

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

120 credits

Program Description

This program usher students to academic and professional environments related to the Criminal Justice field. The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice provides students a detailed view of the field with specific emphasis on the legal, forensic, and academic aspects of the discipline.

Students who graduate from this program can pursue professional positions in the public or private sector or pursue a graduate degree in law or in the social sciences. The program is structured to address current topics in the field such as multiculturalism, alternate sentencing methods, rehabilitation processes, and cybercrimes, among others.

Program Objectives

Provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge that will facilitate problem solving and analysis in the criminal justice field.

1. Develop critical thinking skills that help students comprehend the causes of crime and the different alternatives to tackle these causes.
2. Enhance students' knowledge and experiences to facilitate the attainment of new or higher professional positions in the field.
3. Provide a comprehensive examination of the Criminal Justice field with specific emphasis on crime prevention and law enforcement, legal foundations, and academic research.
4. Develop awareness of diversity and justice in students' analysis of criminal conduct and alternatives for punishment.
5. Offer an innovative and current curriculum that fulfills the students' professional and academic goals, and responds to the country's social, economic, cultural, and professional needs.
6. Empower students with a holistic and balanced view of the discipline to facilitate the application and practice of their acquired skills.
7. Develop proficiency to communicate adequately in English and Spanish both orally and in writing.

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.

Notes:

1. Students must comply with state and local requirements or limitations to practice the profession.

Program Curriculum

QYLE 110 or FYIS 101	Attitude Development and University Adaptation or Induction Seminar to University Life	3
General Education Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
COMP 110	Computer and Software	3
ENGL 151 OR	English Composition I OR	4
ENGL 115	English Reading and Writing I	4
ENGL 251 OR	English Composition II OR	4
ENGL 116	English Reading and Writing II	4
COMM 141 OR	Effective Communication OR	4
ENGL 331	Public Speaking	3
HUMA 101	World Cultures I	3
HUMA 102	World Cultures II	3
MATH 120	Introduction to Algebra	3
SCIE 111	Integrated Science I	3
SOSC 111	Individual, Community, Government, and Social Responsibility I	3
SOSC 112	Individual, Community, Government, and Social Responsibility II	3
Pick 1 GE* OR	Pick one (1) Approved General Education Elective OR	4
SPAN 115	Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication in Spanish I	4
Pick 1 GE* OR	Pick one (1) Approved General Education Elective OR	4
SPAN 116	Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication in Spanish II	4
ENGL 341 OR	Research and Writing OR	4
SPAN 255	Spanish for Writing and Research	4
		Total 45
Core / Professional Courses		
Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 107	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOSC 258	Research Techniques in Social Sciences	3
PSYC 350	Psychopathology Principles	3
SOCI 325-O	Sociology of Deviancy	3
POSC 373	Political Systems of United States of America	3
SOCI 203-O	Principles of Sociology / Survey Course	3
PSYC 123	General Psychology (Compendium)	3
SOSC 303	Applied Statistics Methods for Social Sciences	3
CRIM 400	Human Rights in the Contemporary World	3
		Total 27
Major Courses		
Theory and Practice		
Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 306	Comparative Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 350	The Correctional System	3
CRIM 427	Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Restorative Justice	3
CRIM 335	Ethical Aspects of Justice	3
CRIM 405	Multiculturalism and Crime	3
		Total 15
Law Enforcement		
Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 300-O	General Principles of Penal Law	3
CRIM 360	Criminal Investigation Techniques	3
CRIM 432	Criminal Technology, Fraud and Cybercrimes	3
CRIM 301	Special Laws in Criminal Legislation	3
CRIM 380	Criminalistics	3
		Total 15
Law		
Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 200	Constitutional Protections and Civil Rights	3
CRIM 370	Law of Evidence	3
CRIM 434	Forensic Psychology in the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 302	Criminal Procedure	3
CRIM 415-O	Evidence, Case Preparation and Testimony	3
		Total 15
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Approved General Education Electives*		
Course	Title	Credits
SPAN 111	Elementary Spanish	4
REIL 102	Research and Information Literacy	4
BIOL 153	General Biology I	4
BIOL 154	General Biology II	4
COMM 206	Communication Theory	4
COMM 211	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Communications	4
HIDE 101	History of Arts	4
HIDE 111	Representing Culture: Art & Artifact 1500-1850	4
HIST 274	History of the United States of America	4