Department of Criminal Justice

Chair: Dr. Jeffery Walker

The Department of Criminal Justice offers programs of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ), a Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ), a joint Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics (BSDF), a Master of Science in Forensic Science (MSFS), a joint Master of Science in Criminal Justice/Master of Science in Public Administration (MSCJ/MPA.), a joint Master of Science in Cyber Security (MS Sec). The Department also offers undergraduate minors in Forensics Science, Legal Affairs, a joint minor in Forensic Psychology and an interdisciplinary minor in Urban Affairs. The department also sponsors category “A” and “B” graduate Certificate Programs in Computer Forensics.

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice

The program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice offers students broad academic exposure to the fields of criminal justice and criminology. It also provides students opportunities to take courses in computer forensics/cybercrime and forensic science. The primary mission of the program is to educate students by developing in them the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in their careers, including:

1. Major theoretical explanations of crime/delinquency.
2. The logic and procedures associated with the research process, including understanding statistical analysis.
3. The substantive, procedural, and operational aspects of the criminal justice system and its processes.
4. Ethical foundations.

Each of these areas is developed through activities associated with specific courses in the curriculum as well as through an Internship/Capstone experience during the student’s senior year.

Undergraduate students interested in Forensic Science should consult the MSFS Program Director to learn more about the field. Students interested in the Legal Affairs minor should contact the Department Chair. Students interested in the Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics or Forensic Psychology minor should contact the Department Chair.

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice

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Internship & Capstone

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Total Hours: 48-51

Grade and Residency Requirement

A grade of C or better is required in all Criminal Justice courses. At least 3 hours must be taken at the 300 level or higher and 9 hours must be taken at the 400 – level or higher. Students must have a 2.3 cumulative GPA prior to applying for their Internship.

Additional Requirements

Minor

A minor is not required for this degree. Students are encouraged to take a minor in an area related to their career interests. Contact the criminal justice advisor for more information about minors.

General Electives

Students must take general electives to reach the 120 semester hour requirement.

Proposed Program of Study for a Major in Criminal Justice

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Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics (http://catalog.uab.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsciences/interdisciplinaryprograms/digitalforensics)

The bachelor of science in digital forensics (BSDF) is an interdisciplinary degree that prepares graduates for a professional career in the field of digital forensics and cyber security. The focus of the program is an understanding of the procedures and processes necessary to discover, recover, analyze, and present in court information that has been stored on digital devices, including mainframe and personal computers, cellular telephones, tablets, gaming and other devices used during illegal activities. Students graduating with the BSDF degree will be prepared to fill entry- and advanced-level positions with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; with public and private sector non-profit companies; and with private sector for-profit companies. Students completing the program will also be prepared to pursue graduate studies (master’s and doctoral-level) in computer science, criminal justice, information systems, and information technology or pursue law school.

Minor in Criminal Justice

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Legal Affairs Minor (18 Semester Hours)

The minor in Legal Affairs is designed to help students learn to think both critically and creatively about law. Because the program is interdisciplinary and presents law as the subject of liberal inquiry, students in the program examine law from various perspectives. The minor exposes students to both general and specific aspects of both substantive and procedural law – civil and criminal; and helps them understand not only litigation, but alternatives to it.

Minor in Legal Affairs

Requirements Hours
Required Courses 9
Select three of the following courses:

- CJ 230 The Judicial Process in America: An Overview 3
- CJ 330 Criminal Law
- CJ 331 Criminal Procedure
- CJ 332 Criminal Evidence
- CJ 333 Trial Advocacy
- CJ 413 The Legal Profession
- CJ 434 Mock Trial Competition
- CJ 444 Law and Society
- PSC 261 Law and Society
- PSC 270 Law and Film
- PSC 380 The Politics of Constitutional Law
- PSC 381 The Bill of Rights
- PSC 465 International Law

Electives 9
Select three of the following courses:

