

Criminal Justice Major

The Criminal Justice major is designed to prepare students to directly enter a career in law enforcement or other criminal justice professions upon graduation, or to pursue a graduate or professional degree. In addition to the core requirements, students may choose from a number of criminal justice electives including law enforcement and pre-law focused courses. The curriculum exposes students to a broad range of criminal justice topics through classroom instruction and experiential internship opportunities. A minor in criminal justice is also available.

Why Study Criminal Justice at Montreat College?

Montreat College's Criminal Justice program is designed to provide for the common good by preparing competent, caring professionals for the nation's law enforcement agencies and legal system. The curriculum exposes students a wide array of criminal justice topics in the classroom, and gives students the opportunity to come in contact with professionals in criminal justice through internships.

After Graduation

The program is designed to prepare students to continue their education in law school or graduate studies, or to enter a variety of the law enforcement professions upon graduation. These professions could include correctional officer, mediator, police officer or detective, probation officer, or wildlife law enforcement officer.

Requirements for a Major in Criminal Justice

- Degree Component
- Completion of the General Education Core (55 Credits)
 - MT 114 is required for the Math Gen-Ed
 - PY 201 or 202 is required for the Social Science Gen-Ed
 - PH 301 is a required Humanity Gen-Ed
- Completion of the General Education Competencies
- Completion of the Cybersecurity Major Core (38 credits)
- Completion of the Cybersecurity Major Electives (18 credits)
- Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above
- Completion of 120 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (two terms and 32 hours must be completed at Montreat college)

Criminal Justice Major Core (38 credits)

- CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 200 Criminology (3)
- CJ 210 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 220 Criminal Procedure (3)
- CJ 230 Corrections, Probation, and Parole (3)

- CJ 240 Judicial Process (3)
- CJ 250 Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 310 Criminal Investigation (3)
- CJ 340 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (3)
- CJ 360 Constitutional Law (3)
- CJ 400 Senior Seminar (3)
- CJ 441 Criminal Justice Internship (3)
- HU 101 Introduction to Human Services (1)
- IS 310 Pre-Internship (1)

Required Major Electives (Choose any 18 credits of courses from the categories below. At least 9 credit hours must be at the 300 level or higher).

Criminal Justice Courses

- CJ 280 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)
- CJ 380 Terrorism and National Security (3)
- CJ 480 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)
- HU 280 Special Topics in Human Services (1-(3))
- HU 480 Special Topics in Human Services (1-(3))
- HS 341 American Constitutional History (3)
- IS 302 Philosophy of Leadership (3) or BS 308 Servant Leadership (3)
- PY 310 Research Methods (3)
- PY 315 Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PY 320 Social Psychology (3)
- PY 412 Theories and Principles of Counseling (3)
- SC 204 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SC 206 Social Problems (3)
- SC 414 Counseling Adolescents and Families (3)

Law Enforcement Courses

- CJ 320 Criminal Justice Administration (3)
- CJ 330 Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime (3)
- CJ 350 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3)

Pre-Law Courses

- BS 312 Business and the Legal Environment (3)*
- CJ 420 Legal Research Methods (3)
- CS 365 The 3 C's: Cybercrime, Cyberlaw, and Cyberethics (3)
- MB 331 Copyright Law (3)

*BS 101 prerequisite waived

Four Year Plan: BS in Criminal Justice			
Freshman Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
IS 102 Foundations of Faith and Learning	2	MT 114 Elementary Probability-Statistics	3
BB 101 Survey of Old Testament	3	BB 102 Survey of New Testament	3
EN 101 English Composition	3	EN 102 English Composition II	3
HS 101 History of World Civilization I	3	HS 102 History of World Civilization II	3
Gen-Ed Natural Science	4	Gen-Ed Natural Science	3
Physical Education Course	1		
	16		15
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PY 201 or PY 202 General Psychology	3	CM 220 Public Speech & Rhetorical Analysis	3
Bachelor of Arts or Science requirement	3	Bachelor of Arts or Science requirement	3
CS 102 Computer Applications and Concepts	3	PY 310 Research Methods	3
Gen-Ed Literature	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Physical Education Course	1		
	16		15
Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PY 300 Child & Adolescent Development	3	PY 305 Adult Development and Aging	3
PY 314 Personality	3	PY 320 Social Psychology	3
Bachelor of Arts or Science requirement	3	Bachelor of Arts or Science requirement	3
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
IS 310 Pre-Internship	1	Elective	3
	13		15
<i>Completion of the General Education competencies by the end of the junior year.</i>			
Junior Summer			
PY 441 Internship			3
Senior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PY 315 Abnormal Psychology	3	IS 461 Seminar on Faith and Life	2
PY 416 Learning and Memory	3	PY 412 Theories and Prin. of Counseling	3
PY 490 Senior Seminar	3	PY 420 Physiological Psychology	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
		Elective	3
	12		14
<i>Completion of 27 credits at the 300-level or above</i>			
*See General Education for optional course offerings			Total hours required for degree: 120

Criminal Justice Minor

Requirements for a Minor in Criminal Justice (18 credits)

CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

Choose fifteen (15) Credit Hours from the following:

- CJ 200 Criminology (3)
- CJ 210 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 230 Corrections, Probation, and Parole (3)
- CJ 250 Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 210 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 220 Criminal Procedure (3)
- CJ 280 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 310 Criminal Investigation (3)
- CJ 320 Criminal Justice Administration (3)
- CJ 330 Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime (3)
- CJ 340 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (3)
- CJ 350 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 360 Constitutional Law (3)
- CJ 380 Terrorism and National Security (3)
- CJ 480 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3)