

## **Emphasis - Corrections**

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### **B.S.C.J. in Criminal Justice** **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. Criminal justice students may use CJ 202 as an option to complete the statistics requirement.

An additional 3 hours is required in the following related subject: either 3 hours of Writ 250 or CJ 322.

### **Course Requirements**

The B.S.C.J. degree requires 42 credit hours of criminal justice courses. The following 18 hours of coursework are required of all criminal justice majors:

- CJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)
- CJ 210: Criminal Law (3 hours)
- CJ 300: Ethics in Legal Studies (3 hours)
- CJ 324: Theories of Criminal Behavior (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 coursework 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.

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In addition to the 18-hour CJ core, students who select the corrections emphasis must complete the following 24 hours of CJ coursework:

CJ 270, 320, 422, 444, and 12 hours of CJ electives.

