

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

2023-2024 Catalog Year

The Criminal Justice field encompasses the agencies of social control including police, courts, corrections, & private agencies. The 27-hour Criminal Justice core provides students with a broad-based understanding of the field. The 15-hour elective block affords students the opportunity to tailor their degree to suit their career goals & interests. Check out the department web site at www.unt.edu/cjus for information about faculty, course descriptions, employment opportunities, & links to other criminal justice related sites. The HPS Office of Student Services assists students with degree planning.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas consists of 120 college credit hours. The degree requires 48 hours of general academics & supporting coursework, in addition to 42 hours in the major & 30 hours of general electives.

With a degree in Criminal Justice, you can pursue a career in (some areas require advanced degrees or certification):

- Policing
- Research & Teaching
- Private Security
- Counseling
- Corrections
- Law
- Corporate Investigation
- Criminology
- Parole
- Criminalistics
- Corporate Security
- Victim Services
- Probation
- Private Investigation
- Juvenile Justice
- Case Management

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Criminal Justice Required Courses (27 Hours):

CJUS 2100	Crime and Justice in the United States	CJUS 3600	Criminology
CJUS 3500	Inequality, Crime and Justice	CJUS 3700	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
CJUS 3201	Criminal Law	CJUS 4700*	Research Methods in CJUS
CJUS 3300	Police Systems	CJUS 4901**	Senior Seminar: CJUS & Public Policy
CJUS 3400	Correctional Systems		

Criminal Justice Advanced Hours (15 Hours —Choose five courses):

CJUS 3210	Judicial and Legal Systems	CJUS 4250	Law and Social Problems
CJUS 3310	Organized and Consensual Crime	CJUS 4330	Domestic and Int. Terrorism
CJUS 3320	Corporate Security & Loss Prevention	CJUS 4350	Seminar on Violence
CJUS 3330	Introduction to Criminalistics	CJUS 4360	Criminal Investigation
CJUS 3340	Computer Crime	CJUS 4460	Community Corrections
CJUS 3410	Correctional Case Management	CJUS 4500	Administration of CJUS Agencies
CJUS 3610	Juvenile Justice	CJUS 4650	Victimology
CJUS 3620	Juvenile Delinquency	CJUS 4660	Offender Behavior
CJUS 3630	Drugs, Crime, and Society	CJUS 4850***	Internship in Criminal Justice
CJUS 4200	Criminal Procedure	CJUS 4870	Special Topics (<i>may be repeated</i>)

Supporting Courses (15 Hours)

PSYC 1630	General Psychology I	SOCI 1510	Introduction to Sociology
ENGL 1310	First – Year Writing I <i>Core Class</i>	ENGL 1320	First-Year Writing II <i>Core Class</i>
TECM 2700	Technical Writing		

Communications Course (3 Hours – Choose one course)

COMM 1010	Introduction to Communications	COMM 2020	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 2040	Public Speaking	COMM 2140	Advocating in Public

* Senior standing and a minimum of 18 hours in criminal justice, with 12 hours from the criminal justice core.

** Must be a senior and have a minimum of 27 hours in CJUS with 18 hours from the CJUS core.

*** Must have completed CJUS 2100 and 12 additional hours of criminal justice courses and consent of department.

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