

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
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:		
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-related 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.		
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

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