

FACT

A more security conscious society, along with population growth, will contribute to an increasing demand for law enforcement services, with employment of police officers expected to grow 5.5 percent through 2022. Jobs for detectives and criminal investigators are expected to grow 4 percent.

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook 2012 – 13, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Real World Preparation

A well-ordered society depends on a fair criminal justice system that both defends its citizens and protects their rights. At Governors State University, criminal justice studies cover traditional aspects such as law enforcement, courts and the judiciary, corrections, and juvenile justice. It also recognizes the interdependence of social traditions, values, and legal structures that necessarily impact policy questions in a democratic society. A concentration in Restorative Justice is also offered.

Real World Challenges

GSU's criminal justice program helps you to develop the knowledge, skills, and qualifications that lead to careers in law enforcement, the legal profession, government, and education. Through coursework and practical, real-life experiences, you become analytical, influential, and conceptual thinkers prepared to positively address today's challenges for the greater good. The program provides solid foundations in restorative and community-based approaches to crime and social problems.

Program Resources

GSU's highly-trained criminal justice faculty has extensive experience in criminal justice, law enforcement, research, corrections, social justice, juvenile justice, and law. You become familiar with the technology of law enforcement. Internships and a senior seminar put you in the field and sharpen the communications skills you need for a career in criminal justice.

Unlimited Opportunity

GSU offers a superior educational opportunity at an affordable tuition rate without sacrificing the professional quality of its programs. GSU's outstanding faculty and real-world curriculum prepare graduates to meet the demands of the future.

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Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

College of Arts and Sciences

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree. In addition, students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all the upper-division Criminal Justice Core and Selective courses at Governors State University.

General Education Requirement (37 Hours)

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements for general education requirements.

Foundation Courses (15 Hours)

These are the introductory courses that aim to provide students with the foundational knowledge of the criminal justice system's major components operations, and theories. Students are required to complete 15 hours of foundational courses (substitutions may be allowed with the permission of the student's advisor).

- CJUS - 2100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJUS - 2200 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CJUS - 2300 Introduction to Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJUS - 2360 Jud. Process & Const. Issues in CJUS (3)
- CJUS - 2400 Policing Foundations (3)

Core Courses (24 Hours)

All of the following courses must be taken at the upper-division level:

- CJUS - 3099 Junior Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJUS - 3100 Foundations of Social Justice (3)
- CJUS - 3250 Foundations of Restorative Justice (3)
- CJUS - 3415 Crim. Inquiry & Research Design (3)
- CJUS - 3440 Exploring Ethics in the Justice System (3)
- CJUS - 4100 Theories of Crime and Deviance (3)
- CJUS - 4465 Comparative Internatl. CJUS Systems (3)
- CJUS - 4900 Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice (3)

Selectives (18 Hours)

Students must also take 18 credits of selective courses from the list below. Here students are able to tailor their degree by choosing courses specific to career goals or research interests. We also offer a concentration in Restorative Justice for students in the CJUS major.

Selective Courses

- CJUS - 3020 History of Corrections and Punishment (3)
- CJUS - 3300 Critical Issues in Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJUS - 3420 Community-based Corrections (3)
- CJUS - 3450 Race, Gender, and the Justice System (3)
- CJUS - 3500 Contemp. Restorative Justice Practices (3)
- CJUS - 3660 Mediation and Conferencing (3)
- CJUS - 3770 Mgmt. and Organizational Leadership (3)
- CJUS - 3860 Peace Circles (3)
- CJUS - 4000 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJUS - 4120 Policing and the Community (3)
- CJUS - 4320 Correctional Policy and Practice (3)
- CJUS - 4340 Restorative Justice in Schools (3)
- CJUS - 4350 Victims and the Justice System (3)
- CJUS - 4380 International Peace Initiatives (3)
- CJUS - 4425 Death Penalty in America (3)
- CJUS - 4616 Crime Analysis (3)
- CJUS - 4750 Justice Systems Planning (3)
- CJUS - 4800 Internship (3)

Or

Restorative Justice Concentration

To fulfill the concentration requirements, students must complete 18 hours of the courses listed below; CJUS 4000 - Special Topics may be substituted for the Internship option with Coordinator approval.

- CJUS - 3500 Contemp. Restorative Justice Practices (3)
- CJUS - 3660 Mediation and Conferencing (3)
- CJUS - 3860 Peace Circles (3)
- CJUS - 4340 Restorative Justice in Schools (3)
- CJUS - 4750 Justice Systems Planning (3)
- CJUS - 4800 Internship (3)

Elective Credits (26 Hours)

In addition to the core and selective credits required, students must take an additional 26 hours of elective credits. Students in this major are encouraged to complete a minor in Addictions Studies, Business Administration, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Pre-Law, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, or another field that complements their degree and career objectives.

Total - 120 Hours

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