

# Criminal Justice

## Criminal Justice Mission Statement

The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice intends to provide students a comprehensive and balanced education through varied curricular offerings, which will be delivered in traditional and non-traditional formats. This education prepares students to assume professional roles, and to pursue further academic studies in criminal justice and related fields. The educational programs offered by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice foster local, national, and global perspectives while emphasizing ethical, critical, creative, innovative, and culturally sensitive thinking regarding crime as well as the criminal and juvenile justice systems. The students of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice's programs not only gain knowledge about the etiology and the dynamics of crime, the structures and functions of agencies, and the general operation of the criminal justice system, but they also acquire practical skills to implement this knowledge for developing evidence-based approaches and solutions to the ever-changing issues facing contemporary society.

## Program Goals

1. Maintain up-to-date and ample course offerings to prepare students for professional positions and further academic studies in Criminal Justice and related fields.
2. Continuously assess the quality of learning with rigorous and multi-faceted methods, and update the course offerings, contents, learning strategies, academic and non-academic activities, and materials.
3. Develop and maintain various degree offerings, minors, concentrations, certificate programs, and articulations with other institutional training / education programs, considering the contemporary needs and demands in the field of criminal justice.
4. Deliver curricular offerings through on-campus, off-campus, online, and blended strategies to meet educational needs of traditional and nontraditional student populations.
5. Offer courses to increase students' awareness on local, state, national, and international level dynamics of the criminal justice system.
6. Emphasize and integrate an ethical, critical, creative, and diversity awareness in the courses offered through its programs.
7. Offer courses and opportunities to expose students to the daily operations, practices, and issues of the criminal justice system, in addition to provide them with necessary skills for solving problems by putting their knowledge into practice
8. Rigorously work to recruit potential students through individual and collaborative efforts
9. Regularly assess the retention and graduation rates in its programs

## Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC)

Minot State University is offering a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice program plan to meet the needs of Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduates looking for advanced education opportunities in criminal justice at the baccalaureate level. Students who earn a qualifying CCAF degree can receive their BS in Criminal Justice degree after completing 60 credits at Minot State. Visit our Air University to Baccalaureate Cooperative website (<https://www.minotstateu.edu/online/au-abc.shtml/>) for program details and a list of qualifying CCAF degrees.

## Bachelor of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice

### General Education

General Education Courses	38
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### Required Criminal Justice Core Courses

No substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted with advisor and department chair approval.

CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 300	Policing	3
CJ 330	Criminological Theory	3
CJ 340	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 380	Corrections	3
CJ 491	Senior Seminar	3
LEGL 322	Criminal Law	3
LEGL 370	Court Processing and Sentencing	3

### Required Criminal Justice Elective Courses

Choose from any combination of the following; no substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted with advisor and department chair approval.

**Select 36 credits from the following choices:****36**

CJ 226	Introduction to Criminal Investigation
CJ 227	Crimes Against Children
CJ 229	Interviewing and Interrogation
CJ 265	Statistical Literacy for Criminal Justice
CJ 299	Special Topics
CJ 302	Use of Force in Policing
CJ 320	Community Corrections
CJ 332	Restorative Justice
CJ 344	Media, Internet, and Crime
CJ 345	Policy Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 346	Crime and Intelligence Analysis
CJ 347	Digital Forensics
CJ 348	Legal and Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 361	Class and Race in Criminal Justice
CJ 362	Gender Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 363	Human Trafficking
CJ 364	Cybercrimes
CJ 365	Mass Shootings
CJ 366	International Crime
CJ 367	Sex Crimes and Offenders
CJ 368	Campus Crime
CJ 375	Gangs
CJ 381	Institutional Corrections
CJ 382	Correctional Rehabilitation
CJ 383	Offender Risk Assessment and Typology
CJ 384	Special Correctional Populations
CJ 385	Terrorism and Homeland Security
CJ 387	Capital and Corporal Punishment
CJ 388	Societal Reentry from Incarceration
CJ 390	Criminal Justice in Indian Country
CJ 394	Independent Study General CJ <sup>1</sup>
CJ 395	Victims and Victimology
CJ 401	Administration of Criminal Justice Systems
CJ 402	Police Supervision
CJ 420	Advanced Homeland Security
CJ 450	White-Collar Crime
CJ 480	Research Methods in Criminal Justice
CJ 481	Data Analysis Strategies in Criminal Justice
CJ 494	Directed Criminal Justice Research
CJ 497	Field Experience
CJ 499	Special Topics Criminal Justice
LEGL 350	Criminal Procedure
LEGL 365	Law and Society
LEGL 372	Juries
LEGL 374	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

**Electives**

Elective Courses

**22****Total Hours****120**<sup>1</sup> Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

## Criminal Justice Minor

CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 300	Policing	3
CJ 330	Criminological Theory	3
CJ 340	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 380	Corrections	3
LEGL 322	Criminal Law	3
LEGL 370	Court Processing and Sentencing	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Police Management and Investigations Minor

CJ 226	Introduction to Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 227	Crimes Against Children	3
CJ 229	Interviewing and Interrogation	3
CJ 300	Policing	3
CJ 302	Use of Force in Policing	3
CJ 401	Administration of Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 402	Police Supervision	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Law and Legal Studies Minor

CJ 497	Field Experience (must be related to minor)	3
LEGL 322	Criminal Law	3
LEGL 350	Criminal Procedure	3
LEGL 365	Law and Society	3
LEGL 370	Court Processing and Sentencing	3
LEGL 372	Juries	3
LEGL 374	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Offenders, Risk Assessment and Corrections Minor

CJ 320	Community Corrections	3
CJ 380	Corrections	3
CJ 382	Correctional Rehabilitation	3
CJ 383	Offender Risk Assessment and Typology	3
CJ 387	Capital and Corporal Punishment	3
Choose 2 of the Following Classes		6
CJ 265	Statistical Literacy for Criminal Justice	
CJ 381	Institutional Corrections	
CJ 384	Special Correctional Populations	
CJ 388	Societal Reentry from Incarceration	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## Criminal Justice Research and Policy Evaluation Concentration

CJ 345	Policy Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 480	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 481	Data Analysis Strategies in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 494	Directed Criminal Justice Research	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Concentration

CJ 227	Crimes Against Children	3
CJ 363	Human Trafficking	3
CJ 395	Victims and Victimology	3
SWK 428	Crisis Intervention	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Policing Concentration

CJ 226	Introduction to Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 229	Interviewing and Interrogation	3
CJ 300	Policing	3
CJ 302	Use of Force in Policing	3
LEGL 322	Criminal Law	3
LEGL 350	Criminal Procedure	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>