

# Criminal Justice

at Benedictine University

## **Why study criminal justice at Benedictine University?**

Criminal Justice is the scientific study of the variety of ways in which the various components of the criminal justice system work together from the creation of laws to the treatment of those who violate laws. Studying criminal justice at Benedictine University provides a student with a well-rounded, liberal arts preparation to work in the areas of law enforcement, probation and parole, and the judicial system. The program can also serve as a basis for graduate work in criminal justice or as a foundation for students who want to attend law school to become a criminal law attorney.

## **What does a degree in Criminal Justice at Benedictine offer?**

Studying criminal justice at Benedictine University teaches students to be critical thinkers; to acquire, understand and synthesize knowledge pertaining to the criminal justice system; to learn research methodology and how it can be applied to questions of the correctional process and law creation, law enforcement and criminological theory; and to solve problems independently and cooperatively. Students also study the political, social and cultural forces that shape the criminal justice system.

## **What careers are available for Criminal Justice majors?**

A degree in Criminal Justice can open the door to a number of careers – lawyer, judge, police officer, crime scene investigator, youth counselor and probation officer. Positions can be found on the local, state and federal levels and in the private sector.

## **How does the program work?**

The Criminal Justice major is offered through the Department of Sociology and Psychology with cooperation of the Department of Political Science and includes a field placement component. As a Criminal Justice major, students develop a foundation in American government, ethics and cultural heritage. They learn the fundamentals of juvenile justice, delinquency and crime, criminal investigation techniques and research methodology. Advanced students learn criminal investigation methods and statistics methodology. They gain a broad background in criminal law.

# Recommended Program

## Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

### FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Mathematics (MATH S105, S108 or S110)	3
Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJUS 260)	3
Natural Science core elective	3
American Government (PLSC 102)	3
	<b>15</b>

Basic Speech (SPCH 110)	3
Research Writing (WRIT 102)	3
Principles of Sociology (SOCL 100)	3
Ethics (Philosophy core elective)	3
Social Problems (CJUS 240)	3
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### JUNIOR

Correctional Systems (CJUS 306)	3
Introduction to Statistics (CJUS 150)	3
Physical Sciences core elective	3
Introduction to Economics	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 240)	3
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Survey of Criminal Investigation	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 250)	3
Statistics II (CJUS 251)	3
Electives	6
	<b>15</b>

### SOPHOMORE

Juvenile Justice	3
Religious Studies core elective	3
Life Science core elective	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 220)	3
State and Local Government	3
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Crime and Delinquency (CJUS 321)	3
Literature core elective	3
Cultural Anthropology	3
Cultural Heritage (HUMN 230)	3
Elective	3
	<b>15</b>

### SENIOR

Clinical Practicum Lab (CJUS 356)	4
Research Methods (CJUS 299)	3
Criminal Law	3
Electives	5
	<b>15</b>

Senior Thesis (CJUS 395)	3
Field Placement (CJUS 390)	3
Ethics in Policing	3
Fine Arts/Music	3
Elective	3
	<b>15</b>