

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bridgewater State College
Department of Criminal Justice
Program Requirements
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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice requires a minimum of 120 credit hours, including the college's general education requirements. The major requires completion of 30 credit hours in core courses, 6 credits in criminal justice electives, and a 3-credit cognate. The department created the curriculum for the major to meet standards established by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. The BHE identifies seven essential areas for baccalaureate programs in criminal justice: (1) administration of justice, (2) criminology, (3) law enforcement, (4) law adjudication, (5) corrections, (6) ethics, and (7) research and analytic methods. In addition to these content areas, the department adds two additional content areas required for the major: (8) diversity and (9) the senior project. We want to acknowledge that various segments of society may experience the criminal justice system differently and that this perspective warrants inclusion in the curriculum. In addition, the senior project or capstone requirement is an important component of the program, which includes three options: (1) a seminar on critical issues in crime and justice, (2) a research project, or (3) an internship.

BS in Criminal Justice: Course Requirements

Core Courses (required of all students): 30 credit hours

Requirement	Courses	Credit Hours
Administration of Justice	CRJU 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Criminology	CRJU/SOCI 328 Criminology	3
Law Enforcement	CRJU/SOCI 331 Police, Community, and Society	3
Law Adjudication	CRJU 335 Courts and Criminal Law	3
Corrections	SOCI 354 Corrections	3
Ethics	CRJU 406 Ethics and the Criminal Justice System	3
Research and Analytic Methods	SOCI 402 Seminar: Research Methods	3
Research and Analytic Methods	SOCI 403 Social Data Analysis	3
Diversity & Society (Choose one course.)	CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime	3
	CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice	3
	CRJU 388 Hate Crime	3
	CRJU 404 Justice, Media, and Society	3
	CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance	3
Senior Project (Choose one option.)	CRJU 496 Seminar: Critical Issues in Crime & Justice	3
	CRJU 497 Research Project	3
	CRJU 498 Internship (only 3 creds. Count toward major)	3

Criminal Justice Electives: (6 credits)

Students Must Take Two of the Following Courses	Credit Hours
CRJU 213 The Juvenile Justice System	3
CRJU/SOCI 310 Women and Crime (if not taken as a core course)	3
CRJU 324 Law, Justice and Society	3
CRJU 325 Political Theory and the Justice System	3
CRJU/SOCI 327 Deviance and Social Control	3
CRJU 332 History of Policing	3
CRJU/SOCI 334 White Collar Crime	3

CRJU/SOCI 339 Violence, Guns, and Society	3
CRJU 346 Criminal Procedure	3
CRJU 347 Restorative Justice	3
CRJU/SOCI 355 Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice (if not taken as a core course)	3
CRJU 359 Technology and Crime Control	3
PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior	3
CRJU 381 Privatization	3
CRJU 383 Comparative Legal Systems in a Global Context	3
CRJU/SOCI 385 Victimology	3
CRJU 388 Hate Crime (if not taken as a core course)	3
CRJU 399 Special Topics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 404 Justice, Media and Society (if not taken as a core course)	3
CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance (if not taken as a core course)	3
CRJU 426 Ethnography and Crime Analysis	3
CRJU 485 Honors Thesis	3

Cognate Courses: (3 credits)

Students Must Take at least One of the Following Courses	Credit Hours
ECON 325 The Economy of Crime	3
HEAL 405 Drugs in Society	3
HIST 366 Constitutional History of the United States	3
HIST 495 Undergraduate History Colloquium: Crime & Law in Britain, c. 1700-1850	3
PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 403 Ethics and Action	3
POLI 285 Introduction to Law	3
POLI/ECON 340 Law and Economics	3
POLI 341 Constitutional Law and Politics	3
POLI 398 The United States Federal Courts	3
PSYC 369 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (if not taken as a CJ elective)	3
PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 474 Forensic Psychology	3
SOCI 313 Family Violence	3
SCWK 410 Social Work in Correctional Settings	3

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