

Description of Three Proposed Concentrations in CJUS

Forensic Investigation: The concentration of forensic investigation aims at preparing undergraduate students for careers or advanced studies in forensic investigation. Experts in forensic investigation may work at the local, state, or federal levels. The proposed concentration will prepare students for various fields or further training in crime investigation. Among others, students will be introduced to evaluations of ballistic evidence, fingerprinting, crime scene photography, and cybercrimes. In addition, students will acquire proficiency in documenting, processing, and the preservation of evidence. They will learn techniques of managing and coordinating crime scenes.

Forensic investigation track requirements: A total of 6 courses (18 credit hours)

Nine credit hours of required courses:

- Required: CJUS 215 Introduction to forensic investigation
- Required: CJUS 370 Forensic science and the law
- Required: CJUS 416 Advanced forensic investigation

Any three of the following courses: 9 credit hours

- CJUS 260 Drugs, crime and the criminal justice system
- CJUS 345 Criminal law and evidence
- CJUS 330 Crime scene investigation
- CJUS 361 Victimology
- CJUS 385 Ethics in criminal justice
- CJUS 431 Violence and the violent offender
- CJUS 433 High tech crime
- CJUS 434 Organized crime
- CJUS 436 White collar crime

Juvenile Justice: This concentration focuses on training our students in juvenile justice system. Criminal justice majors who successfully complete this option of concentration may pursue advanced studies or careers in juvenile probation, juvenile corrections, and rehabilitation. Courses are designed to develop student familiarity with juvenile delinquency, the processes of juvenile justice, rehabilitation, workgroups of the juvenile courtroom, and community based corrections. Our students will understand the relationship between the adult and the juvenile justice systems and be able to examine key issues and trends in juvenile corrections.

Juvenile justice track requirements: A total of 6 courses (18 credit hours)

Nine credit hours of required courses:

- Required: CJUS 217 Introduction to juvenile justice
- Required: CJUS 336 Juvenile corrections
- Required: CJUS 228 Juvenile justice process
- Required: CJUS 417 Ethical issues in juvenile justice

Any three of the following courses: 9 credit hours

- CJUS 235 Community based corrections
- CJUS 260 Drugs, crime and the criminal justice system
- CJUS 340 Deviance and social control
- CJUS 350 Gangs and adolescent subcultures
- SOCI 362 Juvenile Delinquency
- CJUS 385 Ethics in criminal justice

The following special topics courses relating to juveniles may also qualify: Disproportionate minority contact, Child labor, School to prison pipeline, human trafficking and contemporary slavery.

Policing: Policing majors will study mostly courses relating to the work of law enforcement officers. They will become familiar with the challenges facing law enforcement officers in contemporary America. They will learn other policing related courses such as criminal investigations, drug related crimes, and the police organization. Students who successfully complete the BS Degree in CJUS with a concentration in Policing may pursue careers in law enforcement, crime scene investigation, corrections, or probation.

Policing track requirements: A total of 6 courses (18 credit hours)

Nine credit hours of required courses:

Required: CJUS 365 Police organization and management
Required: CJUS 260 Drug, crime and the criminal justice system
Required: CJUS 230 Criminal investigation

Any three of the following courses: 9 credit hours

CJUS 320 Private security system and practices
CJUS 361 Victimology
CJUS 385 Ethics in criminal justice
CJUS 315 Terrorism
CJUS 495 (Special Topics) Human trafficking
CJUS 350 Gangs and adolescent subcultures
CJUS 215 Introduction to forensic investigation