CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR (B.S.)

Purpose
The purpose of the Criminal Justice major is to provide a foundational understanding of the history, philosophy, and practical issues that impact our criminal justice system in local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Students will stand out as Christ-centered, moral, ethical, and value-driven men and women with the skill sets necessary to excel as leaders in courts, corrections, and policing in all jurisdictions.

Program Learning Outcomes
The student will be able to:

1. Evaluate the nature of the criminal justice system from a biblical worldview.
2. Communicate effectively in both written and oral formats.
3. Demonstrate competence in the discipline of criminal justice.
4. Solve various criminal justice dilemmas.
5. Evaluate substantive and procedural criminal law from a Constitutional perspective.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Crime Scene Investigation - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Crime Scene Investigation - Resident
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Homeland Security - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Homeland Security - Resident
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Juvenile Justice - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Juvenile Justice - Resident
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Strategic Intelligence Studies - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Strategic Intelligence Studies - Resident

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Business Administration & Management - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Corrections & Human Services - Online
- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Criminal Psychology - Online

Delivery Format: Resident Only

- Criminal Justice (B.S.) - Advanced Investigative Studies - Resident

Career Opportunities

- Criminologist
- Customs Service Inspector
- Customs Special Agent
- Detective

- Federal Agent (various: CIA, DEA, FBI, U.S. Marshals, Secret Service, etc)
- Police Officer
- State Police
- Deputy Sheriff (County)
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Prosecutor’s Office
- Investigator
- Fraud Investigator
- Insurance Investigator
- Military Service

Courses

CJUS 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)
An introductory course covering an overview of the whole criminal justice system in America, including discussion of law enforcement generally, the court systems, correctional organizations, the history of law enforcement in the U.S. and some other nations, and the ethics and philosophy of criminal justice generally.

Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 210 Criminology 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is designed to provide an introduction to the social sciences, both in traditional and online venues. It covers plagiarism, APA formatting, case briefing, academic writing, formal reporting, and memoranda. A major research paper is required.

Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 230 Criminal Justice Research and Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an introductory course in criminal justice professional writing. It covers all major reports from first responder report to criminal case file. The emphasis is on criminal justice tradecraft reporting.

Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 231 Criminal Justice Report Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an introductory course in criminal justice professional writing. It covers all major reports from first responder report to criminal case file. The emphasis is on criminal justice tradecraft reporting.

Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 299 Internship 0 Credit Hour(s)
Registration Restrictions: Sophomore status, 2.00 GPA, two courses in major, declared major, not more than one CSER behind

Offered: Resident

CJUS 300 Administration of Justice Organizations 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the theoretical and practical management perspectives embraced by the American criminal justice system. This will include nature of criminal justice organizations, individual and group behavior within those organizations, processes inherent in those organizations, and areas of criminal justice reform from a Christian perspective.

Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 310 Juvenile Justice 3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230) and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)

Online Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course is designed to provide an in-depth study of the juvenile justice system in the United States. The student will study the general principles of juvenile delinquency, overview of the juvenile criminal justice system, theories of delinquency, and other issues dealing with juveniles in the justice system.

Offered: Resident and Online
CJUS 320 Corrections  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the criminal correctional system in the United States. The student will review the history of corrections and procedural, statutory, and case law of American correction.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 321 Juvenile Corrections  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
Examines the extent to which juvenile correctional interventions are used. Provides an in-depth analysis of various correctional responses to juvenile offenders including diversion, community-based, and residential programs.
Offered: Online

CJUS 322 Community Based Corrections  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
This course introduces the student to the new philosophies within corrections to establish successful rehabilitation programs in the community and outside of traditional prison settings. Students will analyze different programs that are being implemented nationally to include electronic monitoring, boot camps, and restorative justice programs.
Offered: Online

CJUS 323 Delinquency and Crime Prevention  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
Explores various strategies for prevention of adult and juvenile crime with particular attention to the theoretical and empirical bases for these approaches. Students will develop a crime prevention plan.
Offered: Online

CJUS 324 Legal and Ethical Issues in Juvenile Justice  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
An overview of legal issues and court decisions related to juvenile justice. An analysis of the various ethical issues surrounding juvenile justice contexts and practices.
Offered: Online

