

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Saint Louis University incorporates an interdisciplinary perspective to examine the causes and correlates of criminal behavior and the institutions that respond to such behavior. A degree in criminology and criminal justice from SLU provides a comprehensive academic foundation into the nature of criminal offending, victimization, law enforcement, court administration, the law, and both community and institutional corrections.

Consistent with Saint Louis University's Jesuit tradition (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>), the CCJ program seeks to strengthen the criminal justice systems and, more importantly, communities by focusing on the factors that cause crime and violence and on the humanity of victims, offenders and practitioners. This major is a good fit for students interested in legal studies, law enforcement at the local, state or federal levels and working with adults and/or juveniles in correctional settings, as well as those pursuing graduate education or a law degree.

Faculty within the program are great mentors and easy to connect with. Each professor I have had has always been more than willing to meet with me whether to answer any questions about the course or for any career advice." —Kalie Yeager-Thompson, Class of 2021

Program Highlights

- SLU's Criminology and Criminal Justice, B.S., is innovative in its approach to improving the justice system by focusing on the humanity of those involved in and impacted by crime and violence in communities.
- The program challenges and intellectually engages students with the latest CCJ theory, research and practice.
- The major allows students to live what they learn through compassionate service.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's criminology and criminal justice curriculum covers a wide array of topics, including theories of crime, criminal justice ethics, law enforcement, corrections, legal procedures and criminal justice research. In addition, students tailor the major to their individual needs and interests by selecting from elective courses.

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires a minimum of 120 credits for graduation. The program offers coursework that provides students with a foundation for understanding the causes and correlates of crime and the systems that respond to criminal and delinquent behavior. The program's unique focus on human justice supports students' understanding of the humanity of all involved in the justice system, including victims, offenders and practitioners. Through rigorous academic coursework, students become educated consumers of information and research that can be applied to justice settings. Community-based experiential learning opportunities train students to be effective and transformative practitioners and citizens. Through the integration of scholarship and community-engaged service, students become aware of issues related to human and social justice in an increasingly diverse and globalized world.

Additional degree options include:

- Accelerated program (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/accelerated_ba_maccj/): High-achieving students may apply to this selective program during their junior year. This accelerated program allows students to begin taking graduate-level criminology and criminal justice courses in their senior year of undergraduate studies.
- Honors (<https://www.slu.edu/honors/>) courses: The criminology and criminal justice program offers advanced coursework approved for Honors credit.
- Minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/criminology-criminal-justice-minor/>): For those pursuing other majors who are also interested in criminology and criminal justice, the program offers a minor that provides students a foundation for understanding a variety of criminology and criminal justice professions and the core values of the field.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

The benefits of the program also include internships and job opportunities. Students have the opportunity to complete an internship, allowing them to gain valuable hands-on experience and make professional contacts before pursuing employment. Partnerships with a wide variety of agencies and organizations all over St. Louis City and St. Louis County provide students with diverse options for their internship and/or externship experiences. Placement options include working with juveniles or adults in private or public agencies at the local, state or federal level and a number of local community-based agencies working with at-risk individuals.

Saint Louis University has a strong service-learning (<https://www.slu.edu/center-for-social-action/service-learning/>) foundation. Students embody SLU's Jesuit mission (<https://www.slu.edu/about/catholic-jesuit-identity/>) by using the knowledge they gain in the classroom to serve others. Service-learning also provides valuable field experience for criminology and criminal justice students and enhances their connectedness with the St. Louis community.

Students can also volunteer at organizations around St. Louis as the criminology and criminal justice program collaborates with more than 250 social service agencies where students can explore criminology and criminal justice professions with guidance from seasoned experts.

There are a wide variety of programs for students interested in studying abroad, including Saint Louis University-Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

Careers

A B.A. in criminology and criminal justice from SLU opens doors to employment in the criminal and juvenile justice systems and many nonprofit organizations. Graduates might also pursue further education in law or other social sciences in preparation for academic, research or other professional careers.

Career opportunities in criminology and criminal justice include:

- Correctional officer
- Criminal investigator
- Detective
- Federal agent
- Juvenile justice staff/administrator

- Lawyer
- Police officer
- Policy analyst
- Private security
- Probation/parole officer
- Researcher
- Youth worker

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	\$54,760

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to apply criminology/criminal justice theory.
2. Graduates will be able to conduct criminology/criminal justice research.
3. Graduates will be able to demonstrate multicultural criminology/criminal justice competence.
4. Graduates will be able to apply criminology/criminal justice theories and/or practices/policies of social, human and criminal justice.
5. Graduates will be able to assess the ethical implications of criminology/criminal justice and practice ethical principles.