- AC 473 Fraud Examination
- EC 302 Law and Economics
- EC 450 Economics, Institutions & Law
- LS 246 Legal Environment of Business
- LS 471 Legal Elements of Fraud Investigation
- MG 413 Employment Law
- PHL 120 Practical Reasoning
- PHL 135 The Rule of Law
- PHL 220 Introduction to Symbolic Logic
- PHL 435 Philosophy of Law
- PY 125 Introduction to Forensic Psychology
- PY 376 Psychology and Law

Total Hours 18

1 A grade of "C" or better required for all courses
Minor in Urban Affairs
(http://catalog.uab.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsandsciences/interdisciplinaryprograms/urbanaffairs)

Urban Affairs provides a broad, interdisciplinary examination of the development, functions, and problems of metropolitan areas. Urban Affairs focuses on the social, health, and spatial characteristics of neighborhoods and cities. It highlights the application of social science principles in the study of how formal and informal forces influence urban people and neighborhoods. The minor crosses the disciplines of Urban Studies, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Sociology, Political Science/Public Administration, Public Health, Anthropology, History, Geography, and others. It prepares students to work in a variety of social service and technical areas in public and private organizations in metropolitan areas.

Minor in Forensic Psychology

Forensic Psychology is the professional practice by psychologists within the areas of clinical psychology, counseling psychology, neuropsychology, and school psychology, when they are engaged regularly as experts in an activity primarily intended to provide professional psychological expertise to the judicial system. Forensic psychologists work with individuals who may present a variety of mental health issues within the context of the civil law (e.g., personal injury suits, civil commitment proceedings, child custody disputes, or workers’ compensation cases) and criminal law (e.g., insanity, competency to stand trial, assessment of future violence potential, or treatment of sex offenders). The minor is co-sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department of Psychology, and is intended to expose students with an interest in forensic psychology to a broad-based overview of the field. A total of 24 semester hours is required to complete the minor.

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**Total Hours**

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A grade of “C” or better is required for all courses.

Transfer Students must earn at least 9 hours of PY or CJ credit at UAB, 6 hours of which must be at the 300 level or higher. Students may have to satisfy prerequisites before taking some of the courses.

Minors in Forensic Science

A minor in forensic science is perfect for anyone interested in the fundamental concepts and principles used in analysis of crime scene evidence. While the minor is open to all undergraduates, when paired with a degree in criminal justice, it will introduce students to careers in crime scene investigation. When paired with a major in the natural sciences, the minor prepares students for a job in a forensic crime lab or a Master of Science program in forensic science.

**Requirements**

**Students will be required to take the following courses:**

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**Students will select 2 of the following forensic science electives:**

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**Total Hours**

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*Note: A C or better is required in all courses in the minor.

Honors Program in Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Honors Program encourages and prepares outstanding Criminal Justice students to pursue careers in the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice by providing an opportunity to conduct independent research with a faculty member. It promotes initiative, creativity, and critical thinking among academically talented students. Under faculty supervision, students will have the opportunity to participate in and complete a research project. The program can accept up to six (6) outstanding students each fall.

**Eligibility**

Students are admitted to the Honors Program based on an evaluation conducted by the Honors Program Coordinator and a committee of faculty members. Students seeking admission to the Honors Program must:

- Complete an honors application. One may be obtained by contacting Dr. Heith Copes (jhcopes@uab.edu).
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and a GPA of 3.2 or higher in all Criminal Justice courses attempted.
- Be Junior or Senior.
**Benefits**

Joining the Honors Program gives students the opportunity to interact with faculty and other honors students in an environment that encourages creative and innovative thinking. The hands-on research opportunities will help students prepare for future careers in the field or for embarking on an academic career. Those who complete the program will graduate from UAB “With Honors in Criminal Justice.”

**Requirements**

- Completion of all required courses for the Criminal Justice major.
- Completion of Honors Seminar (CJ 481) during the fall semester.
- Completion of Honors Project (CJ 482) during the spring semester.
- Completion of a research presentation at the annual Honors Research Colloquium at the end of the spring semester.

