

# **B.S.C.J in Criminal Justice**

## Overview

**Degree Requirements** 

# 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: 120 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**

See the General Education Core Curriculum for the School of Applied Sciences.

An additional 6 hours is required in the following related subjects: 3 hours of history and either 3 hours of Writ 250 or CJ 322.

## **Course Requirements**

The B.S.C.J. degree requires 39 credit hours of criminal justice courses. The following 15 hours of course work are required of all criminal justice majors:

- CJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)
- CJ 210: Criminal Law
- CJ 300: Ethics in Legal Studies (3 hours)
- CJ 490: Criminal Justice Internship (3 hours)
- CJ 499: Colloquium in Criminal Justice (3 hours)

The remaining 24 hours of major course work are taken under the student's chosen area of emphasis: Corrections, Homeland Security or Law Enforcement.

#### Other Academic Requirements

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

All CJ majors must complete a minor or second major selected by the student and approved by the student's academic adviser.

#### **Specializations**

- Emphasis Corrections
- Emphasis Homeland Security
- Emphasis Law Enforcement

