

# Criminal Justice

## ***Criminal Justice mission:***

The mission of the Missouri Valley College Criminal Justice program is to provide a brief summary of the aims and values of the program. Criminal Justice is the procedure by which criminal conduct is investigated, evidence gathered, arrests made, charges brought, defenses raised, trials conducted, sentences rendered, and punishment carried out. The Missouri Valley College Criminal Justice curriculum is a balanced focus to prepare graduates for employment with any law enforcement agency, corrections department, or for pre-law and work within the court system. This is accomplished through a thoughtful analysis of theory, practical emphasis on investigation, evidence, forensics, law, corrections, administration, ethics, and research analysis.

## ***Learning Outcomes:***

- Recognize an adequate concept of the criminal justice system, its major subsystems, the inter-relationship at each government level.
- Show an understanding of problems facing the criminal justice system, an awareness of individual rights, and an understanding of the U.S Constitutional provisions applicable to the criminal justice system.
- Discuss and apply an understanding of the theories that define deviance and have affected the laws and policies aimed at its control.
- Distinguish an understanding of the American philosophies of punishment within the social structure.
- Understand and apply knowledge of the proper procedures for criminal investigation, criminal procedure and the subsequent actions necessary for adult and juvenile court proceedings.
- Prepare written work that illustrates understanding of American Psychological Association (APA) style academic writing and basic grammatical principles.
- Create research projects that communicate (written, graphically, and orally) basic research methodology, research results, and statistical analysis.

***Major assessment:*** All criminal justice seniors must complete an original research inquiry and thesis, on a relative criminal justice topic. In addition to the final thesis paper, all students must present their research results in a poster conference at the bi-annual student symposium in conjunction with CJ485 (Research Design & Senior Seminar).

**Program:** Criminal Justice

**Type:** Major

## Major requirements:

**Completion of the Criminal Justice Core plus a concentration in one of the following areas: Law Enforcement; Corrections/Probation & Parole; Juvenile Justice. NOTE: Required or elective hours taken for one Criminal Justice Division major, major concentration, or minor, cannot be used to satisfy elective requirements in another Criminal Justice Division major, major concentration, or minor.**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE

***Required courses for all Criminal Justice concentrations:***

***CJ100, CJ115, CJ300, CJ307, CJ330, CJ410, CJ440, CJ485, MA200, SC316, SC320***

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 115	Criminal Law and the Constitution	3
CJ 300	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 307	Women and Criminal Justice	3
CJ 330	Criminology	3
CJ 410	Administration of Criminal Justice Agencies	3
CJ 440	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 485	Research Design and Senior Seminar	3
MA 200	Introduction to Statistics	3
SC 316	Research Methods/Statistics	3
SC 320	Urban Sociology	3

## Criminal Justice Major - Law Enforcement Concentration requirements

***Criminal Justice core courses;***

***4 courses from CJ285, CJ, 300, CJ340, CJ350, CJ390, SC375 and SC320***

***3 courses from CJ240, CJ280, CJ307, CJ360, CJ370, CJ380, CJ385, CJ420, and CM485***

4 courses from

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 285	Patrol Procedures and Accident Investigation	3
CJ 300	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 340	Policing in a Democratic Society	3
CJ 350	Homicide Investigation	3
CJ 390	Global Crime	3
SC 375	Social Deviance	3
CJ 401	Internship in Criminal Justice	3

3 courses from:

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 240	Forensic Science	3
CJ 280	Criminal Evidence	3
CJ 307	Women and Criminal Justice	3
CJ 360	Cybercrime	3
CJ 370	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 380	Sexual Offenses and Sexual Offenders	3
CJ 385	Victimology	3
CJ 420	Readings in Criminal Justice	3
CM 325	Interviewing	3

Criminal Justice Major - Corrections/Probation & Parole Concentration requirements

***Criminal Justice Core;***

***4 courses from CJ205, CJ210, J220, CJ330 and SC375***

***3 courses from CJ240, CJ280, CJ307, CJ350, CJ370, CJ380, CJ420, CM325***

4 courses from

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 205	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 210	Probation and Parole	3
CJ 220	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 320	Drugs and the Law	3
CJ 330	Criminology	3
SC 375	Social Deviance	3

3 courses from

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 240	Forensic Science	3
CJ 280	Criminal Evidence	3
CJ 307	Women and Criminal Justice	3
CJ 350	Homicide Investigation	3
CJ 370	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 380	Sexual Offenses and Sexual Offenders	3
CJ 420	Readings in Criminal Justice	3
CM 325	Interviewing	3

## Criminal Justice Major - Juvenile Justice Concentration requirements:

### ***Criminal Justice Core;***

***4 courses from CJ205, CJ210, CJ220, CJ300, CJ401 AND SC375***

***3 courses from CJ320, CJ350, CJ360, CJ380, CJ385, CJ420, PY225, PY331 and CM325***

4 courses from

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 205	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 210	Probation and Parole	3
CJ 220	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 300	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 401	Internship in Criminal Justice	3
SC 375	Social Deviance	3

3 courses from

Item #	Title	Hours
CJ 320	Drugs and the Law	3
CJ 350	Homicide Investigation	3
CJ 360	Cybercrime	3
CJ 380	Sexual Offenses and Sexual Offenders	3
CJ 385	Victimology	3
CJ 420	Readings in Criminal Justice	3
PY 225	Developmental Psychology	3
PY 331	Social Psychology	3
CM 325	Interviewing	3
<b>Total credits:</b>		<b>54</b>