

# B.S.C.J in Criminal Justice

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## Description

The course of study leading to the B.S.C.J. degree offers students the opportunity to study law enforcement, corrections, or homeland security/emergency management and the administration of justice.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124**

## Goals/Mission Statement

Our mission is to educate students in a learning environment conducive to excellence in meeting the complex challenges present in justice-related services. Our faculty's goal is to expand the knowledge base and to integrate cutting-edge information into the learning experiences of students. In addition, the Department of Legal Studies' mission is to extend service to our constituents to enhance learning, program development, and justice-related service in Mississippi, the region, and the nation.

## General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for the B.S.C.J. degree include Engl 101 (3), Liba 102 or Engl 102 (3), 200-level literature (6), humanities (3), fine arts (3), history (6), sociology or political science (3), social science (3), Math 115 and a more advanced mathematics course (6), natural science with lab (6-8). Also, a student must take general electives to bring the total hours to 124.

Students must complete a minor.

## Course Requirements

The B.S.C.J. degree requires the following 45 credit hours of criminal justice courses: CJ 100, 322, 300, 490, and 499; 15 hours of criminal justice electives; and 15 hours of emphasis courses to be chosen from Corrections (CJ 120, 240, 270, 320, and 422), Homeland Security (CJ 115, 285, 376, 400, and 435), or Law Enforcement (CJ 110, 210, 230, 310, and 410).

## Other Academic Requirements

For majors in this field, a minimum grade of 2.5 must be maintained on all criminal justice course work.

## Specializations

- [Emphasis - Corrections](#)
- [Emphasis - Homeland Security](#)
- [Emphasis - Law Enforcement](#)

