

Criminal Justice Major/Minor Advising Guide

The Criminal Justice program offers a major and minor in Criminal Justice. The Criminal Justice major offers students a quality liberal arts experience. Coursework introduces students to theories and methods, while providing a comprehensive overview of the U.S. criminal justice system. Students also have the opportunity to take courses from experienced practitioners through CJUS offerings. The major prepares students for employment in areas such as law enforcement, court services, corrections, and social justice work related to the criminal justice system. The major also prepares students for graduate school and law school. Students complete eleven (11) courses for the major and five (5) courses for the minor.

Double Majoring in Sociology and Criminal Justice: The Department of Justice & Society Studies also offers a major and minor in Sociology. Students choosing to double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology are limited to the number of courses that can be applied to both majors: SOCI 100, 210, 220 and **two** of the following 312, 344, or 346.

Combining a Criminal Justice major with a Sociology minor: May not share more than two courses (8 credits).

Double Majors with Psychology: Students who have a double major in criminal justice and psychology and complete SOCI 210, PSYC 212, and STAT 220 may receive a waiver for SOCI 220 by contacting the department chair.

Major in Criminal Justice

Required courses:

SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology (satisfies the Social Analysis requirement)
SOCI 200	Introduction to Criminal Justice
SOCI 210	Research Methods in Sociology (satisfies the Writing in the Discipline requirement)
SOCI 220	Sociological Analysis
SOCI 312	Crime and Delinquency
SOCI 344	Police and Society
SOCI 346	Corrections in America: Prisons, Probation and Parole
SOCI 480	Seminar in Criminal Justice (satisfies the Signature Work requirement & the Writing Intensive requirement)
CJUS 342	Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (only offered spring semester)

Plus two courses (8 credits) from the following (one course must be either SOCI or CJUS):

SOCI 130	Homicide
SOCI 251	Race and Ethnicity (may satisfy the DISJ core requirement; only offered fall semester)
SOCI 280	Hate Crimes (satisfies the DISJ core requirement)
SOCI 297	Special Topics (topics will vary; may not enroll in same topic course more than once)
SOCI 478	Experiential Learning (must enroll in 4 credits to count as a course for the major)
CJUS 345	Police Operations (only offered fall semester)
CJUS 347	Correctional Practices and Administration
PSYC 207	Alcohol, Other Drugs and Behavior (requires PSYC 111 pre-requisite)
PSYC 301	Psychopathology (requires PSYC 111 pre-requisite and junior standing)
POLS 312	Judicial Process (requires POLS 104 pre-requisite)
POLS 314	Constitutional Rights and Liberties (requires POLS 104 pre-requisite)
SOWK 291	Anatomy of Violence

Other Items of Interest

- Students interested in criminal justice careers are strongly encouraged to complete an internship (aka experiential learning); academic credit (2-4 credits) can be earned and/or may be required by the agency; talk to your advisor for more details about how to earn academic credit for an internship.
- Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) requirements can be satisfied through the following courses:
 - Writing to Learn (WTL): SOCI 100, depending on the section
 - Writing in the Discipline (WID): SOCI 210

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- Writing Intensive (WI): SOCI 480
- MATH 101–Finite Math is sufficient preparation for the major. The department recommends satisfying this requirement during the first year.
- See [the Core Curriculum Requirements](#) for specifics about credits required outside of the major

Licensure as a Police Officer: Students who intend to take the Minnesota Peace Officers licensing examination must take CJUS 345 (Police Operations) and also complete SOCI 251 and PSYC 111. Students must also obtain First Responder certification. Contact Dr. Gladney, the department’s Law Enforcement Education Coordinator, with any questions about the licensure and required courses.

Criminal Justice Major Checklist

REQUIREMENT	OFFERINGS	WHEN TO TAKE	√ COMPLETED
SOCI 100	Fall and Spring	First year	
SOCI 200	Fall and Spring	First year	
SOCI 210	Fall and Spring	Sophomore	
SOCI 220	Spring	Sophomore	
SOCI 312	Fall and Spring	Sophomore	
SOCI 344	Spring	Sophomore or Junior	
SOCI 346	Fall	Sophomore or Junior	
SOCI 480	Fall	Senior	
CJUS 342	Spring	Junior or Senior	
SOCI/CJUS Elective	Varies	Varies	
SOCI / SOWK / PSYC / POLS Elective	Varies	Varies	

- ✓ At least 16 credits in the major from St. Thomas (excluding ACTC, study abroad)
- ✓ Minimum of 129 total credits for degree
- ✓ At least 12 credits of Enhanced Curriculum Experience (see core curriculum requirements for more info)
- ✓ 32 of final 36 credits at St. Thomas (including ACTC) or an approved study abroad program
- ✓ Minimum 2.0 GPA for courses in the major
- ✓ Minimum overall 2.0 GPA

Minor in Criminal Justice

- SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- SOCI 312 Crime and Delinquency

Plus two courses from the following, at least one of which must have the SOCI subject code:

- CJUS 342 Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
- CJUS 345 Police Operations
- CJUS 347 Correctional Practices and Administration
- POLS 312 Judicial Process
- SOCI 130 Homicide
- SOCI 280 Hate Crimes
- SOCI 297 Special Topics (topics will vary; may not enroll in same topic course more than once)
- SOCI 344 Police and Society
- SOCI 346 Corrections in America: Prisons, Probation and Parole

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REQUIREMENT	SEMESTER COMPLETED
SOCI 100	
SOCI 200	
SOCI 312	
SOCI Elective	
SOCI / CJUS / POLS Elective	

- ✓ At least 8 credits from UST (ACTC, approved study abroad courses count as UST credits)