**Courses**

**CJ 100. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to criminal justice as a system consisting of interactions among three main components: police, courts, and corrections and the processes involving those components.

**CJ 101. Crime and Criminality. 3 Hours.**
Examination of the causes and consequences in society of crime/delinquency, including theoretical explanations, sources of data on crime/delinquency, and efforts at controlling the behavior.

**CJ 110. Introduction to Forensic Science. 3 Hours.**
Overview of the major components of forensic science including death investigation, toxicology, osteology, questioned documents, law, and criminalistics.

**CJ 115. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems. 3 Hours.**
Analysis of police, judicial, and correctional components found in the world’s four major legal systems: Common Law, Islamic, Napoleonic and Socialist.

**CJ 125. Introduction to Forensic Psychology. 3 Hours.**
Overview of issues involving the intersection of law and psychology. Focus on role of clinical assessment of competency, scientific jury selection, expert witnesses in court, punishment and sentencing, and related issues.

**CJ 150. Foundations of Law. 3 Hours.**
Examination and analysis of the evolution, function, and sources of law and legal systems in Western culture.

**CJ 160. Introduction to Private Security. 3 Hours.**
Survey of the field of private security, including organizational, administrative, operational, and liability issues common to it.

**CJ 170. Introduction to Crime Scene Analysis. 3 Hours.**
Overview of crime scene investigation (CSI), including history of crime scene investigation; processing techniques and methods used to document and preserve evidence found at crime scenes.

**CJ 210. Introduction to Digital Forensics. 3 Hours.**
This course provides a general introduction to the concepts, theories, principles, and practice of digital forensics. Topics include types of digital forensics, DOS/LINUX commands and DF, forensic acquisition and validation, forensic methodologies, file systems and file examination, expert testimony, legal issues, and challenges for the field. This course prepares students for advanced courses in program and in digital forensics.

**CJ 220. Police in America: An Overview. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to the history and evolution of modern law enforcement in the United States, including the role and functions of police in the community.

**Prerequisites:** CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

**CJ 230. The Judicial Process in America: An Overview. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to the structure and function of American courts, including judicial selection and behavior, the prosecution function, jury system, and the role of lawyers.

**Prerequisites:** CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]

**CJ 240. Corrections in America: An Overview. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to history and evolution of probation, prisons, parole, and community-based programs for adult and juvenile offenders.

**Prerequisites:** CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]

**CJ 250. Criminalistics: An Overview. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to identification and application of major types of physical trace evidence in criminal cases involving analysis and comparison. Laboratory component included; Laboratory fee is charged.

**Prerequisites:** JS 110 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 110 [Min Grade: C]

**CJ 300. Research Methods in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to ideas, techniques, and problems associated with social research with an emphasis on criminal justice/criminology applications. Writing assignments emphasize ability to make a logical argument and respond to counter claims; incorporating outside sources into written materials; and use conventions appropriate for the discipline. Writing is a significant component of this course.

**Prerequisites:** JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 110 [Min Grade: C] (Can be taken Concurrently) or JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] (JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C])

**CJ 320. Police Organization and Administration. 3 Hours.**
Introduction to basic statistical theory and analysis. Course emphasizes computation, units of measurement, and evaluation of quantitative assertions; interpretation of quantitative data; use of quantitative data for problem-solving; and communication of information using numbers/words appropriate for the audience. Quantitative Literacy is a significant component of this course.

**Prerequisites:** JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] and (JS 101 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 101 [Min Grade: C])

**CJ 320. Police Organization and Administration. 3 Hours.**
Analysis of organizational and administrative structure and function of police departments in the U.S.

