Students may select either an area, a major, or a minor in criminal justice. All criminal justice areas, majors, and minors must:

1. maintain a GPA of 2.50 in all coursework taken at Murray State University
2. must earn a grade of C or better in all CRJ courses counting towards the area, major, or minor (including CRJ electives); students who earn less than a C must repeat the course if it is a required course

AREA: Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degree
CIP 43.0104

University Studies Requirements (39-46 hours)
See Academic Degrees and Programs.

University Studies Selections Must Include:
Oral and Written Communication
- COM 161 Introduction to Public Speaking

Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills
- STA 135 Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship
- POL 140 American National Government
- PSY 180 General Psychology

University Studies Electives
- CSC 199 Introduction to Information Technology
- SOC 133 Introduction to Sociology or SOC 231 Social Problems

Required Courses (35 hours)
- CRJ 100T Transitions
- CRJ 140 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 220 Law Enforcement
• CRJ 240 Corrections
• CRJ 300 Crime and Criminals\(^3\)
• CRJ 320 Juvenile Justice
• CRJ 325 Criminal Justice Ethics
• CRJ 385 Violent Crime
• CRJ 400 Applied Criminal Justice Research
• CRJ 445 Criminal Justice Diversity
• CRJ 499 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice
• CRJ 544 Constitutional and Legal Issues in Criminal Justice

One of the Following:
• ENG 204 Advanced Expository Writing
• ENG 205 Writing for the Social Science
• ENG 224 Writing in the Professions
• ENG 324 Technical Writing

Required 300-Level and Above CRJ Electives (15 hours)
Note: Only six hours of credit toward the area may be received from CRJ 305, 488, or 489. CRJ 448 may be repeated as long as the topic differs.

Collateral / Support Courses (12 hours)

Business – Select One Course:
• ACC 200 Principles of Financial Accounting
• BUS 140 Foundations of Business
• BUS 215 Business Communications
• ECO 140 Contemporary Economics
• ECO 190 Consumer Economics
• ECO 200 Economics and Politics
• FIN 230 Personal Financial Planning
• MGT 350 Fundamentals of Management
• MKT 360 Principles of Marketing

Critical Thinking, Computers, and Technology – Select One Course:
• COM 261 Debate and Advocacy
• COM 367 Communication and Critical Thought
• COM 422 Communication and Technology
• CSC 101 Introduction to Problem-Solving Using Computers
• CSC 125 Internet and Web Page Design
• EGR 140 Introduction to Computing Applications in Science and Engineering
• ENG 226 Argument and Discourse
• MKT 285 Emerging Technologies in Marketing
• PHI 103 Critical Thinking
• PHI 203 Symbolic Logic
• PSY 327 Problem-Solving and Decision-Making
• REC 410 Application of Technology to Recreation Decision-Making
• TSM 132 Network Technical Support

**Communications – Select One Course:**
- COM 131 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- COM 331 Interpersonal Communication
- COM 353 Team Communication and Leadership
- COM 361 Career Presentations
- COM 380 Organizational Communication
- COM 384 Communication Skills for Professionals
- COM 439 Conflict and Communication
- COM 461 Persuasive Communication

**Psychology – Select One Course:**
- PSY 245 Law and Psychology
- PSY 322 Motivation and Emotion
- PSY 325 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- PSY 404 Drugs, Alcohol, and Behavior
- PSY 405 Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- PSY 406 Personality
- PSY 407 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 471 Behavior Modification

**University Studies Requirements: 39-46 hours**
**Required Courses: 35 hours**
**Required 300-Level and Above CRJ Electives: 15 hours**
**Career-Focused Electives: 12-19 hours**
**Total Curriculum Requirements: 120 hours**

**MAJOR: Criminal Justice\(^1\)**
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degree
CIP 43.0104

**University Studies Requirement (39-46 hours)**
See Academic Degrees and Programs.

**University Studies Selections Must Include:**
Oral and Written Communication
- COM 161 Introduction to Public Speaking
Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills
• STA 135 Introduction to Probability and Statistics

Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship
• POL 140 American National Government
• PSY 180 General Psychology

University Studies Electives
• CSC 199 Introduction to Information Technology
• SOC 133 Introduction to Sociology or SOC 231 Social Problems

Required Courses (26 hours)
• CRJ 100T Transitions
• CRJ 140 Introduction to Criminal Justice
• CRJ 220 Law Enforcement
• CRJ 240 Corrections
• CRJ 300 Crime and Criminals
• CRJ 400 Applied Criminal Justice Research
• CRJ 499 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice

Any Two of the Following:
• CRJ 320 Juvenile Justice
• CRJ 325 Criminal Justice Ethics
• CRJ 385 Violent Crime
• CRJ 445 Criminal Justice Diversity
• CRJ 544 Constitutional and Legal Issues in Criminal Justice

One of the Following:
• ENG 204 Advanced Expository Writing
• ENG 205 Writing for the Social Science
• ENG 224 Writing in the Professions
• ENG 324 Technical Writing

Required 300-Level and Above CRJ Electives (12 hours)
Note: Only six hours of credit toward the major may be received from CRJ 305, 488, or 489. CRJ 448 may be repeated as long as the topic differs.

University Studies Requirements: 39-46 hours
Required CRJ Courses: 35 hours
Required 300-level and above CRJ Electives: 12 hours
Required Minor: 21-24 hours
Career-Focused Electives: 12-22 hours
Total Curriculum Requirements: 120 hours
Criminal Justice Minor

Required Courses (12 hours)
- CRJ 140 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 300 Crime and Criminals

Two Courses from the Following:
- CRJ 220 Law Enforcement
- CRJ 240 Corrections
- CRJ 320 Juvenile Justice
- CRJ 355 Security in Business and Industry

Advisor Approved CRJ Elective Courses (9 hours)
Only three hours are allowed from CRJ 305, 488, or 489. At least 12 hours must be completed at the upper-level, six of which must be completed in residence at Murray State University. Students must maintain a 2.50 overall GPA and can only apply courses in which they earned a C or higher toward the minor. A minimum grade of C in ENG 105 is required of all students (including transfer students) minoring in criminal justice. Students are expected to take the necessary prerequisites listed under CRJ course descriptions.

Required CRJ Courses: 12 hours
Advisor approved CRJ electives: 9 hours
Total Curriculum Requirements: 21 hours

Notes:
1 No substitutions and/or alterations in the above curriculum shall be made without the recommendation of a criminal justice advisor and the written approval of a criminal justice program director in accordance with criminal justice program policies.

2 Students may receive credit for another statistics course of at least three credit hours, such as PSY 300.

3 CRJ 300 is not the same as the MSU course SOC 338. CRJ 300 cannot be substituted with any course from another institution if it was called “Criminology” and/or offered as a sociology course.

4 A second major can replace the required minor.