

# SCHOOL OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The School of Human Services and Social Sciences offers quality academic programs through traditional, hybrid, and online course offerings. We proudly serve students from the State of Alabama, as well as, students from all over the world who want an excellent education. Our school offers professional degree programs for immediate careers at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral level and preparation for success in graduate school.

Our faculty and staff seek to serve students in a manner that leads to transformative educational and interpersonal experiences. Students work with accomplished faculty who are engaged in innovative forms of teaching, scholarship, and service. The goal of our school is to provide students with opportunities and experiences that lead to life-long personal and professional success. Graduates are prepared for careers in criminal justice and forensics, emergency management and disaster preparedness, political science and public administration, psychology, sociology, social work, and military and veteran services.

## **ALBERT P. BREWER DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**126 BREWER HALL**

**Department Head: Richards P. Davis**

**Professor: Davis, Kania, R. Mellen**

**Associate Professor: Buttram, Morgan**

**Assistant Professor: Lang, Murtagh**

**Instructor: Haney, Patton, Pearce**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR**

The Department of Criminal Justice merges liberal arts and professional studies into a well-balanced curriculum. A Bachelor of Science with a major in criminal justice is a solid foundation for law school or graduate study, in addition to being a superb preparation for employment in the rapidly growing field of criminal justice. The core courses provide a basic understanding of the nature of crime and society's reaction to crime, as well as an in-depth investigation of the various components within the criminal justice system. Studies in concentration areas provide students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills which enhance future employment and serve as a basis for advanced studies.

## **ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS**

**Concentration in Corrections.** This concentration prepares students for working with individuals who have been placed under the custody of the correctional system. The purpose of corrections is two-fold: to punish individuals who have committed crimes and to rehabilitate those same individuals for successful re-entry into society. Studies in juvenile justice examine the treatment of juvenile offenders.

**Concentration in Forensic Investigations.** This concentration prepares students for careers as criminal investigators or crime scene technicians. It provides insights into basic investigative skills, as well as specialized skills in drug, homicide, sex offenses, child abuse, and arson investigations. The main theme of forensic investigations, however, is crime scene processing, identification and collection of physical evidence, and the presentation of evidence into a court of law.

**Concentration in Law Enforcement.** This concentration focuses on the study of the role and functions of police organizations as agents of crime prevention in a democratic society, including an understanding of police history, organizational structure, policies, planning, and coordination between various police organizations. The importance of establishing and maintaining positive, supportive relations with the public is an area of special interest.

## PLAN OF STUDY

The Bachelor of Science with a major in Criminal Justice requires the following, which meets the general academic regulations: a minimum of 120 hours consisting of 50 hours of general studies courses; 18 hours of criminal justice core courses; 24 hours in a criminal justice concentration; and 28 hours of minor and elective courses.

**NOTE:** Criminal Justice majors **must** obtain a minor outside the department. Students selecting the Forensic Investigations concentration must select a minor in one of the following disciplines: Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Finance, Geography, Physics, or Psychology. Chemistry is the minor most highly recommended. A second minor in Spanish is encouraged. For all other Criminal Justice concentrations, Spanish is the preferred minor or co-minor.

### Criminal Justice Core Curriculum

#### 18 hours required for all CJ majors

CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 hours
CJ 201	Criminal Law	3 hours
CJ 300	Theories of Crime Causation	3 hours
CJ 302	Research Methods	3 hours
CJ/FI 225 or CJ 325	Criminal Courts	3 hours
Select one course from the following:		
Senior Internship: CJ/FI 472 or Senior Seminar: CJ/FI 494/497, 495/498 or 496/499		3 hours

#### Corrections Concentration - 24 hours

CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	3 hours
CJ 310	Criminal Behavior and Rehabilitation Strategies	3 hours
CJ 311	Correctional Techniques	3 hours
CJ 315	Community-Based Corrections	3 hours
CJ 322	Juvenile Agencies	3 hours
	+9 hours of CJ electives	

#### Forensic Investigations Concentration - 24 hours

CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3 hours
FI 204 or CJ 304	Introduction to Forensic Investigations	3 hours
FI 310 or CJ 430	Criminalistics	3 hours
FI 340 or CJ 456	Homicide Investigation	3 hours
CJ/FI 320 or CJ 460	Criminal Investigation	3 hours
	+9 hours of CJ electives	

#### Law Enforcement Concentration - 24 hours

CJ 202	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3 hours
CJ 363	Foundations of Law Enforcement	3 hours
CJ 370	Police Administration	3 hours
CJ 402	Police and Community Relations	3 hours
CJ/FI 320 or CJ 460	Criminal Investigation	3 hours
	+9 hours of CJ electives	

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Courses credited within the core or a concentration will not be credited within another concentration or minor.

