

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE MAJOR

Justice Studies, B.A.

Please note: This program will no longer accept new enrollments after the Fall 2024 semester.

This major helps the student understand the need for public safety and how to prepare for, prevent, and protect against disasters, crimes, civil liberty violations, and national security concerns. This major also instructs students how forensic investigation is conducted to insure the safety of the public. Courses offered are traditional criminal justice courses along with modern areas of protection including emergency management, homeland security, cyber security investigations and criminalistics. Public Safety has changed significantly in the 21st Century. An understanding of the court system, laws, and procedures allows students to leave prepared to work in the court system, the criminal investigation field including criminal investigations and other areas of the justice system. The forensics aspect of the Safety Studies concentration introduces students to the discipline of criminal investigation, following evidence to obtain just results in the court system, in public safety organizations, and in the security and forensic operations of major corporations.

Degree requirements for the Public Safety and Justice major are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<i>University Core</i>		
Behavioral/Social Science Electives		6
BUS 204	Financial Wellness	1
ENG 114	Critical Reading and Response	3
ENG 124	Research and Writing in the Disciplines	3
or ENG 134	Literary Genres	
Humanities Electives		9
Mathematics Elective		3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	3
Science Electives (lab required)		7
WEL 100	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	3
or WEL 220	Empowered as Learners and Leaders	
WEL 350	Strategies for Career and Personal Growth	2
<i>Major Requirements</i>		
CRJ 120	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 202	Victimology and Criminology	3
CRJ 204	Principles of Policing	3
CRJ 222	Criminal Investigations and the Elements of Criminal Law	3
CRJ 275	Criminal Procedure for the Criminal Justice Professional	3
CRJ 300	Corrections	3
CRJ 310	Communicating in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 312	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 320	Probation and Parole	3
CRJ 342	The Juvenile Justice System	3
CRJ 402	Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional	3

Experiential Elective ¹		3
JUS 103	Perspectives on Justice	3
JUS 310	Justice and Conflict Resolution	3
JUS 415	Justice Advocacy and Leadership	3
JUS 440	Justice Studies Capstone	3
LAW 228	Conviction of the Innocent	3
<i>General Electives</i>		
General Electives		29
Total Credits Required		120

¹ Students must choose one of the following courses: JUS 498 Justice Studies Internship, WEL 400 Leadership in Practice, WEL 440 Leadership in Practice.