

# 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 48 credit hours of criminal justice courses. The following 18 hours of course work are required of all criminal justice majors:

CJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours) CJ 300: Ethics in Legal Studies (3 hours) CJ 322: Criminal Justice Communications (3 hours) CJ 399: Social Justice and Community Service (3 hours) CJ 490: Criminal Justice Internship (3 hours) CJ 499: Colloquium in Criminal Justice (3 hours)

The remaining 30 hours of major course work are taken under the student's choice of one of the following emphasis areas:

Corrections Emphasis CJ 120: Introduction to Corrections (3 hours) CJ 270: Juvenile Justice (3 hours) CJ 320: Correctional Treatment Strategies (3 hours) CJ 410: Criminal Procedure (3 hours) CJ 422: Probation, Parole and Community Corrections (3 hours) CJ 444: Law of Corrections (3 hours) 12 hours of criminal justice electives

Homeland Security Emphasis CJ 115: Introduction to Homeland Security (3 hours) CJ 285: Foundations of Terrorism (3 hours) CJ 376: Elite Forces and Special Operations (3 hours) CJ 400: Homeland Security Operations (3 hours) CJ 435: Terrorism in the 21st Century (3 hours) 15 hours of criminal justice electives

Law Enforcement Emphasis CJ 110: Introduction to Law Enforcement (3 hours) CJ 210: Criminal Law (3 hours) CJ 230: Principles of Investigation (3 hours) CJ 310: Law Enforcement Process and Policy (3 hours) CJ 410: Criminal Procedure (3 hours) 15 hours of criminal justice electives

## 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](#)