Students who are not majoring in Criminal Justice may minor in Criminal Justice, Corrections, Forensic Investigations, or Law Enforcement. Each minor requires a minimum of 21 credit hours. A minor in Criminal Justice consists of CJ 101, 200, 201, 202, 300, 325 and three hours of CJ electives. A minor in Corrections consists of CJ 101, 200, 310, 311, 315, 322, and three hours of CJ electives. A minor in Forensic Investigations consists of CJ 101, 202, FI 204 or CJ 304, FI 310 or CJ 430, FI 340 or CJ 456, CJ/FI 320 or CJ 460, and three hours of CJ electives.

A minor in Law Enforcement consists of CJ 101, 202, 363, 370, 402, CJ/FI 320 or CJ 460, and three hours of CJ electives.

**PLAN OF STUDY  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

*In addition to courses noted below, candidates for graduation must successfully complete all JSU Academic Regulations.*

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

Fall	Spring
EH 101 .....3	EH 102 .....3
HY sequence .....3	HY sequence .....3
Natural Science .....4	Natural Science .....4
CJ 101 .....3	CJ 200 or CJ 202 or FI 204 or CJ 304 .....3
MS 110/112 .....3	MS 204 or approved alternate .....3
STU 101 .....0	
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16	16

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

Fall	Spring
Literature* .....3	Literature* .....3
EH 141 .....3	Fine Arts Elective .....3
CS 201 .....3	PSY 201 .....3
CJ 300 .....3	CJ 201 .....3
CJ Concentration .....3	SY 221 .....3
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15	15

**JUNIOR YEAR**

Fall	Spring
CJ/FI 302 .....3	CJ Concentration .....6
PSC 100 .....3	Minor/General Electives .....5
CJ Concentration .....6	CJ/FI 225 or CJ 325 .....3
Minor/General Electives .....3	
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15	14

**SENIOR YEAR**

Fall	Spring
CJ Concentration .....6	Minor/General Electives .....11
Minor/General Electives .....9	Internship (CJ/FI 472) or Senior Seminar (CJ/FI 494/497, 495/498, or 496/499) ..... 3
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15	14

**TOTAL HOURS: 120**

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\*Select from these courses: EH 201, 202, 203, 204, 219, 220, 231, or 232.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ) and FORENSIC INVESTIGATION (FI) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Core Courses:

- CJ 101. Introduction to Criminal Justice (3).** Survey of the agencies and processes involved in the criminal justice system: the police, the prosecutor, the public defender, the courts, and corrections.
- CJ 201. Criminal Law (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Analysis of the origin and sources of criminal law, as well as definition of parties to crimes and affirmative defenses. Discussion of specific crimes of common law and in-state and national statutes.
- CJ/FI 225. Criminal Courts (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* An analysis of the roles of the criminal courts in their interactions with the other major participants in the criminal justice system; court structure and functions; selected critical cases and key issues, such as sentencing and plea bargaining. (Formerly CJ 325.)
- CJ 300. Theories of Crime Causation (3).** An examination of biological, psychological, sociological, political and economic theories of crime causation.
- CJ/FI 302. Research Methods (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* An introduction to the theory, design, collection, and analysis of data in criminal justice research.

### Courses That May Count as Requirements or Electives Toward Any One Concentration or Minor:

- CJ 200. Introduction to Corrections (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Philosophical foundations of punishments, historical developments in American penology. Corrections in contemporary America.
- CJ 202. Introduction to Law Enforcement (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* The development of contemporary American police. Law enforcement role, philosophy, values, culture, discretion, organizational control, accountability, corruption, misconduct, police-community relations, and future trends.
- FI 204. Introduction to Forensic Investigations (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Introduction to the development of Forensic Investigations and its contribution to the Criminal Justice System and the applications of the scientific discipline to the examination and analysis of physical evidence. (Formerly CJ 304.)
- CJ 205. Legal Research and Records (3)** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Study of essential legal research skills and knowledge about acquiring legal information from the statutes, case-law books, legal records, on-line data retrieval services and other legal resources, and essential content of key reports and documents currently used in the courts.
- CJ 310. Criminal Behavior and Rehabilitation Strategies (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200.* A study of criminal behavior from a psychological perspective with correctional rehabilitation programs and strategies serving as the focus. The effectiveness of various correctional institutions and their programs and strategies will also be examined.
- FI 310. Criminalistics (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 204 or CJ 304.* Methods of scientific analysis, comparison and identification of physical evidence; blood and body fluids, casts and molds, detective dyes, fingerprints, and trace evidence. (Formerly CJ 430.)
- CJ 311. Correctional Techniques (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200.* An introduction to correctional strategies and the theories on which they are based. Among the topics discussed are counseling, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, humanistic psychology, learning theory, and behavior modification. This course will also provide an in-depth examination of both assessment and counseling strategy effectiveness with offender populations.