CJUS 330 Judicial Process  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course is designed to increase the understanding of the criminal judicial process in the United States. It includes a study of the functioning of courts, judges, lawyers and law enforcement agencies, including judicial decision-making and the impact of court decisions on the American Republic.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 340 Criminology  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course is designed to examine theories regarding the nature and cause of criminal behavior and society’s response. It approaches crime from a philosophical, psychological, and sociological perspective. Most importantly, this course strives to integrate a theological, perspective to crime and punishment. (Formerly CJUS 210).
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 350 Criminal Justice Ethics  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 230 and CJUS 200
This course is designed to build upon the biblical foundations students should have developed from other courses (such as BIBL 105/110 and THEO 200/201) and enhance foundational ethical considerations into more developed and practical notions of right behavior within the realm of criminal justice praxis.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 351 Criminal Justice Reform  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
This course is designed to provide an in-depth evaluation of current issues in the criminal justice system in the United States. Criminal justice reform is an explorative approach used to identify issues, problems, and policies that affect existing conditions in American law enforcement, courts, and correctional systems. Issues may include use of force, race relations, excessive punishment, and overcrowding in prisons, and this course will study these and similar current issues with a focus on meaningful and relevant reform approaches. Consequently, theory, current practices and policies, new and proposed relevant justice programs, and legislative and political agendas will be integral elements of the course.
Offered: Online

CJUS 356 Crisis Intervention for Criminal Justice  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 340
This course examines effective crisis intervention strategies for law enforcement agencies and helps inform students about the development of mental health community - law enforcement partnership teams throughout the United States. Students will not only gain theoretical knowledge about crisis intervention in law enforcement, but they will also gain practical skills in crisis intervention.
Offered: Online

CJUS 357 Evidence Based Community Corrections  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 340
This course is designed to provide an in-depth study of proven community corrections programs which are evidenced based and have demonstrated measurable success.
Offered: Online

CJUS 360 Introduction to Forensics  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
An introductory overview of forensics and how it is applied to the justice system by law enforcement agencies. This course demonstrates the importance of documenting physical evidence and identifying various kinds of evidence such as: fingerprints, trace, tool marks, DNA, etc.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 361 Crime Scene Photography  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
Students will learn and apply principles of photography in digital format. Within the field of forensic science, the use and understanding of photography is essential. The course will focus on the areas of aerial, underwater, and macro photography as used to document and present criminal investigations. Students must have access to a digital camera that has aperture settings (example: Sony P200) and a tripod.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 362 Crime Scene Management  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
This course will address critical thinking, resource management, supervision, and investigative failures in criminal investigations. A detailed explanation of how to effectively manage a forensics investigation and how to preserve and present evidence will be covered.
Offered: Resident and Online

