A major in criminal justice offers outstanding academic preparations for careers in law enforcement and corrections. The Department of Criminal Justice prepares students to contribute to the pressing social problems in the areas of crime prevention, protection and rehabilitation. A college degree is becoming necessary to advance in today’s criminal justice careers.

Within the major of criminal justice, we offer three options: Law Enforcement, Corrections and Criminology. The law enforcement option prepares students to enter law enforcement positions at the local, county, state and federal levels, in addition to private security. The law enforcement option has two tracks: a practical track and a theoretical track. The practical track includes basic law enforcement training for peace officers in Missouri. Students may elect to receive 24 hours of college credits in the practical track. The theoretical track prepares students for law enforcement careers and managerial positions, federal law enforcement positions that require specialized skills and/or graduate studies.

Criminal Justice students will...
- Learn from faculty with extensive professional experience and advanced academic degrees.
- Be exposed to a curriculum that prepares them for internships and employment in the criminal justice field.
- Be offered a responsive, challenging and flexible curriculum with a broad range of courses on various aspects of criminal justice, as well as a core courses designed to foster critical and analytical thinking, inquiry and life-long learning.
- Demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate ideas in written and oral form.
- Be prepared to monitor cases and analyze records using computer technology.
- Be offered a balance of theory and practice, which prepares them for successful entry into a number of criminal justice careers.

Career Planning
Nearly 90% of students find jobs after graduation and/or go onto graduate studies. Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more. 

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
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| CL001/CL002                 | First Semester | Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL003                       | Junior Year   | Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004                       | Senior Year   | Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates/Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates
- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- The US Marshals Service
- Missouri Highway Patrol
- The Secret Service
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Private Security Firms
- Community Corrections Agencies
- State & Federal Probation and Parole
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Victim Assistance Projects
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Law School at Southern Illinois University
- Graduate Schools at local and prestigious universities in the United States
- Graduates with practical track option can work in the public and private sector as police officers, security guard, loss prevention specialists, correctional officers or dispatchers

About Our Online Programs
At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

Special Options with Criminal Justice Major
- The theoretical and practical tracks are also available on the main campus.
- The theoretical track of study is available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).
- The practical track is not offered as an online program.
- The practical track is offered at the Law Enforcement Academies in Cape Girardeau and Kennett.
- Special program fees are required for the practical track, http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm.
This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

**Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement – 45-54 Hours – minor required**
- CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 125 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CJ 220 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJ 400 Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution (3)
- CJ 425 Planning and Research (3)
- CJ 499 Issues in Justice Administration/Capstone (3)
- SO 242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- SO 305 Race, Gender, Class and Crime (3)

**Law Enforcement Option – Theoretical track**
- CJ 310 Advanced Police Administration (3)
- CJ 330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- CJ 422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- PO 500 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- CJ XXX elective—CJ course at 300-500 level (3)

(Practical Track not available online)

**University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):**
- UI100 First Year Seminar
- EN100 English Composition
- Artistic Expression
- Written Expression
- Literary Expression
- Oral Expression
- Behavioral Systems
- Living Systems
- Logical Systems
- Physical Systems
- Development of a Major Civilization
- Economic Systems
- Political Systems
- Social Systems
- two IU/USxxO and one UIxxS

8: These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semesters
S: These courses are typically offered in a summer session.
W: These courses are typically offered over the intersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one intersession course per semester.

**CJXXX elective may be chosen from:**
- CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- CJ 375 Criminal Typology and Victimology (3)
- CJ 435 Seminar (3)
- CJ 471 Independent Study (1)
- CJ 472 Independent Study (2)
- CJ 473 Independent Study (3)
- CJ 491 Criminal Justice Internship (6)
- CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- CJ 535 Civil Law and Liability (3)
- CJ 834 Workshop—Field Experience in Corrections (3)
- CO 491 Corrections Internship (6)
- LE 491 Law Enforcement Internship (6)
- PO 500 Policing in an Information Age (3)

Note: Not all courses will be available online each semester.

**SAMPLE YEARLY COURSE MAP**

**FALL**
- Start / Stop Course # Hrs
- Full Term Aug.- Dec. 3
- Full Term Aug.- Dec. 3
- Full Term Aug.- Dec. 3
- 1st 8 Week Aug.- Oct. 3
- 2nd 8 Week Oct.- Dec. 3
- Total 15

**SPRING**
- Start / Stop Course # Hrs
- Wintersession Dec.- Jan. 3
- Full Term Jan.- May 3
- Full Term Jan.- May 3
- 1st 8 Week Jan.- Mar. 3
- 2nd 8 Week Mar.- May 3
- Total 15

**SUMMER**
- Start / Stop Course # Hrs
- 1st 4 Week June 3
- 8 Week June-July 3
- 2nd 4 Week July 3
- Total 9

**Personalized Pathways:**

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a winter session fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencyes (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.