- CJ 315. Community Based Corrections (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200.* A survey of non-institutional correctional programs focusing on alternatives to incarceration in community settings. Programs reviewed include prerelease, parole, halfway houses, restitution centers, probations, and community correctional centers.
- CJ/FI 320. Criminal Investigations (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 202, FI 204 or CJ 304.* Practical application of investigative techniques for specific crimes, such as sex offenses, murder, robbery, arson, assaults, and fraud cases. (Formerly CJ 460.)
- CJ 322. Juvenile Agencies (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200 or CJ 205.* Examination of the historical aspects of the juvenile justice system with emphasis on juvenile rights in the present juvenile court system and pretrial techniques.
- FI 330. Forensic Documentation (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 310 or CJ 430.* The principles and techniques of digital photography as applied to crime scenes, forensic evidence, identification, and court presentation. Emphasis is on single lens reflex digital camera operation with various types of lighting. Legal aspects of forensic photography and courtroom presentations.
- FI 340. Homicide Investigation (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 204 or CJ 304.* Special problems involved in homicide investigation, including the forensic autopsy. (Formerly CJ 456.)
- FI 350. Crime Scene Processing (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 204 or CJ 304.* In-depth and practical look at various types of physical evidence and methods by which evidence is collected and transported to forensic crime laboratories. (Formerly CJ 463.)
- CJ/FI 352. Evidence (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ/FI 225 or CJ 325.* Analysis of the rules of evidence, their origins, and types. Constitutional limitations upon their use, methods of safeguarding their value. The trial and techniques for testifying.
- CJ 353. Correctional Law (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200 or CJ 205.* Legal problems of the convicted from conviction to release; pre-sentence investigation, sentencing, civil rights loss and restoration, and other legal problems confronting the convicted.
- FI 360. Forensic Pathology (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 310 or CJ 430.* This course will address medicolegal terminology, anatomy, and physiology of the human body with emphasis on the understanding of the underlying pathology of sudden, unexpected deaths encountered in forensics, and understanding of medicolegal systems. Determination of manner and causes of death will be heavily emphasized. Methods of personal identification and different types of injuries with their characteristic features and mechanisms of death.
- CJ 361. Constitutional Law (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Analysis of the Constitution of the United States as it affects the law enforcement and corrections field, to wit: the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th Amendments to the Constitution.
- CJ 362. Constitutional Law II (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 361.* A study of constitutional issues in the administration of justice, fair trial guarantees, humane punishment, and the civil and criminal liability of criminal justice professionals.
- CJ 363. Foundations of Law Enforcement (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 202.* An examination of the foundations of American law enforcement from its cultural heritage in England to the present.
- FI 370. Forensic Osteology (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 310 or CJ 430.* This course presents the protocol for forensic osteology with regard to the examination of skeletal elements. Identification and physical morphology-related medicolegal problems will be emphasized. Assessment of human or non-human; time since death and cause of death. Proper recovery of skeletal remains as well as other evidentiary items. (Formerly CJ 368.)
- CJ 370. Police Administration (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 202.* Organizational structure and coordination of all branches of law enforcement agencies; police, staff, and auxiliary function; their interrelationships and interdependence.
- CJ/FI 377. Independent Study in Criminal Justice (3).** *Prerequisite: Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ or FI.* An opportunity for the advanced student to explore an area of special interest. Student must have a supervising

criminal justice faculty member agree to a written proposal or outline for an appropriate topic for study and then must secure the approval of the department head. (Formerly CJ 482.)

