
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FACULTY

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DEGREE PROGRAMS

- BS in Criminal Justice
 - MS in Criminal Justice
- Concentrations: Administration of Justice, Crime and Corrections

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

- Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a major program in criminal justice and a minor in criminal justice.

The department provides a rigorous discipline specific curriculum aimed at developing well-rounded graduates with strong critical thinking abilities. Department programs also impart skills to students, preparing them for a wide range of career options in the field of criminal justice or closely related fields. Career options include positions in the criminal justice system, education, research, private treatment agencies and various state and federal justice agencies. The department encourages students to continue on to graduate study.

Many department faculty members engage in research and the department encourages student-faculty collaborative research. Students may also carry out internships.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice provides students with a solid background in criminal justice and criminology enabling them to develop a broad understanding of crime and the criminal justice system.

The department developed the criminal justice program to meet the standards for criminal justice programs designed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE). The same standards are also affirmed by the Academy of Criminal Justice (ACJS). Program standards emphasize the development of skills in critical thinking, communications, conceptualizing ideas, and understanding criminal justice data. Students take courses in seven broad areas identified by the BHE as essential for criminal justice programs: 1.) Administration of Justice; 2.) Crime Theory; 3.) Law Enforcement; 4.) Criminal Law, and 5.) Corrections; 6.) Ethics; and 7.) Research and Analytic Methods.

Requirements:

- CRJU 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJU 331 Police, Community, and Society
- CRJU 335 Criminal Law and the Courts
- CRJU 354 Corrections
- CRJU 406 Ethics and the Criminal Justice System
- CRJU 410 Applied Crime Theory
- CRJU 420 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 430 Analyzing Criminal Justice Data

One course from the following (3 credits):

- CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime
- CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime, and Justice
- CRJU 388 Hate Crime
- CRJU 404 Media, Justice, and Crime
- CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance

One course from the following (3 credits):

- CRJU 496 Seminar: Critical Issues in Crime and Justice
- CRJU 497 Research
- CRJU 498 Internship in Criminal Justice (only 3 credits will count toward the major)

Elective Requirements: Two courses from the following (6 credits):

- CRJU 213 The Juvenile Justice System
- CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime (if not taken above)
- CRJU 323 Comparative Legal Systems in a Global Context
- CRJU 327 Deviance and Social Control
- CRJU 324 Law, Justice, and Society
- CRJU 325 Political Theory and the Justice System
- CRJU 332 History of Policing in America
- CRJU 334 White Collar Crime
- CRJU/SOCI 339 Violence, Guns, and Society
- CRJU 346 Criminal Procedure

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- CRJU 347 Restorative Justice
- CRJU/SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency
- CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice (if not taken in the core)
- CRJU 359 Technology and Crime Control
- CRJU 381 Privatization in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 385 Victimology: Sociology of Victims
- CRJU 388 Hate Crime (if not taken above)
- CRJU 399 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3 credits only)
- CRJU 404 Media, Justice, and Crime
- CRJU 406 Ethics and the Criminal Justice System
- CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance (if not taken above)
- CRJU 426 Ethnography and Crime Analysis
- CRJU 485 Honors Thesis
- PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior

Cognate Courses (choose one course from the following (3 credits):

- ECON 325 The Economy of Crime
- HEAL 405 Drugs in Society
- HIST 463 History of the American City
- HIST 468 American Political History
- PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 403 Ethics and Action
- POLI 285 Introduction to Law
- POLI/ECON 340 Law and Economics
- POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government
- POLI 342 Constitutional Law and Politics: The First Amendment
- POLI 343 Constitutional Law and Politics: Liberty and Equality
- POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government
- PSYC 369 Psychology of Human Behavior (if not taken as a Criminal Justice elective)
- PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology
- POLI 389 Racial Politics in the United States
- PSYC 474 Forensic Psychology
- SOCI 313 Family Violence

Core Curriculum Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned hours is required for graduation. These earned hours include Core Curriculum Requirements as specified in the “Undergraduate Academic Programs” section of this catalog. For additional graduation requirements, see the “Undergraduate Academic Policies” section of this catalog.

Note: The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is inactive.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

The criminal justice minor consists of six courses (18 credits)

The objective of the minor program is to provide a substantive area of study in criminal justice for students majoring in complementary disciplines such as sociology, political science, social work, economics, anthropology or psychology. Criminal justice education includes the scientific study of crime and delinquency, law-making, punishment, and the reintegration of the offender back into the community. Students in the minor program are required to take basic courses that will provide a theoretical and applied knowledge of the discipline.

