

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bridgewater State University
Department of Criminal Justice
Program Requirements
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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice is comprised of a minimum of 120 credit hours, including the University's general education/Core requirements. The major requires completion of 33 credit hours in core courses, 6 credit hours in criminal justice electives, and 3 credit hours in a cognate. The curriculum meets the standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Education for criminal justice programs. Seven academic content areas identified by the BHE are included in the curriculum: (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 areas, the department adds two requirement areas for the major: (8) Diversity and the Criminal Justice System and (9) the Senior Project. The Senior Project, which is the capstone requirement for the major, provides students three options: (1) Seminar in Critical Issues in Crime and Justice or, (2) the Research Project, or (3) the Internship in Criminal Justice. The bachelor's program is Quinn Bill certified.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice: Course Requirements

Core Courses (required of all students): 33 credit hours

Requirement	Courses	Credit Hours
Administration of Justice	CRJU 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Criminology	CRJU 202 Introduction to Crime Theory	3
Law Enforcement	CRJU 331 Police, Community, and Society (prq. CRJU 201)	3
Law Adjudication	CRJU 335 Criminal Law and the Courts (prq. CRJU 201)	3
Corrections	CRJU 354 Corrections (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 202)	3
Ethics	CRJU 406 Ethics and the Criminal Justice System (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 202)	3
Criminology	CRJU 410 Applied Theory in Criminal Justice (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 202)	3
Research and Analytic Methods	CRJU 420 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 410)	3
Research and Analytic Methods	CRJU 430 Analyzing Criminal Justice Data (prq. CRJU 201, CRJU 410 & CRJU 420)	3
Diversity & the Criminal Justice System (Choose one course.)	CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 202) CRJU 369 Gender, Crime and Justice (prq. CRJU 201, CRJU 202 or consent of instructor) CRJU 388 Hate Crime (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 410) CRJU 404 Justice, Media, and Society (prq. CRJU 201 plus any 6 additional criminal justice credit hours or consent of instructor) CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance	3 3 3 3 3
Senior Project (Choose one option.)	CRJU 496 Seminar: Critical Issues in Crime & Justice (prq. Senior Standing and CRJU 201 and CRJU 202 and CRJU 331 and CRJU 335 and CRJU 354 and CRJU 406 and CRJU 410 and CRJU 420; and CRJU 430 which may be taken concurrently) CRJU 497 Research Project (prq. CRJU 201, 202, 331, 335, 354, 406, 410, 420, and 430. CRJU 430 may be taken concurrently. Consent of department and formal application required and can only be taken for 3 credits and cannot be repeated.) CRJU 498 Internship (only 3 credits count toward major) (prq. Senior Standing and CRJU 201, 202, 331, 335, 354, 406, 410, 420, and 430. CRJU 430 may be taken concurrently. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, consent of department, and formal application required.	3 3 3

Criminal Justice Electives: (6 credits required)

Students Must Take Two of the Following Courses	Credit Hours
CRJU 213 The Juvenile Justice System (prq. CRJU 201 and CRJU 202, both can be taken concurrently)	3
*CRJU 227 Deviance and Social Control	3
CRJU 241 Women and Crime (prq. CRJU 201 or consent of instructor)	3
*CRJU 255 Juvenile Delinquency	3
PSYC 269 Psychology of Criminal Behavior	3
CRJU 271 Crime Victims and the Political Process	3
CRJU 323 Comparative Legal Systems in a Global Context (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 324 Law, Justice and Society (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 325 Political Theory and the Justice System (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 332 History of Policing in America	3
*CRJU 334 White Collar Crime (prq. CRJU 201)	3
*CRJU 339 Violence, Guns, and Society (prq. SOCI 102 or SOCI 103 or CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 346 Criminal Procedure (prq. CRJU 201 or consent of instructor)	3
CRJU 347 Restorative Justice (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 410)	3
CRJU 358 Race, Class, Crime and Justice (if not taken as a core course) (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 410)	3
CRJU 359 Technology and Crime Control (prq. CRJU 201 and CRJU 202 and 6 additional criminal justice credit hours)	3
CRJU 369 Gender, Crime, and Justice (if not taken as a core course) (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 202 or consent of instructor)	3
CRJU 371 Sex Crimes (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 372 Terrorism and Civil Liberties (prq. 201)	3
CRJU 381 Privatization (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 385 Victimology (prq. CRJU 201 and CRJU 202)	3
CRJU 388 Hate Crime (if not taken as a core course) (prq. CRJU 201 & CRJU 410)	3
CRJU 399 Special Topics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 404 Justice, Media and Society (if not taken as a core course) (prq. CRJU 201 plus any 6 additional criminal justice credit hours or consent of instructor)	3
CRJU 415 Police Culture (prq. CRJU 201 and CRJU 202)	3
CRJU 425 Comparative Crime and Deviance (if not taken as a core course) (prq. CRJU 201)	3
CRJU 426 Alternative Approaches to Crime Analysis (prq. CRJU 410 which may be taken concurrently and CRJU 420 or the consent of instructor)	3
CRJU 428 Culture and Crime (prq. CRJU 201 and CRJU 202)	3
CRJU 441 Homicide (prq. CRJU 201, CRJU 202, CRJU 335, and CRJU 410, or consent of instructor)	3
CRJU 485 Honors Thesis (prq. Commonwealth or Departmental Honors students; senior status)	3
CRJU 499 Directed Study (can be taken twice but may not exceed a total of 6 credits)	1-3

Cognate Courses: (3 credits required)

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 463 History of the American City	3
HIST 469 American Political History	3
PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 403 Ethics and Action	3
POLI 285 Introduction to Law	3
POLI 342 Constitutional Law and Politics: First Amendment	3
POLI 343 Constitutional Law and Politics: Liberty and Equality	3
POLI 389 Racial Politics in the United States	3
PSYC 269 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (if not taken as a CJ elective)	3
PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology	3
SOCI 313 Family Violence	3

*cross listed courses

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