

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Students are expected to complete a minimum of 120 credit hours of course work and related activity in the Bachelor of Science program. This program provides both a strong core of professional courses as well as a varied liberal arts background. Students in this program are eligible to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Pre-Service Training Program, which certifies individuals to become eligible for employment as part-time law enforcement officers in the State of Maine, and receive six college credits as well. Students in this program may also be eligible to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Corrections Program, which certifies individual to become eligible for employment as a corrections officer in the State of Maine, and receive six college credits as well. Students in their last year of the program may choose to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Training Program to be eligible for employment as a full time law enforcement officer in the State of Maine and receive fifteen college credits as well. Students are also encouraged to do internships in law enforcement agencies, offices, and businesses for hands-on experiential learning. This program will prepare graduates for entry level positions and also for future advancement to leadership positions in the profession.

The programmatic outcomes for the B.S. Criminal Justice are:

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the following concepts: Theories of Criminal Behavior; The Law; Law Enforcement; Corrections; The Court System; Critical Thinking; Research Methodology and Statistics.
2. Graduating CJ majors will demonstrate excellent or outstanding understanding of the key concepts of Criminal Justice, Administration of Justice, Law Enforcement, Law Adjudication, Corrections, Criminological Theory, Research and Analytical Methods.
3. Students will apply ethical decision making skills and integrity in an ever-changing, global environment
4. Students will produce and present effective oral and written forms of communication appropriate to the profession
5. Students will analyze diversity issues in the criminal justice field
6. Students will evaluate the legal and social impacts of criminal law in our changing society
7. Students will apply critical problem solving and professional skills in an experiential learning environment

The following classes are required to complete this program of study.

General Education Courses

EH 105	College Writing *	3
HE 111	The Husson Experience ***	1
MS 132	Probability and Statistics	3
PY 111	General Psychology	3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective		3
Humanities Elective		3
Lab Science Elective		3-4
Literature Elective		3
Math I Elective		4

Natural Science, Social Science or History Elective		3
Perspectives Electives		6
Philosophical Elective		3
Professional Courses		
CJ 101	Intro to Justice & Pub Safety *	3
CJ 215	Police Operations *	3
CJ 221	Criminalistics	3
CJ 225	Criminal Procedure *	3
CJ 235	Criminology *	3
CJ 309	Constitutional Law	3
CJ 310	Mod Penology and Corrections	3
CJ 315	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 330	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 337	Interviewing and Interrogation	3
CJ 341	Investigations	3
CJ 400	Evidence	3
CJ 411	Crisis Intervention	3
CJ 435	Management & Criminal Justice	3
CJ 445	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
PL 200	Criminal Law *	3
Open Electives/ MCJA		12
BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Electives		21
Total Hours		122-123

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 101 *	3	CJ 225 *	3
EH 105 *	3	PY 111	3
HE 111 ***	1	Lab Science Elective	3-4
Humanities Elective	3	Perspectives Elective	3
Math I Elective	4	Perspectives Elective	3
Philosophical Elective	3		
	17		15-16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 215 *	3	CJ 221	3
MS 132	3	CJ 235 *	3
PL 200 *	3	CJ 400	3
Literature Elective	3	Foreign Culture & Conversation Elective	3
BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3	BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 309	3	CJ 315	3

CJ 310	3	CJ 337 (/MCJA)	3
CJ 341 (/MCJA)	3	CJ 435	3
BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3	Fine Arts Elective	3
BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3	BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3
15		15	

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 330 (MCJA)	3	CJ 411	3
CJ 445*	3	Natural Science, Social Science or History Elective	3
BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3	BA/CJ/CON/PL/PY Elective	3
Open Elective/M.C.J.A.	3	Open Elective/M.C.J.A.	3
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15		15	

Total Hours: 122-123

* "C" or better required in all courses marked

***Credit may not be required for degree completion.