**Prerequisites:** JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]
CJ 321. Police-Community Relations. 3 Hours.
Overview and analysis of historical and contemporary relationship between police agencies and the public; legal issues; analysis of crime prevention programs, community participation, and police discretion.
Prerequisites: JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 322. Legal Aspects of Private Security. 3 Hours.
Introduction to and examination of critical legal aspects of private security, especially liability issues.
Prerequisites: JS 160 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 160 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 330. Criminal Law. 3 Hours.
Analysis of the development of criminal law, including legal elements of a crime, defenses in criminal cases, appellate case analysis, and legal terminology.

CJ 331. Criminal Procedure. 3 Hours.
Introduction to legal rules relating to the criminal process from investigation through punishment.

CJ 332. Criminal Evidence. 3 Hours.
Examination of the system of rules and standards, both state and federal, by which admission of proof at criminal trial is regulated.

CJ 333. Trial Advocacy. 3 Hours.
Overview of preparations for civil and criminal litigation including courtroom procedure, evidence, and the art of advocacy.

CJ 336. Criminal Investigation: Techniques and Analysis. 3 Hours.
Examination of both technical and analytical aspects of the criminal investigative process.

CJ 337. Introduction to the Intelligence Community. 3 Hours.
Overview of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and its role in the intelligence community; Examination of the development and expansion of state and local fusion centers and first responder roles in evolving federal, state, and local intelligence community enterprise.

CJ 339. Methodologies in Intelligence Analysis. 3 Hours.
Introduction to analytical tactics, techniques, and procedures used by and in the intelligence community.
Prerequisites: JS 337 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 337 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 340. Terrorism and the Intelligence Community. 3 Hours.
Examination of application of the intelligence cycle (collection, analysis, management & dissemination of information) to the war on terrorism using case studies of successes and failures.
Prerequisites: JS 337 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 337 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 341. Correctional Institutions. 3 Hours.
Introduction to prisons, jails, and juvenile institutions in the U.S.; evolution of penology and correctional change strategies; inmate social system; prison stresses, violence, and reform.
Prerequisites: JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 342. Probation and Parole. 3 Hours.
Analysis of history, structure, and function of probation and parole systems in the United States; pre-sentence investigations; offender selection and classification; offender supervision; and agency administration.
Prerequisites: JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 343. Community-Based Corrections. 3 Hours.
Examination of contemporary redefinition of correctional functions emphasizing development and use of community resources; diversion of offenders from criminal justice system; nontraditional correctional programs.
Prerequisites: (JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C])
CJ 410. Criminal Justice Ethics. 3 Hours.
Analysis of systems of ethics and their applicability to problems in the administration of the justice system including those facing police officials, lawyers, judges, and correctional professionals. Writing and Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course.
Prerequisites: JS 100 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 100 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 411. Juvenile Justice System. 3 Hours.
Introduction to the evolution and operation of specialized agencies and procedures to address juvenile law-breaking, including emerging problems and solutions.

CJ 412. Juvenile Law. 3 Hours.
Review and analysis of emerging statutory and case law in American juvenile justice.

CJ 413. The Legal Profession. 3 Hours.
Weekly seminars conducted by accomplished practitioners in civil litigation, criminal prosecution, criminal defense, labor and employment law, products liability, domestic relations, military justice, environmental, indigent legal aid, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) techniques.

CJ 419. Investigating Online Crimes. 3 Hours.
Introduction to cyber investigative techniques involving focused analysis of email and websites; examination of legal process and preparing evidence in cyber crime cases; rules concerning introduction of digital evidence.
Prerequisites: CJ 402 [Min Grade: C] or JS 402 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 424. Serial Killers in Cross-National Settings. 3 Hours.
Examines serial homicide in cross-national settings including offender disorders; crime scene analysis; significance of victims; and offender classification process.

CJ 434. Mock Trial Competition. 3 Hours.
Represent UAB as member of Mock trial Team in invitational, regional, and national competition. May be repeated for maximum of 12 hours of which not more than 6 hours may be counted toward fulfilling major or minor requirements.

CJ 436. The Intelligence Community. 3 Hours.
Weekly seminars by intelligence community experts covering relevant topics including state fusion centers; proliferation of intelligence units within first responder agencies; growing role of the private sector; and local prosecution for intelligence agency abuse.

