

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

The multidisciplinary program in Criminal Justice Studies explores the conception and implementation of the law, crime, and justice systems and ideas. The program emphasizes critical thinking about law, crime, and justice systems and their entanglement with larger political-economic processes. In particular, the program explores how ideas and systems of crime, law, and justice shape broader issues of social justice, especially those related to the experience of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age inequity in the U.S. The program teaches students the skills of critical analysis and ethical reasoning such that students can challenge structures and assumption and innovatively contribute to the assessment of alternative solutions to problems associated with the identification, control, and prevention of crime and delinquency.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Learn how systemic inequality shapes and is shaped by crime, law, and justice systems.
- Describe how people and groups impact, engage, contest, and remake legal institutions and ideas.
- Critique and analyze claims, data, and knowledge about crime, law, and justice systems.
- Analyze the history and politics of criminological knowledge.
- Design and implement a senior capstone project that demonstrates effective written communication, ethical reasoning, and critical analysis.

Admissions Requirements

- Be a resident of California or another authorized state. See State Authorization (<https://cpage.sfsu.edu/courses/authorization/>).
- Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all units completed at SF State.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.
- Have completed all lower-division General Education requirements (39 semester units or 58.5 quarter units) with a grade of C- or better including the below four courses commonly called "Golden Four":
 - Oral Communication
 - Written Communication
 - Critical Thinking
 - Quantitative Reasoning

Criminal Justice Studies (B.A.) – 36 units minimum

Core Courses (18 units)

Code	Title	Units
C J 200	Construction of Crime and Justice	3
C J 230	Crime, Data, and Analysis	3
C J 300	Criminal Justice: A Cross-Disciplinary Perspective	4

C J 330	Research Methods in Criminal Justice Studies Activity	1
C J 330GW	Research Methods in Criminal Justice - GWAR	3
C J 680	Field Course in Criminal Justice	4

Elective Courses (18-22 units)

Power and Inequality (3 units)

Select one:

Code	Title	Units
C J 435/ LTNS 430	Race, Crime, and Justice	3
C J/LTNS 485	Latina/o Youth, Crime, and Justice	3
C J 530	Geographies of Social Control and Urban Diversity	3
C J 605	Criminalization of Gender and Sexuality	3

Criminal Justice Law and Administration (3 units)

Select one:

Code	Title	Units
C J 400	Police and Public Policy	3
C J 450	Jails and Prisons	3
C J 480	California Corrections System	3
C J 501	Criminal Law	3
C J 502	Criminal Procedure	3

Select four additional Criminal Justice Studies Electives (12-16 units)

Other upper-division C J courses in addition to those listed below can be used as electives.

Code	Title	Units
AA S 595	Asian American Communities and Public Policy	3
AFRS 375	Law and the Black Community	3
AFRS 376	Government, the Constitution, and Black Citizens	3
AIS 330	American Indian Law	3
AIS 460	Power and Politics in American Indian History	3
COMM 503	Gender and Communication	4
COMM 525	Sexualities and Communication	4
COMM 531	Conflict Resolution	4
COMM 541	Critical Approaches to Culture and Communication	4
COMM 543	Dialogues Across Differences	4
COMM 564	Issues in Free Speech	4
COMM 571	The Rhetoric of Terrorism	4
COMM 573	The Rhetoric of Criminality and Punishment	4
COUN 630	Legal Center Training I	3
COUN 631	Legal Center Training II	3
C J/I R 306	Crisis in Central America: U.S. Policy and the Root Causes of Chaos	4
C J 320	Literature in Criminal Justice - Crime Control, Due Process, and Class Justice	3
C J 323	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
C J 335	Legal Writing and Research	4
C J 340/I R 341	Comparative Criminal Justice	4
C J 400	Police and Public Policy	3

C J 401	Criminal Profiling	3	PSY 547	Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution	3
C J 405	Organized Crime	3	RRS/SOC 330	Comparative Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.: Class, Gender, and Nation	3
C J 410	Crime Scene Investigation	3	RRS 571	Women, Race, and Class	3
C J 420	Introduction to Forensic Science	3	SOC 455	Punishment and Social Control	3
C J 435/ LTNS 430	Race, Crime, and Justice	3	SXS 455	Sex, Power, and Politics	3
C J 450	Jails and Prisons	3	SXS 569/ PHIL 455	Sex and the Law	3
C J 451	The Architecture of Incarceration	3	WGS 513	Gender, War, and Militarism	3
C J 452/SOC 451	Criminological Theory	4	WGS 514	Women and the Prison Industrial Complex	3
C J 460	Community Corrections and Sentencing	3	WGS 554	Gender and Global Migration	3
C J 461/I R 361	Terrorism and Covert Political Warfare	4			
C J 470/SOC 452	Juvenile Justice	4			
C J 471	Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice	3			
C J 475	Intervention Policies in Juvenile Justice	3			
C J 480	California Corrections System	3			
C J/LTNS 485	Latina/o Youth, Crime, and Justice	3			
C J 490	Immigration, Criminalization, and Justice	3			
C J 501	Criminal Law	3			
C J 502	Criminal Procedure	3			
C J/SOC 510	Analysis of the Felon in Society	3			
C J/SOC/USP 511	Critical Analysis of Re-entry and Housing	3			
C J 515	Extremism as Crime	3			
C J 525	Global Restorative Justice and Corrections	3			
C J 530	Geographies of Social Control and Urban Diversity	3			
C J 535	Alternatives to Criminalization	3			
C J 550	School Violence and Discipline	3			
C J 570	Urban Violence	3			
C J 600	Youth Gangs in Community Context	3			
C J 605	Criminalization of Gender and Sexuality	3			
HIST 465	American Ethnic and Racial Relations II: 1890-Present	3			
HIST 470	The U.S. Constitution to 1896	3			
HIST 471	The U.S. Constitution Since 1896	3			
HIST 472	The Supreme Court and Social Change in U.S. History	3			
I R 259	Children and Youth in International Relations	4			
I R 334	International Organizations: New World Order	4			
I R/C J 360	Intelligence and Intelligence Agencies	4			
I R/PLSI/C J 362	The Making of US Foreign Policy	4			
I R 436/PHIL 435	Human Rights in Global Perspective	3			
I R 453	Women and Media in International Relations	4			
I R/PLSI 459	Refugees in Global Perspective	4			
LTNS 415	Latina/o Economic Empowerment	3			
LTNS 470	Latina/o Immigration to the U.S.	3			
PHIL 335	Law and Society	3			
PHIL 378	Philosophy of Criminal Law	3			
PHIL 380	Philosophy of Law	3			
PLSI 478	Judicial Process	4			
PLSI/USP 512	Urban Politics and Community Power	4			
PLSI 552	Individual Rights and the Constitution	4			
PSY 472	Introduction to Legal Psychology	3			
PSY 475	Psychology of Policing	3			

A minimum of 30 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, General Education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper-division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper-division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

Up to a total of 6 transfer units in the following Criminal Justice courses completed at a community college may be counted toward meeting the "general electives" requirements for the major:

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Concepts of Criminal Law; for applicable courses, go to the ASSIST website: <http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>.

Complementary Studies

Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies outside of the primary prefix for the major. (Note: Students may not use an alternate prefix that is cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.)

Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement. Additional ways to complete Complementary Studies for students in the Criminal Justice Studies major is to meet with an advisor to identify 12 units of courses complementary to the major. With advisor approval, up to 12 of these units may be used to satisfy units in the major. Consult with your major advisor for assistance.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

4 Year Student Roadmap

This roadmap opens in a new tab. (<http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/extended-learning/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap/>)