Required criminal justice core courses (6 credits):

- CRJU 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJU 410 Applied Theory in Criminal Justice

Choose one course (3 credits) from the following:

- CRJU 331 Police, Community and Society
- CRJU 335 Criminal Law and the Courts
- CRJU 354 Corrections

Criminal Justice electives (choose any three credits):

- CRJU 213 The Juvenile Justice System
- CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime
- CRJU 323 Comparative Legal Systems in a Global Context
- CRJU 324 Law, Justice and Crime
- CRJU 325 Political Theory and the Justice System
- CRJU/SOCI 327 Deviance and Social Control
- CRJU 332 History of Policing in America
- CRJU/SOCI 334 White Collar Crime
- CRJU/SOCI 339 Violence, Guns, and Society
- CRJU 346 Criminal Procedure
- CRJU 347 Restorative Justice
- CRJU/SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency
- CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice
- CRJU 359 Technology and Crime Control
- CRJU 381 Privatization in Criminal Justice
- PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior
- CRJU/SOCI 385 Victimology: Sociology of Victims
- CRJU 388 Hate Crime
- CRJU 399 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
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HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program in criminal justice provides highly motivated criminal justice majors with opportunities to enhance their academic program through intensive scholarly study and research designed to be of assistance in post-graduate employment or in the pursuit of an advanced degree. Contact the Department of Criminal Justice for further information concerning eligibility and application.

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Criminal Justice urges its majors and minors to study abroad, both via Bridgewater State College sponsored study tours and as exchange students at universities. The Office of International Programs can assist students. Any student contemplating study abroad should consult the department with all pertinent documentation. Final acceptance of credit will be determined upon receipt of official transcripts and supporting material and, in some cases, may not be equivalent to the credits earned in a regular semester or year at Bridgewater State College.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Program Coordinator: Dr. Carolyn Petrosino

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE - JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Bridgewater State College offers a joint degree program. This 151 credit program leads to both a BS and a MS degree in Criminal Justice.

Qualified criminal justice majors who have competitive GPAs and have earned 90 credits may apply to the joint degree program. Acceptance enables these students to take a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses beginning in their senior year.

Students admitted into the joint degree program must complete all of the requirements for the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Science in criminal justice programs in order to receive both degrees simultaneously.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a variety of professional positions in criminal justice or in closely related fields. Graduates from the program will also attain the academic background and proficiency necessary for admission into and completion of doctoral programs in criminal justice. Students in the program will acquire detailed knowledge of the seven broad areas of criminal justice, learn about the role of information technology in the criminal justice system, become familiar with major data sources, and learn to carry out research and data analysis in criminal justice. Students will also develop skills in critical thinking and in oral and written communications. In addition to providing a solid foundation in contemporary criminal justice, the program emphasizes diversity in criminal justice issues. Students may choose from two concentrations. The concentration in Administration of Justice is offered in cooperation with the Master of Public Administration program. Students may also concentrate in Crime and Corrections.

Admission Requirements

- 1.) A 3.0 undergraduate GPA based upon four years of work.
- 2.) A composite score of 1000 on the quantitative and verbal parts of the GRE General Test.
- 3.) Three appropriate letters of recommendation.

For more information contact the program coordinator.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice requires completion of 31 credit hours, including six required core courses (18 credits). Students take their remaining courses from departmental graduate courses as well as up to two approved graduate courses from outside of the department. The program includes a capstone requirement that may be satisfied with either a master's thesis (6 credit hours) or a combination of a comprehensive examination and a master's project completed in a research seminar in criminal justice (CRJU 542 or CRJU 597). The department will offer one research seminar each year.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice curriculum

Core Courses (required of all students): 16 credit hours
CRJU 500 Foundations of Scholarship (1 credit)
CRJU 504 Seminar: Crime, Justice and Society
CRJU 505 Applications in Crime Theory

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- CRJU 510 Graduate Research Seminar in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 511 Analyzing Criminal Justice Data
- CRJU 512 Ethics and Policy in Criminal Justice

Additional Courses: 15 credits

- CRJU 501 The Structure and Process of the Criminal Justice System (strongly recommended for students who do not hold a bachelor's degree in criminal justice)
- CRJU 502 Research
- CRJU 503 Directed Study
- CRJU/SOCI 514 Theories of Deviance
- CRJU 515 Criminal Justice Administration
- CRJU 520 Violence, Crime and Society
- CRJU 521 Domestic Violence
- CRJU 522 Women and Criminal Justice
- CRJU 525 Comparative Crime and Justice
- CRJU 526 Communities, Cities and Crime
- CRJU 527 Policing in a Democratic Society
- CRJU 540 Corrections, Crime and Society
- CRJU 541 Community-Based Corrections
- CRJU 542 Research Seminar in Corrections (rotating topics)
- CRJU 545 White Collar and Corporate Crime
- CRJU 546 Class, Race, Gender and Crime
- CRJU 550 Juvenile Justice and Society
- CRJU 551 Law and Society
- CRJU 555 Information Technology for Criminal Justice
- CRJU 557 Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 597 Research Seminar in Criminal Justice (rotating topics)
- CRJU 598 Internship in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 599 Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Capstone Requirement

Either completion of a master's thesis (6 credit hours) or a combination of a comprehensive exam and a master's project completed in a research seminar in criminal justice (CRJU 542 or CRJU 597) is required.

Other Courses: With the approval of the graduate coordinator students may take up to two of these courses or other approved graduate courses:

- POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration
- POLI 505 Public Management
- POLI 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Optional Concentrations: Students must take at least three courses in the concentration (9 credit hours).

Administration of Justice

- CRJU 515 Criminal Justice Administration
- POLI 501 Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration
- POLI 505 Public Management

Crime and Corrections

- CRJU 540 Corrections, Crime and Society
- CRJU 541 Community-Based Corrections
- CRJU 542 Research Seminar in Corrections