Program Coordinator: J. Mongold

Over the past several decades the push towards the professionalization of the police force and other organizations within our criminal justice system has led many students and practitioners to work towards a bachelor’s degree. The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, a GPS program, will address this increased demand for college educated criminal justice professionals.

This coursework, which includes courses in ethics, policy analysis, law enforcement, corrections, and law, is designed to enhance the critical thinking skills of students and to better prepare them for a workplace full of discretion.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is highly recommended for current criminal justice practitioners who want to complete their degrees or students interested in careers in law enforcement, juvenile justice, the court system, the corrections system, and other social services jobs.

Emphasis on Alternatives to Current Justice Practices
The criminal justice program places an emphasis on understanding many different forms of justice. There are alternatives to our current justice practices, such as restorative justice, that combine the elements of social control with the principles of Christianity and forgiveness.

Each criminal justice practitioner has the unique ability to affect each person he/she interacts with. She/he has the opportunity to be an agent of cultural transformation in Christ during each interaction. This program seeks to emphasize these opportunities and provide examples of ways that students can apply these principles to their work settings.

Principles of Criminal Justice (CRJU 1500) is a required course in the Criminal Justice program. It is recommended that students take Principles of Criminal Justice prior to entering the program. If a student intending to major in Criminal Justice has not completed Principles of Criminal Justice prior to matriculation or prior to entering the Criminal Justice major, he/she is required to complete it within the first two semesters of enrollment in the major. King offers the course online in “Quest” format (5 learning modules spread over the entire 15-week semester), so the course can be taken in addition to the three specified Criminal Justice courses for the major.
Program Outcomes

Graduates will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between the three components of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, court system, and correctional system.
2. Articulate the theoretical constructs of crime and victimization.
3. Develop effective communication skills.
4. Use ethical guidelines in professional decision-making.
5. Show competency in applying research methods in criminal justice research.

Criminal Justice Major Requirements

CRJU 2600
Crime Scene Investigation ........................................................... 4 s.h.
CRJU 2610
Criminal Procedure ...................................................................... 4 s.h.
CRJU 2620
Criminal Law ............................................................................... 4 s.h.
CRJU 3000
Juvenile Justice............................................................................. 4 s.h.
CRJU 3100
American Systems of Corrections ................................................ 4 s.h.
CRJU 3110
American Policing ........................................................................ 4 s.h.
CRJU 3330
Research Methods in Criminal Justice ......................................... 4 s.h.
CRJU 3440
Statistics in Criminal Justice Research ........................................ 4 s.h.
CRJU 3600
Theories of Criminology .............................................................. 4 s.h.
CRJU 4200
Ethics and Justice ......................................................................... 4 s.h.
CRJU 4550
Criminal Justice Policy ................................................................. 4 s.h.
CRJU 4600
Alternatives to Justice .................................................................. 4 s.h.
CRJU 4990
Comprehensive Assessment ....................................................... 0 s.h.

Total............................................................................................. 48 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits

General Education Minimum Requirements
(must include Principles of Criminal Justice) ............................ 30 s.h.
Major Requirements ...................................................................... 48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/2nd Major........................................................... 46 s.h.

Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science ................................. 124 s.h.