Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

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Program available at our Los Angeles Campus beginning in September 2014.

Are you captivated by crime and justice issues? The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration at National University will prepare you for a number of meaningful career paths to tackle these challenging societal issues. You will emerge with a broad knowledge of the justice system and criminology and can move on to diverse career options, including ATF agent, law clerk, juvenile counselor, Border Patrol officer, narcotics investigator, police officer, FBI agent, and many more exciting possibilities in the public and private sectors.

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degree is designed to meet the educational and professional needs of individuals in law enforcement who are interested in professional development or career advancement. It also prepares individuals for challenging and dynamic careers in the justice system at the local, state, and federal levels. Individuals completing the program are prepared for entry- and advanced-level positions, teaching, or training assignments, private security employment, research, or employment as consultants within the field.

The major consists of upper-division courses that include basic forensic science, research methods, juvenile justice, corrections, criminology, leadership and management, civil and criminal investigations, court systems, criminal law, and a senior research project supervised by full-time, associate, and select core adjunct faculty. Additionally, students select elective courses from psychology, sociology, addictive disorders, behavioral science, legal studies, information technology, and human resource management to provide a broader perspective in human behavior.

Transition Programs

There are three transition programs available to students in the Criminal Justice program:

- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) Program
- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Forensic Science (MFS) Program
- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

The transition program allows students who are enrolled in the BS in Criminal Justice Administration with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and who are within completing their last six courses to register for two courses in the MCJ, MFS, or MPA program as electives for the bachelor’s degree. The two graduate courses are restricted to those that do not require a prerequisite. Students must complete all transition program coursework with a grade of B or better. Students pursuing the BSCJ/MPA program can take any two courses (with the exception of PAD 631 and PAD 644). Students pursuing the BSCJ/MCJ or BSCJ/MFS can choose any two classes which do not require prerequisites. The number of courses required to earn an MCJ, MFS or MPA degree for transition program students is reduced from 12 to as few as 10 courses. Graduate-level coursework taken as part of the criminal justice administration program cannot be applied to the Master of Criminal Justice, Master of Forensic Science program or the Master of Public Administration program, nor will it transfer as graduate level credit to any other university because it becomes part of the undergraduate degree program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Synthesize the contributions of the various forensic science disciplines to the current detection and solving of crimes.
- Develop research designs to address current problems in criminal justice.
- Discuss the causes and patterns of juvenile delinquency.
- Apply biological, psychological, sociological, and economic explanations for criminal behavior from a variety of disciplines.
- Discuss the leadership and management styles in law enforcement.
- Analyze the role of criminal sanctions in relationship to victims and offenders.
- Analyze the problems within the criminal justice system.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, and a minimum 70.5 units of University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree. The following courses are specific degree requirements. Refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information regarding application and evaluation.

**Preparation for the Major**
(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

CJA 229** Introduction to Policing

** Students who are currently in law enforcement should contact the Lead Faculty for any potential course waiver.

**Requirements for the Major**
(9 courses; 40.5 quarter units)

CJA 449 Research Methods
CJA 431 Criminology
CJA 337 The Juvenile Offender
CJA 446 CJ Management and Leadership
CJA 460 Principles of Investigation
CJA 351 Courts & the Judicial Process
CJA 352 Criminal Law and Procedure
CJA 340 Corrections
CJA 470* Supervised CJ Senior Project
Prerequisite: CJA 449

* A two-month course that meets once per week for 4.5 quarter units.

(Grading is by H, S, and U only.) Accelerated study is not permitted with CJA 470.

Students who do not complete the Senior Project within the two-month period are eligible, at the discretion of the instructor, to receive a grade of “IP” with a maximum of a one-time six month extension. Students who do not complete the project at the end of the extension period will need to retake CJA 470. No grade of “I” (Incomplete) can be given for this course.

**Upper-Division Electives**
(7 courses; 31.5 quarter units)

Students must complete a minimum of 7 courses (31.5 quarter units) of electives from the list below.

CJA 400 Gangs in America
CJA 401 Criminal Intelligence
CJA 434 Survey of Forensic Sciences
CJA 443 Curr Issues in Law Enforcement
CJA 441 Organized & White Collar Crime
CJA 448 Violence and Society
CJA 356 Criminal Evidence
CJA 457 Minorities/Crime/Soc. Justice
CJA 464 Constitutional Law for CJ
CJA 465 Practicum in Criminal Justice 1.5 - 4.5
CJA 467 Intl. & Domestic Terrorism
HUB 420 Human Communication
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100
HRM 409B Survey in HRM & OD
HRM 432 Recruiting, Selection, Promo, Ret
ODV 420 Intro to Organizational Behav
HUB 410 Psychology for Managers
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100
PSY 437 Theories of Psychotherapy
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101, and PSY 100
SOC 445 Contemporary Social Problems
Prerequisite: ENG 100, and ENG 101
CJA 458 Financial Investigations

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For more complete information, see the National University General Catalog 76, published 9/12