CJUS 363 Computer and Cyber Forensics  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
The course will focus on the role of computer forensics and the methods used in the investigation of computer crimes. The course explains the need for proper investigation and illustrates the process of locating, handling, and processing computer evidence.
Offered: Online
CJUS 369 Court and Expert Witness Testimony 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
Introduction to the basics of court and expert witness testimony and relevant court decisions. This course offers relevant court testimony elements and practices for law enforcement, crime scene investigators, other experts including forensic scientists, engineers, psychologists, nurses, and accountants, and pre-law students. This course will brief relevant legal cases, explain courtroom processes, and present and practice effective courtroom presentations.
Offered: Resident and Online
CJUS 380 Introduction to Homeland Security 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
An introduction to the public and private sector dimension of the broad range theoretical and practical aspects of homeland security and emergency management, including: origins of natural and terrorist-caused disasters; local, state, and federal emergency management planning and operations; health infrastructure capabilities, public communication strategies; business community concerns; ethical, legal, and constitutional questions; as well as the social and psychological dimensions of disasters. NRF, NIMS, ICS, IC, and UC will be examined. Further, national and association standards found in agencies and documents such as Presidential Directives, NFPA 1600, IAEM, and IACP will be examined.
Offered: Online
CJUS 381 Incident Command System/Emergency Planning and Incident Management 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 380
An introduction to the basic tasks of emergency preparedness and disaster mitigation, including planning, response, and recovery. Special emphasis will be placed on command arrangements, coordination, and budgetary issues among emergency responders (law enforcement, firefighters, transportation, public works, and health care system officials), and within and between federal, state, and local governments.
Offered: Online
CJUS 382 Critical Infrastructure Protection 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 380
Identification, prioritization, and protection of critical infrastructure including agriculture, cyber and information technology, telecommunications, chemical, transportation, energy, water, medical, emergency services, and postal and shipping. Impact on personal safety, structural integrity and security, and economic performance.
Offered: Online
CJUS 383 Behavioral Dimensions of Disaster 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 380
This course focuses on the sociological, psychological, and physiological human responses to natural and human-made disasters. Students will examine normal and abnormal psychological reactions, the recovery process, and principles of mental health care for victims and responders of disasters. Differences between natural and human-made disasters are examined and factors that mitigate post-traumatic effects are reviewed. Response of the public and individuals to disaster-related issues including: disaster warning, evacuations, relations, civil unrest, loss of family and property, and recovery activities are examined. Sociological and psychological aspects of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) disasters are also considered. Students develop an awareness of the effect of human influence and behavior on disaster response and recovery.
Offered: Online
CJUS 400 Criminal Law 3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230) or (GOVT 200 and GOVT 346)
This course is designed to provide an overview of the legal elements that apply to criminal law, procedure, and evidence, including proof, intent, conspiracy, classifications of crimes and related punishments, culpable mental states, defenses, rules of evidence (including the exclusionary rule), and rights and procedures in the gathering of evidence.
Offered: Resident and Online
CJUS 405 Interview and Interrogation 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230
CJUS 405 - Interview and Interrogation (3 hours)
Note: Extra costs above tuition and fees apply.
Offered: Resident
CJUS 410 Constitutional Criminal Procedure 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 230 and CJUS 200) or (GOVT 200 and GOVT 346)
This course is designed to study the constitutional provisions and Supreme Court decisions affecting law enforcement procedure, including due process of law generally, arrest, charges, right to counsel, search and seizure, identification, bail, trial and post-trial proceedings, and post-conviction appeals. The course also investigates civil liability for acts of law enforcement personnel.
Offered: Resident and Online
CJUS 420 Criminal Investigations I 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230)
This course will address the constitutional requirements for conducting criminal investigations, essential techniques for processing a crime scene, and methodology for collecting evidence via subpoenas and interviews.
Note: Offered fall semester
Offered: Resident and Online
CJUS 421 Criminal Investigations II 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 230 and CJUS 420) or (GOVT 346 and CJUS 420)
This course will apply the concepts addressed in CJUS 420 to specific crimes, including arson, rape, robbery, and murder. Additionally, the course examines the practices and procedures associated with the management of complex criminal investigations.
Note: Offered spring semester only
Offered: Resident
CJUS 422 Forensics Colloquium 1 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 230 and CJUS 200
This course is a collection of practically oriented lectures, demonstrations, and short films specifically tailored to students interested in the application of scientific processes in identifying, locating, apprehending, and prosecuting criminal offenders. It will draw on practitioners within the various fields of the forensic science, police, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. This course is elective. Criminal Justice majors should consider enrolling for three semesters.
Offered: Resident
CJUS 423 Criminal Investigations III 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 200 and CJUS 230 and CJUS 420
This course is a study in complex criminal investigations, primarily sexual assaults. The course covers the practical and effective investigative techniques and strategies used in sexual assault investigations. Investigative techniques taught in this course include victimology, crime scene processing, physical evidence, medical evaluations, forensic analyses, interviews of witnesses and interrogation of suspects, cold case investigations, sexual assault offender characteristics, sexual assault research, and court testimony.
Offered: Resident

CJUS 440 Criminal Investigations 3 Credit Hour(s)

CJUS 450 Comparative Criminal Justice Field Study 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230) or (CJUS 200 and GOVT 346)
This course is a predominantly on-site investigation into the institutions, processes, and practices of criminal justice in various foreign countries. It seeks to examine the historical development of criminal justice, the cross-cultural and economic impact of international crime, and competing notions of justice, crime, and punishment. This course is offered annually or bi-annually, as needed.
Note: Summer term only
Offered: Resident

CJUS 497 Special Topics 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (CJUS 200 and CJUS 230) or (CJUS 200 and GOVT 346)
Offered: Resident

CJUS 499 Criminal Justice Internship 1-6 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CJUS 230
Applications are processed through the department Faculty Intern Advisor. Applicants must apply the semester prior to starting the internship.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior status and required GPA
Offered: Resident and Online