

Criminal Justice

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	12-15 Credits
ENGL 1100	Writing I.....(3)
CJ 1000	Introduction to Criminal Justice.....(3)
POLS 1000 OR	United States Government OR
POLS 1100 OR	Introduction to Political Science OR
POLS 1500	State and Urban Government.....(3)
SOC 1100	Introduction to Sociology.....(3)
MATH 0200 OR 1700	Basic Mathematics OR Applied Statistics..... (0/3)*

Spring Semester	15 Credits
ENGL 1200	Writing II.....(3)
CJ 2050	Theory and Practices of Policing.....(3)
CJ 2600	Correctional Theory and Practice.....(3)
PSY 1100 OR	Introduction to Psychological Science OR
PSY 1200	Lifespan Development.....(3)
MATH 1700 OR	Applied Statistics OR Art or Music or History Elective (AOM or HIST attribute)(3)

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	15-16 Credits
CJ 2651	Ethics in Criminal Justice.....(3)
CJ 2130	Criminal Justice Research Methods.....(3)
CJ xxxx	Criminal Justice Elective #2.....(3)
ART xxxx	Elective (ART attribute).....(3)
	LA&S / Minor #3.....(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits
CJ 3140	Data Analysis.....(3)
CJ xxxx	Criminal Justice Elective #3.....(3)
LAB xxxx	Elective (LAB attribute).....(3)
CJ xxxx	Criminal Justice Elective #4.....(3)
	LA&S / Minor #4.....(3)

LA&S Elective List

- 1 AOM attribute (Art or Music)
- 1 ART attribute (the Arts)
- 3 credits HAF attribute (Health/Fitness)
- 1 HIST subject (History)
- 1 LAB attribute (Lab Science)
- 1 LIT attribute (Literature)
- 1 SMT attribute (Sci, Math, & Tech)

Advanced LA&S Options Area

Review the three options with your advisor and submit your decision to the Registrar's Office by completion of 60 credits.

*** A student who takes Basic Mathematics, which carries no college credit, will have three credits to make up in History or AOM to graduate in eight semesters at 15 credits per semester. Completion of 120 credits required for graduation.**

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits
CJ / POS 2270	Introduction to Legal Process.....(3)
SOC/CJ 2750	Criminology.....(3)
EXSS 1000	Health and Fitness.....(3)
	Art or Music or History Elective (AOM or HIST attribute).....(3)
	LA&S A or B #1 / Minor #1.....(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits
CJ 3242	Psychology of Crime.....(3)
	Criminal Justice Elective.....(3)
	LA&S A or B #2 / Minor #2.....(3)
	Elective (LIT attribute).....(3)
	Free Elective.....(3)

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester (or Spring—depends on when or if student wants to take Internship)	15 Credits
CJ 4100	Criminal Justice Colloquium OR Free Elective.....(3)
CJ xxxx	Criminal Justice Elective #5.....(3)
	Free Elective / Minor #5.....(3)
	Free Elective / Minor #6.....(3)
	Free Elective.....(3)

Spring Semester (or Fall—depends on when or if student wants to take Internship)	15 Credits
CJ 4100	Criminal Justice Colloquium OR Free Elective.....(3)
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Global Diversity Area

Two courses taken must meet the Global Diversity requirement: GDAN course + (GDC or GDCN course) **OR** GDCN course + (GDA or GDAN course). These courses are allowed to satisfy this requirement and another requirement at the same time.

*If you are interested in a career in policing, courts or corrections, Fitchburg State University has the program you need. A degree in **Criminal Justice** provides an understanding of the criminal justice system and its relationship to society as a whole.*

Criminal Justice at a Glance

7 full-time faculty

The criminal justice program provides students with a foundation for employment in the criminal justice field and graduate work.

Visit our department website at:
fitchburgstate.edu/behsci

How will you engage / what will you do as a student of Criminal Justice?

- Discussion of ethical standards leading to behavior that reflects personal and social responsibilities
- Learning how the criminal justice system relates to society as a whole
- Completion of coursework from across the behavioral science disciplines

Are there opportunities for involvement outside the classroom?

- Internship / Practicum
- Community Involvement / Volunteerism
- Mock Trial Competition
- Moot Court Tournament
- Criminal Justice Honors Society
- Residential Learning Community

Why study Criminal Justice at Fitchburg State?

- Small class sizes
- Courses taught by full-time faculty experts
- Individualized attention
- Wide variety of course offerings rivaling much larger universities

What makes the Criminal Justice program distinctive?

- MA Dept of Higher Ed Policy Career Incentive Pay Program (PCIPP) approved course of study
- Optional MA Police Training Committee (MPTC) master's degree add on leading to law enforcement certification
- Emphasis on critical thinking about crime causation and prevention, organizational issues, research and evaluation methods and moral and ethical dimensions

What can you do with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice?

- Policing
- Court system
- Institutional corrections
- Community corrections
- Victim advocacy
- Graduate studies in criminal justice and law
- Private Security

