

CRIMINAL JUSTICE *

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 180

The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice is designed to provide a multidimensional framework in law enforcement, criminal law, corrections, the criminal court system, and private security that will allow successful students to select from a wide range of employment opportunities upon completion. The curriculum includes course work in each of the aforementioned areas, along with courses designed to hone computer skills for technical expertise in the 21st Century justice system.

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to

- document the entire criminal justice process from law enforcement to the administration of justice through corrections;
- identify the effects of substantive and procedural law on individuals within the criminal justice system;
- explain the nature and extent of crime in the United States and theories of causation;
- describe the philosophical and historical foundations of corrections in America;
- classify the safety and security of business enterprises as they relate to private, retail, and industrial aspects;
- analyze the principles, techniques, strategies, theory, and scope of criminal investigations;
- trace the historical development and current structure of local, state, and federal court systems; and
- coordinate a successful job search.

FOUNDATION:

| | Quarter Credit Hours |
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| AOM 1010 Keyboarding | 4 |
| AOM 1100 Word Processing | 4 |
| EDU 1010 Learning Framework | 4 |
| EDU 1020 Career Exploration/Planning | 4 |
| Total Minimum Required Foundation Credits | 16 |

AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

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| CRJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice | 4 |
| CRJ 1050 Criminal Procedure | 4 |
| CRJ 1400 Introduction to Corrections | 4 |
| CRJ 1600 Criminal Justice Ethics | 4 |
| CRJ 2010 Criminology | 4 |
| CRJ 2030 Juvenile Justice | 4 |
| CRJ 2050 Police in America | 4 |
| CRJ 2480 Private Security | 4 |
| CRJ 3000 Criminal Investigations | 4 |
| CRJ 3030 White Collar Crime | 4 |
| CRJ 3150 Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 4 |
| CRJ 3470 Criminal Justice Management and Administration | 4 |
| CRJ 4000 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems | 4 |
| CRJ 4060 Terrorism | 4 |
| CRJ 4220 Corporate Security | 4 |
| CRJ 4320 Gangs | 4 |
| CRJ 4340 Organized Crime | 4 |
| CRJ 4400 Crime Scene Investigation | 4 |
| LGA 1800 Criminal Law | 4 |
| Total Minimum Required Area of Concentration Credits | 76 |

AREA OF CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES:

A minimum of 32 credit hours are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director from approved criminal justice and legal studies courses completed at Virginia College or transferred from another accredited institution. At least 8 credit hours must be 3000- and 4000-level courses.

Total Minimum Area of Concentration Elective Credits 32

GENERAL EDUCATION:

These courses are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director so as to effectuate a balanced educational program. Select a total (minimum) of 56 credit hours as indicated below. At least 10 credit hours must be 3000- and 4000-level courses.

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| Communications | 12 |
| Humanities and Fine Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 8 |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences | 8 |
| Approved General Education Electives | 24 |
| Total Minimum Required General Education Credits | 56 |

TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED 180

****Some courses within this program are only offered through online delivery.***