

# 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](#)