CJ 437. Digital Media Forensics. 3 Hours.
Digital media forensics addresses all stored digital evidence types faced by cyber security professionals and computer forensics examiners. Students will learn to analyze character encoding, file formats, and digital media, including hard drives, smartphones and other portable devices, and cloud-hosted evidence, as well as disk acquisition, duplication and evidence preservation techniques and how to apply these techniques in typical criminal investigation scenarios.
Prerequisites: JS 402 [Min Grade: C] or CJ 402 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 437L. Digital Media Forensics Lab. 0 Hours.
Laboratory to accompany CJ 437.

CJ 440. White Collar and Corporate Crime. 3 Hours.
Introduction to, and analysis of, illegal/deviant behavior occurring in complex organizational settings, including theoretical explanations; patterns and case studies; and control strategies.

CJ 441. Terrorism and Social Control. 3 Hours.
Exploration of causes and consequences of terrorism and how governments respond, including investigation, prosecution, and punishment of terrorists.

CJ 442. Race, Crime, Gender and Social Policy. 3 Hours.
Examination of how subordinate status of minority groups (African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Women) affects interaction with the justice system as offenders, victims, and professionals.
Prerequisites: (CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]) and (CJ 101 [Min Grade: C] or JS 101 [Min Grade: C])

CJ 443. Women and the Criminal Justice System. 3 Hours.
Examination of women's experiences as offenders, victims, and professionals in the criminal and civil justice systems.
Prerequisites: (CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]) and (CJ 101 [Min Grade: C] or JS 101 [Min Grade: C])

CJ 444. Law and Society. 3 Hours.
Examination of relationship between law and society, including how law is used to facilitate or retard social change, social control, and social conflict.

CJ 445. Juvenile Corrections. 3 Hours.
Examination of historical and contemporary efforts to reduce juvenile delinquency through institutional and community-based programs; innovative programs; evaluation of program effectiveness.
Prerequisites: (CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]) and (CJ 101 [Min Grade: C] or JS 101 [Min Grade: C])

CJ 446. Violence: An American Tradition. 3 Hours.
Examines violence as an American tradition, including historical acts of violence as catalysts for social change, destructive or negative violence, and policies and prevention strategies.

CJ 450. Questioned Death Investigation. 3 Hours.
Introduction to and analysis of questioned deaths, including techniques used in case investigation; overview and history of coroners' offices structure and function in the U.S.
Prerequisites: CJ 110 [Min Grade: C] or JS 110 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 451. Research Methods in Forensic Science. 3 Hours.
Review of routinely used research methods to conduct forensic science scientific studies.
Prerequisites: CJ 110 [Min Grade: C] or JS 110 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 453. Investigation of Fires and Explosions. 3 Hours.
Introduction to arson investigation including overview of specific techniques used in case investigation; case preparation and presentation in court.
Prerequisites: CJ 110 [Min Grade: C] or JS 110 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 454. Financial Crimes and Investigations. 3 Hours.
Survey of the field of financial crime and its investigation, including review of various financial crimes (fraud, money laundering, cybercrime, etc.), investigative techniques, resources specific to the investigation of these crimes, and the role of financial institutions in combating these crimes.

CJ 456. Forensic Approaches to Osteology. 3 Hours.
Introduction study of structure and function of bones with particular emphasis on ability to identify age, sex, and population type of skeletal material.
Prerequisites: CJ 110 [Min Grade: C] or JS 110 [Min Grade: C]

CJ 460. Violence: An American Tradition. 3 Hours.
Examines violence as an American tradition, including historical acts of violence as catalysts for social change, destructive or negative violence, and policies and prevention strategies.
CJ 464. Crime and Place. 3 Hours.
One of the oldest explanations of criminal behavior is that crime is concentrated in particular areas of the city. But why is that? Is it something about the people, the place, or both? This class will look at the structure of cities, how they grow, and particularly how they decline. We will talk about how this decline can produce high levels of crime. We will also talk about how cities can be revitalized, and how the justice system can work to reduce crime in these areas.
**Prerequisites:** CJ 463 [Min Grade: D]

CJ 465. Cold Case Analysis. 3 Hours.
Introduction to methods used in analyzing unsolved cases, including innovative technology, 3rd party investigators, and teams.

