Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science (BS)

A major in criminal justice offers outstanding academic preparations for careers in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, etc. The Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology 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 two advising tracks: Academic/University track and Law Enforcement Academy track. The Academic/University track provides a broad base education where students can diversify their portfolio among topics on law enforcement, criminology, corrections, conflict resolution, and law. The Law Enforcement Academy track includes basic training for law enforcement officers in Missouri to become P.O.S.T. certified. Upon successful completion, students will receive 24 hours of college credits in this advising track.

Criminal Justice students will...

- Learn from faculty with extensive professional experience and advanced academic degrees
- Demonstrate an understanding of the major components, functions and interdependent operations of the criminal justice system
- Evaluate the nature, causation, and prevention of crime, recognizing and critiquing criminological theories
- Exhibit the ability to access, evaluate, conduct, interpret, and apply criminal justice research and practices
- Explain the influence of social diversity in relationship to the criminal justice system and to the development of personal and social responsibility within the context of social justice
- Utilize effective oral and written communication skills that showcase one’s ability to think critically to analyze research data, develop a solution, and effectively defend that solution

Career Planning

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. Nearly 90% of students find jobs after graduation and/or go onto graduate studies. 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.

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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)
- City & County law enforcement
- State correctional institutions
- Private Security Firms
- Community Corrections Agencies
- State & Federal Probation and Parole
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Victim Assistance Projects
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Law School and Graduate Schools at local and prestigious universities in the United States
- Graduates with Law Enforcement Academy track option can work in the public and private sector as police officers, security guard, loss prevention specialists, correctional officers or dispatchers

Student Preparation for Law Enforcement Academy Track

- Students will submit to a criminal history records check and must successfully complete a background investigation. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, hold a valid driver’s license, and have reached age 21 prior to graduation from the Academy.

Special Options with Criminal Justice Major

- The Academic/University track is also available as an online program.
- The Academic/University track is available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).
- The Law Enforcement Academy track is not offered as an online program.
- The Law Enforcement Academy track is offered at the Law Enforcement Academies in Cape Girardeau
- Special program fees are required for The Law Enforcement Academy track, http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm.

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 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

45 Hour Major – Minor required unless noted

A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in all courses within the major.

**Required Courses:**
- CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 115 Introduction to Criminal Courts (3)
- CJ 125 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CJ 220 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJ 425 Planning and Research in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 499 Issues in Justice Administration (3)
- SO 300 Race, Gender, Crime (3)
- SO 360 Criminology (3)

Choose One Track:
- Academic/University – Choose 15 hours – Minor required

**NOTE:** No more than 3 hours of independent study and no more than 6 hours of internship may be applied to the Academic/University track.

- CJ 230 Correctional Institutions (3)
- CJ 310 Advanced Police Administration (3)
- CJ 330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- CJ 355 Constitutional Rights of Inmates (3)
- CJ 365 Community-Based Corrections (3)
- CJ 375 Victimology (3)
- CJ 400 Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution (3)
- CJ 422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- CJ 430 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- CJ 435 Senior Seminar (5)
- CJ 440 Theories/Methods of Offender Rehabilitation (3)
- CJ 491 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- CJ 834 Field Experience in Corrections (3)
- SO 242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- SO 300 Organized/White-Collar Crime (3)
- SO 444 Deviant Social Behavior (3)
- SR 444 Treatment Strategies (3)
- Law Enforcement Academy – No minor required

(for students who have been admitted to the SEMO Law Enforcement Academy)
- LE 199 Basic LEA I (6)
- LE 299 Basic LEA II (6)
- LE 399 Basic LEA III (6)
- LE 499 Basic LEA IV (6)

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**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL201-004), 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.