Requirements

Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or higher in all courses used to fulfill the major.

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		32-35
Criminology and Criminal Justice Required Courses		
CCJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice ¹	3
CCJ 2050	Multiculturalism for Criminal Justice Professionals ^{1,4}	3
or CCJ 2100	Multiculturalism for the Workplace	
CCJ 2150	Criminology: Nature of Crime ^{1,3}	3
CCJ 2200	Policing & Society	3
CCJ 2250	Institutional & Community Corrections	3
CCJ 3200	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CCJ 3450	Gender, Sexuality, and the Criminal Justice System ²	3
or CCJ 3500	Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System	

CCJ 3700	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice ^{1,3}	3
CCJ 3750	Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice ¹	3
CCJ 4050	Criminal Law & Procedure	3
CCJ 4960	¹	3

CCJ Electives

Select 9 credits of CCJ electives, option may include any the following:

CCJ 3100	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency	
CCJ 3150	Contemporary Theories of Crime	
CCJ 3300	Corporate & White Collar Crime	
CCJ 3350	Understanding Serial Killers	
CCJ 3400	Victimology & Victimization	
CCJ 3401X	American Incarceration	
CCJ 3600	Mental Health & Crime	
CCJ 3800		
CCJ 4910	Criminology and Criminal Justice Internship	

General Elective Courses

Select an additional 46 credits of general electives to achieve the minimum 120 credits for graduation. 43-46

Total Credits **120**

¹ Students should take CCJ 1010, CCJ 2050 or CCJ 2100, CCJ 2150, CCJ 3700 and CCJ 3750 prior to taking CCJ 4960 Capstone.

² Students can take either CCJ 3450 Gender, Sexuality, and the Criminal Justice System (3 cr) or CCJ 3500 Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System (3 cr) to meet the CCJ Requirements. (Students may take both CCJ 3450 Gender, Sexuality, and the Criminal Justice System (3 cr) and CCJ 3500 Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System (3 cr) and one will count towards CCJ Requirements and the other toward CCJ Electives)

³ Students are advised to take CCJ 2150 Criminology: Nature of Crime (3 cr) prior to CCJ 3150 Contemporary Theories of Crime (3 cr) and CCJ 3700 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 cr) prior to CCJ 3750 Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 cr).

⁴ Students can take either CCJ 2050 Multiculturalism for Criminal Justice Professionals (3 cr) or CCJ 2100 Multiculturalism for the Workplace (3 cr) to meet the CCJ Requirements.

Continuation Standards

- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Please note that most CCJ classes are offered only once per academic year and need to be taken when offered.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar (Must be taken in first 36 hours at SLU/ Cannot carry attributes)	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community (Must be taken in first 36 hours at SLU/ Cannot carry attributes)	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication (Should be taken in first 36 credit hours at SLU/Cannot carry attributes. Or semester two.)	3
CCJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
Credits		15-16
Spring		
CORE 3200	Ways of Thinking: Quantitative Reasoning (Should be taken in first 45 credit hours at SLU)	3
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
CCJ 2150	Criminology: Nature of Crime	3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
Credits		18
Year Two		
Fall		
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication (Should be taken in first 60 credit hours at SLU)	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
CCJ 2050 or CCJ 2100	Multiculturalism for Criminal Justice Professionals or Multiculturalism for the Workplace	3
CCJ 2250	Institutional & Community Corrections	3
General Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
CORE 3800	Ways of Thinking: Natural and Applied Sciences	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
CCJ 2200	Policing & Society	3
CCJ 3200	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
! CCJ Elective		3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
Credits		18

Year Three

Fall

CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
CCJ 3700	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
! CCJ Elective		3
General Electives		3

Credits 14-15

Spring

CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry	2-3
CCJ 3450 or CCJ 3500	Gender, Sexuality, and the Criminal Justice System or Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System	3
CCJ 3750	Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CCJ 4050	Criminal Law & Procedure	3
General Electives (optional)		

Credits 14-15

Year Four

Fall

CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
! CCJ Elective		3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3

Credits 13

Spring

General Electives		3
CCJ 4800	Criminology and Criminal Justice Capstone	3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3
General Electives		3

Credits 15

Total Credits 122-125

* Students should take CCJ 1010, CCJ 2050 or CCJ 2100, CCJ 2150, CCJ 3700 and CCJ 3750 prior to taking CCJ 4800 Capstone.

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