- CJ/FI 378, 379. Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice (3) (3).** *Prerequisite: Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ or FI.* An in-depth study of current issues in criminal justice. The content will vary each semester. Students seeking admission must have advanced standing and secure approval of department head. May be duplicated for credit for a total of six (6) semester hours. (Formerly CJ 485, 486.)
- CJ 395. Crime Prevention (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* Analysis of the roles of the criminal justice system and the private sector in preventing crime. Community involvement as a source of preventing crime. Crime prevention strategies and techniques for evaluating prevention programs.
- CJ 399. Study Tour (3).** Topics, excursions, and requirements determined by the department. May be duplicated for credit up to six hours. Infrequently scheduled and subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Advance deposit required.
- CJ 400. Protective Systems (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 101.* The criminal threat, protective system concept; systems configuration and cost benefit analysis of currently available protective systems.
- CJ 402. Police and Community Relations (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 202.* Study of the numerous and complex factors involved in the area of human relations as it affects policing and police management.
- CJ 405. Judicial Administration (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 325.* Advanced study of the workings of the state and federal court systems, with a focus on the administrative support agencies of the courts, including the responsibilities of clerks of courts, court administrators, with an examination of careers in the court systems of the state and federal government, and the issues facing the judiciary.
- CJ 410. Correctional Administration (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200.* Advanced study of the workings of the state and federal prison systems and local jails. The application of the theories of organization, management and public administration to the operations of correctional units, policy matters, and other issues facing corrections.
- FI 410. Imprint/Impression Evidence (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 330, FI 340 or CJ 456, or FI 350 or CJ 463.* This course presents types of evidence which are the result of objects and materials that have retained the characteristics of other objects or materials through direct physical contact. Topics will include footwear, tire tracks, bite marks, firearms, tools, pattern injuries and documents. The themes in this course will differentiate between two dimensional and three-dimensional evidence.
- CJ/FI 411. Victimless Crimes (3).** *Prerequisite: Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ or FI.* Study of controversial area of law that deals with consensual crimes. Topics to be included for discussion may be drugs; obscenity and pornography; prostitution; gambling. The history of legislative enactments and judicial decisions will be dealt with, as well as the social and political implications of enforcement to both police agencies and their clients.
- CJ/FI 417. Criminal and Deviant Behavior (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 300, FI 204 or CJ 304 or SY 320.* An analysis of criminal and deviant behavior systems with an emphasis on classical and contemporary theories of crime causation.
- CJ 420. Probation and Parole (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200 or CJ 202.* Development, organization, operation of probation and parole with emphasis on alternatives to incarceration.
- FI 430. Arson and Fire Scene Investigation (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 350 or CJ 463.* The techniques of crime scene documentation and investigation as they relate to fire and explosion scenes. Evidence recognition and collection, along with a basic understanding of accelerant and explosive residues. Basic principles of reconstruction of the scene, including fire behavior, fire pattern analysis, ignition mechanisms, interpretation of human behavior, and fire scene analysis.
- FI 450. Advanced Crime Scene Techniques (3).** *Prerequisite: FI 350 or CJ 463.* This course will build upon those techniques and procedures learned in Crime Scene Processing FI 350/CJ 463 as they relate to crime scene reconstruction. An in-depth study of specialized techniques such as bloodstain pattern analysis, bullet trajectory analysis, and fire scene reconstruction. Students will then apply this knowledge during practical exercises that will emphasize current techniques and procedures.

- CJ/FI 465. Interviews and Interrogations (3).** *Prerequisite: CJ 200 or CJ 202 or CJ 304 or FI 204.* Discussions and practical exercises covering the various techniques used by criminal justice practitioners to elicit information from witnesses and criminal suspects. (Formerly CJ 464.)
- CJ/FI 471. Internship in Criminal Justice (3).** *Prerequisites: Junior standing, consent of internship director, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation.* Students' must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved criminal justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by internship director.)
- CJ/FI 472. Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3).** *Prerequisites: Senior standing, consent of internship director, and only for students majoring in Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation.* Students' must also possess an overall 2.5 GPA to participate with a municipal or county agency and a 3.0 overall GPA to participate with a state or federal agency. Supervised work experience in an approved criminal justice agency. The student is required to attend a pre-announced orientation meeting prior to beginning internship and additional scheduled meetings with the internship director. (Not open to in-service personnel or those with prior CJ work experience unless approved by internship director.) This is a Senior Capstone course, and satisfactory work requires completing the EPP and other senior exit requirements.
- FI 475. Drugs of Abuse (3).** *Prerequisites: BY 102/104 or CY 106/108 and FI 310 or CJ 430 or NU 306.* Drugs of abuse, their field identification and drug abuse education. (Formerly CJ 466.)
- FI 480. Trace Evidence (3).** *Prerequisites: BY 102/104 or CY 106/108 and FI 310 or CJ 430.* Review of techniques used in the analysis of hairs, fibers, and minute items of evidence related to criminal matters. (Formerly CJ 467.)
- CJ 488. Seminar Series (1 hour each).** *Prerequisite: Junior standing with 18 hours in CJ.* Seminars and tutorials dealing with current topics and issues in the field. No more than six hours credit may be earned.
- CJ/FI 497. Senior Seminar I (3).** *Prerequisites: Senior standing in the Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or forensic investigation core requirements.* Capstone course which utilizes the student's knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior for careers in criminal justice professions. (Formerly CJ 494.)
- CJ/FI 498. Senior Seminar II (3).** *Prerequisites: Senior standing in the Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or forensic investigation core requirements.* Capstone course which utilizes the student's knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior for careers in criminal justice professions. (Formerly CJ 495.)
- CJ/FI 499. Senior Seminar III (3).** *Prerequisites: Senior standing in the Criminal Justice or Forensic Investigation major and completion of all other criminal justice or forensic investigation core requirements.* Capstone course which utilizes the student's knowledge and academic skills, including pursuing archival research, journal keeping, note taking and report writing to address a topic or issue of contemporary interest in criminal justice or one of its sub-fields. While the topic or issue may change with each offering, the skills exercised will be those needed to prepare the senior for careers in criminal justice professions. (Formerly CJ 496.)