

Criminal Justice, B.S.

Program Description

The Criminal Justice system is an institution that is at the crux of societal concern. When individuals are asked to define major social problems, the fear of and response to crime are found at the top of the list. People not only want to have a better understanding of these problems; many also want to become a part of the solution. It is these individuals who will be the primary beneficiaries of the Criminal Justice major at KSU. The secondary beneficiaries are members of the community; university educated criminal justice personnel make better criminal justice practitioners. This program of study is timely and relevant. It infuses knowledge about interpersonal communication skills, multicultural issues, leadership and management concerns, moral and ethical considerations, and technological applications into the coursework.

The program is appropriate for pre-service as well as in-service students.



This program is a part of Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Admission, Enrollment, Graduation Policies

Admission Requirements

This program does not have specific admission requirements and only admission to Kennesaw State University is required. For more information, please visit the Admissions section of the Catalog.

Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

Program Course Requirements

Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

Statistics Pathway

This program recommends the Statistics Pathway with students taking the following courses in the General Education Core IMPACTS: STAT 1401 in Mathematics & Quantitative Skills, and DATA 1501 in Applied Math.

Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

- CRJU 1101: Foundations of Criminal Justice
 - CRJU 2201: Crimes and Defenses
 - SOCI 1101: Introduction to Sociology
- Select three of the following:
- ACCT 2101: Principles of Accounting I
 - COMM 2240: Communication Law, Ethics and Diversity
 - GEOG 1130: World Regional Geography
 - HS 2100: Overview of Human Services
 - ICT 2101: Information and Communications Technology
 - LDRS 2100: Leadership & Historic Social Movements
 - POLS 2212: State and Local Government
 - SOCI 2251: Social Problems
 - SPAN 2034: Spanish for Criminal Justice
 - FL 1001: Elementary Foreign Language and Culture I
- OR
- SPAN 1001: Elementary Spanish I

Major Requirements (30 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Required Courses (27 Credit Hours)

- CRJU 3300: Criminal Courts
 - CRJU 3301: Research Methods in Criminal Justice
 - CRJU 3315: Criminal Procedure
 - CRJU 3332: Corrections
 - CRJU 4100: Ethics in Criminal Justice
 - CRJU 4499: Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice
 - SOCI 4432: Criminology
 - CRJU 3310: Police in America
- OR
- CRJU 3311: Police Administration
- Complete three credit hours from one of the following:
- CRJU 3396: Cooperative Study
- OR

- CRJU 3398: Internship
OR
- SA 4490: Upper-division Study Abroad

Cultural Diversity (3 Credit Hours)

Select 3 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- CRJU 3355: Race, Crime, and Justice
- SOCI 3314: Race and Ethnicity
- SOCI 3350: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender
- ANTH 3307: Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 3310: Cultural Diversity in the U.S.

Major Electives (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Criminal Justice Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- CRJU 3305: Technology and Criminal Justice
- CRJU 3310: Police in America
- CRJU 3311: Police Administration
- CRJU 3312: State and Federal Law Enforcement Initiatives
- CRJU 3320: Criminal Investigation
- CRJU 3340: Legal Analysis
- CRJU 3352: Juvenile Justice
- CRJU 3355: Race, Crime, and Justice
- CRJU 3365: Profile of the Serial Offender
- CRJU 3398: Internship
- CRJU 3400: Ideological/Group Violence and Law Enforcement
- CRJU 4300: Organized Crime
- CRJU 4305: Technology and Cyber Crime
- CRJU 4400: Directed Study in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 4410: Criminal Profiling and Analysis
- CRJU 4430: Victimology
- CRJU 4490: Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- SOCI 3360: Sociology of Violence
- SOCI 4200: Drugs, Alcohol, and Society

- SOCI 4442: Deviance and Social Control

Related Studies (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the following prefixes: AADS, AMST, ANTH, ASIA, BIOL, BUSA, CHEM, COM, CRJU, ECON, ENGL, ENVS, EUST, FILM, FL, GEOG, GIS, GWST, HIST, HON, IAD, ISD, JOUR, LING, MENT, MILS, ORGC, PAX, PHIL, POLS, PR, PSYC, RELS, SA, SCI, SOCI, SPAN, STAT, STS, TCID, TCOM, WRIT.

University Electives (12 Credit Hours)

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Free Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Program Total (120 Credit Hours)