



# ACADEMIC MAP TO BACHELOR OF ARTS- CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2026-2027



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1					
	Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
	ENGL 1010 – Composition and Rhetoric I			3		
	MATH 1010 – Introduction to Mathematics OR MATH 1035 – Contemporary Mathematics			3		
	SCI 1010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science			3		
	PSYC 1010 – Introduction to Psychology			3		
	CJ 1100 – Intro. to Criminal Justice			3		
	UNIV 1000 – The University Experience			1		

Total Credits  
for Semester \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2					
Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
ENGL 1020 – Composition and Rhetoric II			3		
CJ 2300 – Police Process			3		
SOC 1010 – Principles of Sociology			3		
SCI 1020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science I			3		
MATH 1060 – Finite Mathematics			3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

- Meet with advisor to discuss degree requirements and progress.

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1					
	Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
	SCI 2010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science II or SCI 2020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science II			3		
	HIST 2010 – History of the United States or HIST 2020 – History of the United State			3		
	ENGL 2110 – Introduction to Literature			3		
	CJ 2400 – Adjudication Process			3		
	CJ 2500 – Corrections Process			3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2					
Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
ENGL 3230 – Technical Composition			3		
COMM 2500 – Interpersonal Communication			3		
PSYC 2450 – Personal Adjustment & Development			3		
CJ 2600 – Intro. to Criminalistics & Forensic Science			3		
PSCI 2010 – Government of the United States			3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1					
	Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
	CJ 3040 – Criminology Foundations & Punishments			3		
	CJ 3090 – Juvenile Delinquency & Justice			3		
	CJ 3355 – Cultural Competence & Criminal Justice			3		
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES <sup>1</sup>			6			

<sup>1</sup>Semesters 5 & 6 Academic Electives Requirement (3-8 hours).

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2					
Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
CJ 3360 – Criminal Investigations			3		
CJ 3380 – Criminal Justice Ethics			3		
FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts			3		
PSCI 3090 – Constitutional Law			3		
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES <sup>2</sup>			3		

<sup>2</sup>Semesters 5 & 6 Academic Electives Requirement (3-8 hours).

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1					
	Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
	CJ 4200 – Intro. to CJ Research or Research			3		
	CJ4250 – Community Based Corrections			3		
	CJ 4460 – Evidence & Procedure			3		
	SOC 4080 – Race & Relations for Pure & Applied Soc.			3		
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES			3			

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2					
Required	Grade	Credits	Min Grade		
CJ 4450 – Criminal Law			3		
CJ 4500 – Drug Use in Modern Society			3		
CJ 4475 – Homeland Security			3		
CJ 4480 – Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice <sup>3</sup>			3		
ACADEMIC ELECTIVES			3		

<sup>3</sup>However, students seeking the Pre-law and/or Paralegal Studies Concentration will take PLPS 4200 and PLPS 4090 in lieu of CJ 4480.

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits 120

**YOU'VE FINISHED!**

- Required by Criminal Justice Program
- Major Elective
- Academic Elective



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Hours = 120, History = 42, Geography = 3, Foreign Language = 6, Academic Electives = 35

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.

# ACADEMIC MAP TO:



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<b>YEAR 1</b>	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

<b>YEAR 2</b>	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

<b>YEAR 3</b>	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

<b>YEAR 4</b>	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU'VE FINISHED!**



- Major Electives
- Academic Electives



**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Major Requirements = \_\_\_\_\_ | University Core/Support = \_\_\_\_\_ | Total Credits = \_\_\_\_\_

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