

Academic Programs and Degree Plans

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PURPOSE AND GOALS

The School of Juvenile Justice & Psychology offers undergraduate courses leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice or Criminal Justice with a Specialization in Juvenile Justice as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. The School also offers graduate courses leading to a Master of Science Degree in Juvenile Justice, a Master of Science Degree in Juvenile Forensic Psychology, and a Ph.D. Degree in Juvenile Justice.

The School of Juvenile Justice & Psychology is committed to preparing students to be nationally competitive for graduate education and careers in criminal/juvenile justice and psychology. The psychology curriculum is designed to ensure that the student acquires the research and knowledge competence for entry in the chosen area of specialization. The criminal justice program and the specialization in juvenile justice are designed to produce graduates who are skilled in improving the life experiences of youths in the juvenile/criminal justice systems, law enforcement, and child-helping organizations.

INSTRUCTIONAL ORGANIZATION

The School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology offers undergraduate courses leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in the following areas:

Degree Programs	Degrees Offered
<i>Criminal Justice</i>	B.S.C.J.
<i>Criminal Justice with Specialization in Juvenile Justice</i>	B.S.C.J.
<i>Psychology</i>	B.S.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE
SPECIALIZATION**

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The criminal justice program is designed to produce proficient graduates who can excel in various aspects of the field in leadership, service, research and innovation. Criminal justice majors will have the benefit of an informed and caring faculty to challenge them in their preparation to meet the demands of today's workplace and the nation's most rigorous graduate programs.

HONOR SOCIETIES, CLUB AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Phi Sigma - National Honor Society in Criminal Justice. The Honor Society was created to recognize scholarship among students of Criminal Justice and provide them with opportunities to attend various conferences sponsored by the national organization. Students are also provided information about opportunities in careers in Criminal Justice as well as education opportunities in graduate and professional schools.

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice - Student Division. This is a national organization of Criminal Justice Professionals who provide its members with current information about the field of Criminal Justice. The Prairie View Chapter is one of the largest student chapters and provides its members with opportunities to attend various conferences sponsored by the national organization and regional chapters. Students also have access to career counseling and information about career opportunities with various federal, state and local agencies.

The Criminal Justice Club. This organization is open to any student majoring or minoring in Criminal Justice at this institution. The primary purpose of the organization is to provide its members with information about career opportunities and graduate and professional educational opportunities in the field. They also provide a forum for various recruiters to speak to its members and they also take field trip to area criminal justice agencies to observe and speak with professionals.

The Blackstone Pre-Law Society. This group is open to any student at the University who has an interest in pursuing a career in law. The organization provides information about applying and gaining admissions to both law school and graduate school. They sponsor trips to area law schools and the annual Law School Forum where over 100 law school participate. The group also provides information about the LSAT and GRE exams. Finally, Blackstone invites law school recruiters and laws students to visit our campus and provide information about their particular schools.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students majoring in criminal justice must earn a grade of "C" or better in all criminal justice courses to graduate.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum42 SCH
School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology students must complete SPAN 1013 (recommended) or FREN 1013 to satisfy the language requirement.

School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology Requirements 6 SCH
 Foreign Language Electives (one language).
 Spanish is the recommended language.

Support Area Requirements..... 3 SCH
 PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I

Major Requirements for Criminal Justice.....42 SCH
 CRJS 1111, 1133, 2413, 2513, 2613, 2713, 3313, 3623, 3823 and 17 hours of criminal justice electives

Electives available to Criminal Justice Majors for a Minor24 SCH
 (When a minor is selected in another degree program 24 semester hours are required. If the minor requires more than 24 hours use unrestricted electives). Students are advised to select minors in fields that are supportive of the criminal justice profession such as business, economics, sociology, political science or Spanish.

Unrestricted Electives 7 SCH
 If no minor is selected total unrestricted electives would be 31 hours. Students are advised to select electives in fields that are supportive of the criminal justice profession such as business, economics, sociology, political science or Spanish.

