taken in the fall of the second year. If both CJ167 Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice and AN112 Cultural Anthropology are taken, CJ167 Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice will fulfill one of two CJ electives.

⁶ MA103 Introduction to Statistical Thinking strongly recommended. Should be taken semester before SO201 Social and Crime Statistics/CJ202 Social and Crime Statistics.

⁷ CJ majors are expected to take CJ320 Special Populations in the CJ System. However, PS320 Forensic Psychology can be used to satisfy the CJ320 Special Populations in the CJ System requirement. PS320 Forensic Psychology cannot be counted as a substitute for CJ320 Special Populations in the CJ System and as a CJ Elective.

⁸ GE-Natural Science with Lab and GE-Visual & Performing Arts can be taken any semester depending on scheduling needs.