# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice prepares students to become criminal justice professionals.

Courses in the Criminal Justice major cover contemporary issues facing decision makers in the American criminal justice system. Students learn how a society maintains social control while protecting individual rights and how the Constitution applies to everyday life. Students discuss what causes criminal behavior and what makes an effective crime policy. They learn how justice systems deter, control and punish crime, and they understand the role of police, prosecutors, courts, defense attorneys, juries and prisons in criminal justice outcomes.

The Criminal Justice major is divided into three components: a lower division 15 credit hour core that covers fundamentals and is consistent with Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) guidelines; an upper-division 18 credit hour core; and 6 credit hours of elective requirements. The major includes a capstone senior seminar course designed to identify and analyze real-life issues facing criminal justice agencies and techniques for developing and proposing solutions to constituents.

## Requirements

The major requires 39 hours of coursework and is divided into three components: a lower division 15 credit hour core that serves as a basis for the fundamentals of criminal justice and is consistent with Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) guidelines; an upper division 18 credit hour core requirement; and a six credit hour criminal justice elective component. The major includes a capstone course designed to identify and analyze real-life issues facing criminal justice agencies, as well as techniques for developing and proposing solutions to constituents.

Grade of C- and a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the major.  At least 15 hours of coursework must be completed at Roosevelt.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|
| **Lower Division Requirements (meets IAI guidelines)** | | **15** |
| CJL 200 | INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE (IAI-CRJ901) | |
| CJL 220 | JUVENILE JUSTICE (IAI-CRJ914) | |
| CJL 230 | INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS (IAI-CRJ911) | |
| CJL 240 | INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY (IAI-CRJ912) | |
| CJL 250 | CRIMINAL LAW (IAI-CRJ913) | |
| **Upper Division Requirements** | | **18** |
| CJL 300 | POLICE & SOCIETY | |
| CJL 305 | RESEARCH METHODS | |
| CJL 310 | ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE | |
| CJL 330 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE & THE CONSTITUTION | |
| CJL 355 | CRIME IN AMERICA | |
| CJL 390 | SENIOR SEMINAR | |
| **Electives** | | **6** |
| Select two of the following: | | |
| CJL 331 | VICTIMOLOGY | |
| CJL 333 | WOMEN AND CRIME | |
| CJL 365 | WHITE COLLAR CRIME | |
| CJL 381 | DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA | |
| CJL 389 | SPECIAL TOPICS | |
| **CORE General Education and Electives** | | **81** |
| **Total Credit Hours** | | **120** |

## CORE Requirements (General Education)

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|
| **First Year Success Course or Transfer Success Course** | | |
| FYS 101 | FIRST YEAR SUCCESS COURSE | 1 |
| or TRS 101 | TRANSFER SUCCESS 101 | |
| **Communication Requirement** | | |
| ENG 101 | COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING | 3 |
| ENG 102 | COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH | 3 |
| COMM 101 | PUBLIC SPEAKING (or program specific CORE communications course) | 3 |
| **Ideas of Social Justice** | | |
| 3 credits in coursework categorized as Ideas. | | 3 |
| **Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts** [2, 3] | | |
| 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Communication and Women's and Gender Studies | | 9 |
| **Mathematics** | | |
| MATH 110 | QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) [1] | 3 |
| **Science** | | |
| One biological science and one physical science required (one must include a one credit lab). | | 7-8 |
| **Social Sciences** [2,3] | | |
| 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies | | 9 |
| **Experiential Learning** | | |
| 6 credits from coursework categorized as Experiential Learning. | | 6 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | | **47-48** |

[1] Higher level of Math may be required by major

[2] Coursework must come from outside of students' major discipline

[3] A maximum of 9 credits can be applied from a single discipline towards humanities and social science requirements

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees.

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.
- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.

- Students may transfer in no more than 70 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students earning less than 60 total hours in residence must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

[4] One Natural Science course must have a lab.

**Year 1**

| Fall | Credit Hours | Spring | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|---|
| FYS 101 | 1 | ENG 102 | 3 |
| ENG 101 | 3 | CJL 220 | 3 |
| CJL 200 | 3 | Ideas of Social Justice | 3 |
| Social Science #1 | 3 | MATH 110 | 3 |
| Humanities #1 | 3 | BIOL 111 or 112[4] | 4 |
| Physical Science[4] | 3 | | |
| | **16** | | **16** |

**Year 2**

| Fall | Credit Hours | Spring | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|---|
| CJL 240 | 3 | CJL 230 | 3 |
| Humanities #2 | 3 | CJL 250 | 3 |
| Social Science #2 | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| COMM 101 | 3 | Humanities #3 | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | Social Science #3 | 3 |
| | **15** | | **15** |

**Year 3**

| Fall | Credit Hours | Spring | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|---|
| CJL 300 | 3 | CJL 310 | 3 |
| CJL 305 | 3 | CJL 330 | 3 |
| Experiential Learning #1[2] | 3 | CJL 3XX[3] | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| | **15** | | **15** |

**Year 4**

| Fall | Credit Hours | Spring | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|---|
| CJL 355 | 3 | CJL 390 (Experiential Learning #2) | 3 |
| CJL 3XX[3] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 3 |
| General Elective[1] | 3 | General Elective[1] | 1 |
| | **15** | | **13** |

**Total Credit Hours 120**

[1] Or course towards an optional Minor.

[2] Experiential Learning class must be 200/300 level. Satisfies CORE Experiential Learning requirement. EXL courses can satisfy major requirements/electives or CORE requirement.

[3] Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.