CJ 466. Spatial Analysis. 3 Hours.
This skills-based class will introduce students to the application of geographic information systems (GIS) to crime-related topics and issues.

CJ 481. Honors Research. 3 Hours.
Undergraduate research project developed and completed under direction of faculty mentor.

CJ 482. Honors Research and Colloquium. 3 Hours.
Completion of undergraduate Honors Project under the guidance of a faculty mentor with presentation of project at department colloquium.

CJ 483. Patterns in Crime. 3 Hours.
Examination of the major correlates of crime and criminality; critical examination of major sources of information from which data on crime correlates are gathered.
**Prerequisites:** (CJ 100 [Min Grade: C] or JS 100 [Min Grade: C]) and (CJ 101 [Min Grade: C] or JS 101 [Min Grade: C])

CJ 490. Independent Research in Criminal Justice. 1-3 Hour.
Independent readings, research or project approved and directed by a criminal justice faculty member who supervises proposed plan of study. Permission of Department Chair.

CJ 492. Study Abroad in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.
This course affords students the opportunity engage in academic study outside of the U.S. to examine substantive topics in crime and justice. Students spend time (to be determined by the specific program) at a destination point, where they engage with students and faculty members in classroom and research settings at partner post-secondary institutions, experience immersion in foreign culture, and engage in comparative analysis of policies and programs relating to crime and justice.

CJ 493. Internship and Capstone for Digital Forensics Practitioners. 3 Hours.
Supervised capstone experience for students working full-time in a government agency or company in a position utilizing skills in digital forensics or cyber security. Course strongly emphasizes demonstration of student’s ability to communicate in writing; understanding and practicing ethical decision making and civic responsibility; and quantitative analyses including construction and interpretation of tables and ability to adequately communicate quantitative information. Prerequisite: Permission of Internship Coordinator. No more than 3 hours of credit toward the degree may be earned.

CJ 495. Digital Forensics Internship and Capstone. 3,6 Hours.
Supervised capstone experience in government agency or private company utilizing skills learned in cyber security and forensic investigation. Course strongly emphasizes demonstration of ability to communicate in writing; understanding and practicing ethical decision making and civic responsibility; and quantitative analyses including construction and interpretation of tables and ability to adequately communicate quantitative information. Prerequisite: Permission of the Internship Coordinator. May be repeated for maximum of 12 hours of which not more than 6 hours may be counted toward fulfilling major or minor requirements.

CJ 497. Internship and Capstone in Criminal Justice for Practitioners. 3 Hours.
Supervised capstone experience for students already working in a local, state, or federal criminal justice or ancillary agency. Course strongly emphasizes demonstration of ability to communicate in written form to appropriate audiences, including competence in grammar and mechanics; understanding and practicing ethical decision making and civic responsibility; and quantitative analyses including construction and interpretation of tables and ability to adequately communicate quantitative information. Prerequisite: Permission of Internship Coordinator.

CJ 499. Internship and Capstone in Criminal Justice. 3-6 Hours.
Supervised capstone experience in local, state, or federal criminal justice or ancillary agency. Course strongly emphasizes demonstration of ability to communicate in written form to an appropriate audience, including competence in grammar and mechanics; understanding and practicing ethical decision making and civic responsibility; and quantitative analyses including construction and interpretation of tables and ability to adequately communicate quantitative information. Prerequisite: Permission of the Internship Coordinator. May be repeated for maximum of 12 hours of which not more than 6 hours may be counted toward fulfilling major or minor requirements. Ethics and Civil Responsibility and Writing are significant components of this course.