

Criminal Justice

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Program Description

The criminal justice major is designed to provide theoretical and practical knowledge for students interested in professional careers in traditional law enforcement fields such as federal law enforcement, corrections, courts, police, and probation; in administrative and management positions in criminal justice and private security; and in law and para-legal occupations. Moreover, the major's curriculum is intended to facilitate entry into graduate programs in criminal justice, sociology, and law, while also retaining a humanistic understanding of the study of crime. The criminal justice major at Saint Joseph's is distinguished by its emphasis on creative participation, student-faculty interaction, and independent research projects.

Criminal Justice Learning Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Criminal Justice majors will demonstrate comprehension of the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality.

Objective 1.1: Students can apply the sociological imagination, sociological principles, and concepts to her/his own life.

Objective 1.2: Students can compare and contrast basic theoretical orientations.

Goal 2: Criminal Justice majors will develop knowledge of sociological research methods.

Objective 2.1: Students can design a research study in an area of choice and explain why various methodological decisions were made.

Objective 2.2: Students can run basic statistical analyses to answer research questions.

Objective 2.3: Students can identify and understand how to apply different methodologies

(i.e., quantitative vs. qualitative) to the same subject and determine the benefits of each.

Goal 3: Criminal Justice majors will understand how to communicate within their discipline.

Objective 3.1: Students can engage in social scientific technical writing that accurately conveys data findings.

Objective 3.2: Students can orally present research or course material clearly and concisely.

Goal 4: Criminal Justice majors will incorporate the values from the discipline.

Objective 4.1: Students can assess the impact of the negative effects of social inequality.

Objective 4.2: Students can appraise the utility of the sociological perspective as one of several perspectives on social reality.

Goal 5: Criminal Justice majors will understand the operation of culture and social structure.

Objective 5.1: Students can describe the significance of variations by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age, and thus critically assess generalizations or stereotypes for inaccuracy.

Objective 5.2: Students will identify examples of specific policy implications using reasoning about the effects of social structuration.

Goal 6: Criminal Justice majors will be socialized for professional careers and/or further studies.

Objective 6.1: Students can identify a social problem, design ways to address it, and outline feasible steps to accomplish their task.

Requirements for the Criminal Justice Major

GEP Signature Courses (See Curricula): six courses

GEP Variable Courses (See Curricula): six to nine courses, including

Social/Behavioral Science:
SOC 101 Introductory Sociology

GEP Overlays (See Curricula): three courses

GEP Integrative Learning Component: three courses

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| MAT 118 | Introduction to Statistics |
| Social Science | Choice of 1 course from ECN 101, ECN 102, POL 101, POL 103, POL 105, POL 107 |
| Arts and Sciences Course | Any other course within the College of Arts and Sciences |

you are interested in completing the College Honors project during your senior year, please be in touch with the department chair early in the Spring of your junior year. More details concerning College Honors may be found under "Honors Program".

GEP Electives: seven elective courses that students may select as appropriate for their own intellectual, aesthetic, moral or career development in Criminal Justice.

Major Concentration:

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| ACC 101 | Concepts of Financial Accounting |
| SOC 102 | Social Problems |
| SOC 206 | Theories of Crime |
| SOC 207 | Juvenile Justice |
| SOC 219 | Social Deviance |
| SOC 225 | Introduction to American Criminal Justice |
| SOC 312-313 | Social Research Methods & Data Analysis |
| SOC 470 | Special Topics |
| SOC 495 | Seminar |
| OVERLAY | Any experiential learning, including study abroad, internships, study tour courses, and service learning |

and four other APPROVED Criminal Justice courses numbered above SOC 102. Approved courses are indicated in the Sociology course descriptions.

Minor in Criminal Justice

The minor in criminal justice requires completion of SOC 102; two from SOC 206, SOC 225, SOC 312 or SOC 313 and one from SOC 207, SOC 219 or SOC 264; and any additional 200 level approved criminal justice course.

Requirements for College Honors in Sociology

To receive College Honors credit, Sociology majors will participate in the Senior Capstone experience required of all majors by taking SOC 495 as an honors course during the Fall of the senior year. Additionally, College Honors candidates in Sociology will complete a second honors course during the Spring of the senior year (SOC 497) that includes research, extending the senior capstone experience beyond what non-Honors students complete. For students in the University Honors program, these two upgraded courses may be counted toward the eight course Honors requirement. To be eligible to participate in College Honors, a student must have a 3.5 GPA. If