

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: 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 450: Criminal Justice Research (3 hours)
- CJ 490: Criminal Justice Internship (3 hours) or 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](#)

