

Criminal Justice - Criminology Emphasis, BA/BS

Program Description

Utah Tech's Criminal Justice major is an interdisciplinary program that combines the study of criminal law, law enforcement, and criminology, providing a firm foundation for a myriad of careers. This course of study exposes students to the interconnected nature of the criminal justice system and explores criminological explanations for crime commission. Graduates from this program are prepared to enter applied positions in the criminal justice system or pursue graduate degrees in law, criminology, sociology, forensics psychology, etc. The criminology emphasis is comprised of 33 credits in addition to the established criminal justice core curriculum. This emphasis prepares students to analyze criminal behavior by using established criminological theory and appropriate research methods. Areas of study in this emphasis include victimology, policing, juvenile delinquency, and crimes against humanity. Students apply a practical approach to criminological theory and methods by utilizing them to complete a capstone project.

Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
	Bachelor of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement	3-16

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page ¹
- Complete a 2020 or higher foreign language course (grade C or higher)
- Complete a 3060 foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 16 transfer credits for GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (8) in a single foreign language (grade C or higher)

OR

Complete a 1010 course listed below in a second foreign language (grade C or higher) AND one of the following:

1. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000 (8) and FLAT 2000 (4)

or

2. In a language not taught at Utah Tech, receive 12 transfer credits articulated as GEFL 1000 (8) and GEFL 2000 (4) (all grade C or higher)

OR

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 16 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)
- Complete ESL 2750 or ESL 2760 (grade B or higher).

- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Total Hours**3-16**

¹ General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Criminal Justice Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330 or CJ 1340	Criminal Law Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 3270	Criminology	3
CJ 4150 or CJ 4200 or CJ 4900	Criminal Justice Reform Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice Current Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 4875 or HASS 3150	Criminal Justice Sr Practicum Careers in the Humanities and Social Sciences	1

Note: HASS 3150 requires a course fee. See Course Fee Tab ([https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/applied-sociology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-criminology-ba-bs/Zoom link: https://utahtech-edu.zoom.us/j/2882317124/](https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/applied-sociology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-criminology-ba-bs/Zoom%20link%20https://utahtech-edu.zoom.us/j/2882317124/)) for details.

Criminology Emphasis Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 1040	Introduction to Statistics (MA) ³	3
CJ 3300 or SOC 3111	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CJ 4790	Capstone Research in Criminal Justice	3

Criminology Emphasis Elective Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 24 credits from the following:		
CJ 1300	Intro to Corrections	3
CJ 1330 or CJ 1340	Criminal Law ¹ Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 1390	Police Field Operations	3
CJ 1900	Introduction to Computer Related Crime ³	3
CJ 2020	Criminal Justice Supervision	3
CJ 2330	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
CJ 2360	Juvenile Law & Procedure	3
CJ 3100	Profiling Deviant Behavior	3
CJ 3200	Policing in U.S. Society	3
CJ 3250	Private Security	3
CJ 3310	Victimology	3
CJ 3320	Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 3350	American Jails and Prisons	3
CJ 3400	Drugs and Crime	3
CJ 3450	Community Policing	3
CJ 3500	White Collar Crime	3
CJ 3550	Crime, Media, and Culture	3
CJ 3600	The Criminal-Life Course (C)	3

CJ 3700	Women, Crime, and Justice	3
CJ 3710	Crimes Against Humanity	3
CJ 3830	International Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 3850	Immigration and Crime	3
CJ 4020	Urban Crime	3
CJ 4100	Social Control	3
CJ 4150	Criminal Justice Reform ¹	3
CJ 4200	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice ¹	3
CJ 4240	Delinquency & Social Responsibility	3
CJ 4260	The Criminology & Policy of Terrorism	3
CJ 4500	Special Topics ²	3
CJ 4860R	Criminology Practicum	1-3
CJ 4890R	Criminal Justice Internship	1-3
CJ 4900	Current Issues in Criminal Justice ¹	3
SOC 3020	Social Psychology	3
SOC 3560	Deviance and Social Control	3
CJ 4050	Sports and Crime	3
CJ 3650	Trial Advocacy	3
CJ 3655	Mock Trial	1
CJ 4975R	Digital Forensics Travel Study: Domestic & International	1-3

¹ A course may only be used to fulfill one program requirement.

² Repeatable as topic varies.

³ Course Fee Required. See Course Fee Tab (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/applied-sociology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-criminology-ba-bs/> Zoom link: <https://utahtech-edu.zoom.us/j/2882317124/>) for details

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits.
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Minimum C- grade in Discipline Core Requirements.
5. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
6. Maximum 3 credits in CJ 4890R Criminal Justice Internship can be applied to Emphasis Requirements.

Graduation Plan

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2 MATH 1040	3
CJ 1010	3 CJ 1330 or 1340	3
ENGL 1010	3 ENGL 2010	3
MATH 0980	4 General Elective	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 General Elective	3

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
General Education (American Institutions) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 CJ 3270	3
General Education (Life Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 CJ Emphasis Elective: Upper Division	3
General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3 General Education (Physical Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Elective	3 General Education (Literature/ Humanities) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
CJ Emphasis: Upper Division	3 CJ Emphasis: Upper Division	3
CJ Emphasis: Upper Division	3 CJ Emphasis: Upper Division	3
Upper Division Elective	3 General Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 3300 or SOC 3111	3 CJ 4200, 4150, or 4900	3
CJ Emphasis Elective: Upper Division	3 CJ 4790	3
CJ Emphasis Elective: Upper Division	3 CJ Emphasis Elective: Upper Division	3
General Elective	3 Upper Division Elective	2
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	14

Total Hours 119**BA/BS Criminal Justice Program Learning Outcomes**

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Describe the major components of the Criminal Justice system and the fundamental processes that take place therein
2. Compare primary criminological theories and their respective causal arguments.
3. Apply correct criminological theory to address criminal behavior, crime trends, or criminal justice policies/practices.
4. Differentiate basic methodological techniques employed in the past and current criminological research.
5. Appraise research that illuminates the strengths and weaknesses of current criminal justice policy or research that attempts to reveal the causes of criminal behavior.
6. Apply appropriate research methods to analyze varying criminal behaviors or functions within the Criminal Justice system.