

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (INSTITUTIONAL THEORY AND PRACTICE)

DEPARTMENT OF LAW, POLICE SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

The Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science (Institutional Theory and Practice) provides a comprehensive understanding of the components of the American criminal justice system. It is a dynamic major that responds to issues of diversity as well as innovations and changes in the social and technological arenas, which inform criminal justice professionals. The Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice focuses on the institutions of criminal justice, particularly the police, courts, corrections, probation, and parole.

If you are currently part of or interested in a career in various law enforcement, judicial or correctional agencies at the local, state and federal level, this major is for you. While the major prepares students for careers in the field of criminal justice and encourages internship experience, it also provides an academic foundation for students who plan to attend graduate or professional schools.

For advising in the major, please contact CJBS advisors in the Academic Advisement Center.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■■■

Explore from a historical and systemic perspective criminal justice institutions and how they relate to each other.

Understand the mechanisms, dynamics and situational context of crime and criminal behavior, and methods of prevention and treatment.

Apply the theories related to the policy and practice of the criminal justice systems.

Analyze the operations and administration of criminal justice institutions in the context of public discourse.

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■■■

Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science 101 (CJBS/CRJ 101): Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System

Police Science 101 (PSC 101): Introduction to Law Enforcement

Corrections 101 (COR 101): Introduction to Corrections

Law 203: Constitutional Law

The Foundation courses for the major are:
Sociology 101 and **Political Science 101**

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Critical thinking as it applies to institutional theory and practice in the criminal justice system
- Writing in an articulated manner
- Concise and comprehensive verbal presentations
- Analytical research based on accessing, analyzing, and interpreting criminal justice research

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Africana Studies
- Criminology
- Dispute Resolution
- Economics
- Human Rights
- Humanities and Justice
- Latin American and Latinx Studies
- Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

For more information about minors, go to:

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WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- **Diverse CJBS faculty** have hands-on experience with police departments, corrections agencies, court systems, and the legal field, and some are currently employed by local, state and federal and international law enforcement agencies. They represent a blend of practitioner experience and academic backgrounds from across the country and around the world as they offer insight into the way criminal justice institutions operate.
- **Internships** offer great work experience in a variety of criminal justice agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Study abroad:** If you participate in the College's Study Abroad Program, you may use some of your study abroad credits to substitute for related courses in the CJBS major.

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Public sector agencies at the city, state and federal level (police, corrections, courts, probation, parole, juvenile justice, drug treatment), including NY State Crime Fusion Centers and NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services.
- Non-governmental research and policy organizations (Vera Institute, RAND, Police Foundation, Police Executive Research Forum, Urban Institute)
- Private sector companies (law firms, security companies and loss prevention operations)