



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

LINCOLN COLLEGE | ACCELERATED BRIDGE TO EDUCATION (ABE)

Program Description

The BS in Criminal Justice provides students with an understanding of the American criminal justice system, the institutions and personnel which comprise that system, and theories of crime causation, offending, and rehabilitation. Students take courses which develop their critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, ethical decision-making, and communication skills as related to the administration of justice in the United States.

What can you do with this degree?

Students who graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice are prepared for careers in probation departments, law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions for juveniles or adults, parole offices or community treatment and service settings.

Program Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
- Minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division coursework (300/400 level)
- Last 30 credit hours must be completed at Lincoln College
- Final Lincoln College cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above
- Complete Lincoln College general education requirements (may be completed through AA or AS at any regionally accredited institution)

Curriculum Requirements (C or better required in each course listed below)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION - 18-19 CREDIT HOURS

BIO 101 General Survey of Biology - or - BIO 102 General Biology—Lab
BUS 166 Management Information Systems CSC 115 Business Applications for the Microcomputer
HIS 101 Western Civilization I - or - HIS 102 Western Civilization II
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
POS 101 American Government
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

MATHEMATICS - 3 CREDIT HOURS

MAT 110 Elementary Statistics

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTRODUCTORY CORE COURSES - 18 CREDIT HOURS

CJS 108 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJS 150 Criminology (CJS 108 coreq.)
CJS 210 Law Enforcement Practices (CJS 108 coreq.)
CJS 220 Corrections I (CJS 108 coreq.)
CJS 240 Criminal Law I (CJS 108 coreq.)
CJS 280 Juvenile Justice (CJS 108 coreq.)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE UPPER LEVEL CORE COURSES - 15 CREDIT HOURS

CJS 310 Law Enforcement Practices II (CJS 210 prereq.)
CJS 325 Corrections II (CJS 220 prereq.)
CRT 353 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (MAT 110 prereq.)
CJS 358 Social Diversity & Criminal Justice System (CJS 108 prereq.)
CJS 375 Courts and Sentencing (CJS 240 prereq.)

SENIOR LEVEL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES - 6 CREDIT HOURS

CJS 456 Ethics in Criminal Justice (Sr. Standing prereq.)
CJS 490 Senior Project (CRT 353 & Ser. Standing prereq.) - or - CJS 491 Internship in Criminal Justice (Sr. Standing prereq.)

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS (Major Elective courses) CONTINUED ON BACK





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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR ELECTIVES- 9 HOURS

CJS 315 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation (CJS 210 prereq.)	CJS 323 Criminal Justice Public Policy (Jr. Standing prereq.)
CJS 320 Women in Criminal Justice	CJS 362 International Criminal Justice (CJS 108 prereq.)
CJS 321 Victimology (Jr. Standing prereq.)	CJS 424 Probation, Parole and Intermediate Sanctions (CJS 325 prereq.)
CJS 322 Crime and the Media (Jr. Standing prereq.)	CJS 492 Individualized Study/Readings in Criminal Justice (Permission of CJS Lead Faculty prereq.)

NON-CJS COURSES ALLOWED AS MAJOR ELECTIVES

CMN 310 Conflict Management
CRT 301 Critical Thinking (Jr/Sr Standing prereq.)
ENG 302 Professional Writing (ENG 102 prereq.)
POS 391 Constitutional Law I (POS 101, Jr/Sr Standing prereq.)
POS 392 Constitutional Law II (POS 101, Jr/Sr Standing prereq.)

Additional Information

All courses specifically required on the degree requirement sheet as well as certain major electives will be offered in the accelerated, hybrid format. Students should contact ABE Admissions at abeinfo@lincolncollege.edu or 309.268.4338 for additional information.

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