Total Degree Requirements124 SCH

Minor in Criminal Justice for Majors in other Disciplines.....27 SCH
 CRJS 1133, 2413, 2513, 2613, 2713, 3313, 3623 and six hours of criminal justice electives

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR					
<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
CRJS 1111	Seminar in Criminal Justice	1	CRJS 2613	Court Systems and Practice	3
CRJS 1133	Prin. of Criminal Justice	3	ENGL 1133	Freshman Composition II	3
ENGL 1123	Freshman Composition I	3	POSC 1123	American Government II	3
MATH 1113	College Algebra	3	BIOL 1113	College Biology	3
POSC 1113	American Government I	3		Visual and Performing Arts	3
SPCH 1003	Fundamentals of Speech	3		Computing	3
Total		16	Total		18

SOPHOMORE YEAR					
<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
CRJS 2513	Corrections: Systems	3	CRJS 2713	Juvenile Justice Systems	3
HIST 1313	U.S. to 1876	3	CRJS 2413	Police Systems and Practice	3
	Electives (Minor)	6	HIST 1323	The U.S.-1876 to Present	3
PHSC 1123	Physical Science Survey	3		Social or Behavioral Science Option	3
			SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	3
Total		15	Total		15

JUNIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 2613	Statistics for Psychology I	3	CRJS 3623	Criminal Law I	3
CRJS 3823	Criminal Justice Research I	3		CRJS Electives	6
CRJS 3313	Criminal Justice Policy	3		Electives (Minor)	9
	CRJS Elective	3			
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	3			
Total		15	Total		18

SENIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
	CRJS Electives	9		CRJS Electives	9
CRJS 4323	Management Principles	3		Elective (Minor)	3
	Elective (Minor)	3		Humanities	3
Total		15	Total		15

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH SPECIALIZATION IN JUVENILE JUSTICE DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum	42 SCH
School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology students must complete SPAN 1013 (recommended) or FREN 1013 to satisfy the language requirement.	
School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology Requirements	6 SCH
Spanish or French. Spanish is the recommended language.	
Support Area Requirements	3 SCH
PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I	
Major Requirements for Criminal Justice with Juvenile Justice Specialization	42 SCH
CRJS 1111, 1133, 2613, 2413, 2713, 2723, 2743, 3823, 2513, 3313, 3623, 3733 and 8 hours of criminal justice electives	
Electives Available to Criminal Justice with Juvenile Justice Specialization Majors as a Minor	24 SCH
(When a minor is selected in another degree program 24 semester hours. If the minor requires more than 24 hours use unrestricted electives). Students are advised to select minors in fields that are supportive of the criminal justice profession such as business, economics, sociology, political science or Spanish.	
Unrestricted Electives	7 SCH
If no minor is selected total unrestricted electives would be 31 hours. Students are advised to select electives in fields that are supportive of the criminal justice profession such as business, economics, sociology, political science or Spanish.	
Total Degree Requirements	124 SCH

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH SPECIALIZATION IN JUVENILE JUSTICE SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CRJS 1111 Seminar in Criminal Justice	1	CRJS 2613 Court Systems and Practice	3
CRJS 1133 Prin. of Criminal Justice	3	ENGL 1133 Freshman Composition II	3
ENGL 1123 Freshman Composition I	3	POSC 1123 American Government II	3
MATH 1113 College Algebra	3	BIOL 1123 College Biology	3
POSC 1113 American Government I	3	Visual and Performing Arts	3
SPCH 1003 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Computing	3
Total	16	Total	18

SOPHOMORE YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CRJS 2513 Corrections: Systems	3	CRJS 2713 Juvenile Justice Systems	3
HIST 1313 U.S. to 1876	3	CRJS 2413 Police Systems and Practice	3
Electives (Minor)	6	HIST 1323 The U.S.-1876 to Present	3
PHSC 1123 Physical Science Survey	3	Social or Behavioral Science Option	3
		Elementary Spanish I	3
Total	15	Total	15

JUNIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I	3	CRJS 3623 Criminal Law I	3
CRJS 3823 Criminal Justice Research I	3	CRJS Elective	3
CRJS 3313 Criminal Justice Policy	3	CRJS 2743 Law of Juvenile Justice	3
CRJS Elective	3	Electives (Minor)	6
SPAN 1023 Elementary Spanish II	3		
Total	15	Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
CRJS Elective	3	CRJS Electives	9
CRJS 4323 Management Principles	3	Elective (Minor)	3
CRJS 3733 Juvenile Probation and Parole	3	Humanities	3
Electives (Minor)	6		
Total	15	Total	15

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM

The School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology offers undergraduate courses leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Psychology. The psychology curriculum is designed to prepare a pathway for students to enter their chosen area of psychology specialization. Students are closely advised to help them make knowledgeable decisions regarding their professional direction. Particular focus is placed on developing the student's research skills, and knowledge of physiological psychology. The rigorous nature of this program will assist students in being nationally competitive in the workplace and for graduate school admission.

HONOR SOCIETIES, CLUB AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests, and who meet the minimum qualifications. *Psi Chi* is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS). *Psi Chi*'s sister honor society is *Psi Beta*, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges.

PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum	42 SCH
School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology students must complete SPAN 1013 (recommended) or FREN 1013 to satisfy the language requirement.	
School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology Requirements	6 SCH
Foreign Language Electives (one language) Spanish is the recommended language.	
Major Requirements	40 SCH
PSYC 1111, 1113, 2423, 2613, 3223, 3433, 3613, 4443, 4613 and 15 hours electives in psychology	
Support Area Requirements	4 SCH
BIOL 1054.....	4 SCH
Minor Requirements	21 SCH
Psychology majors are required to choose a minor of at least 21 credit hours from minors offered by the various colleges/schools. Each student is expected to select a minor in consultation with his/her advisor.	
Unrestricted Electives	11 SCH
Total Degree Requirements	124 SCH
Minor in Psychology for Majors in other Disciplines	21 SCH
PSYC 1113 General Psychology.....	3 SCH
PSYC 2423 Developmental Psychology	3 SCH
PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I.....	3 SCH
PSYC 4613 Physiological Psychology.....	3 SCH
PSYC Electives	9 SCH

PSYCHOLOGY SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR					
<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 1111	Introductory Seminar in Psychology	1	SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	3
MATH 1113	College Algebra	3	HIST 1323	The U.S.-1876 to Present	3
SPCH 1003	Fund of Speech Communication	3	ENGL 1113	Freshman Composition II	3
HIST 1313	U.S. to 1876	3		Humanities	3
ENGL 1123	Freshman Composition I	3	PSYC 1113	General Psychology	3
	Visual and Performing Arts	3			
Total		16	Total		15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I	3	PSYC 2423 Developmental Psychology	3
SPAN 1023 Elementary Spanish II	3	Elective (Minor)	3
POSC 1113 American Government I	3	POSC 1123 American Government II	3
Natural Science	3	COMP 1013 Introduction to Computer Science	3
PHIL 2013 introduction to Philosophy	3	BIOL 1054 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Total	15	Total	16

JUNIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 3613 Statistics for Psychology II	3	PSYC 3433 Experimental Psychology	3
Electives (Psychology)	6	Electives (Psychology)	9
PSYC 3223 Abnormal Psychology	3	Elective (Minor)	3
PSYC 4613 Physiological Psychology	3		
Total	15	Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Hours</i>
PSYC 4443 Research Methods	3	Electives (Minor)	6
Electives (Minor)	9	Electives (Unrestricted)	6
Elective (Unrestricted)	3	Natural Science	3
Total	15	Total	15