Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement, 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 law enforcement emphasis is comprised of 45 total credits. The core requires students to take courses in criminal justice, philosophy, technical writing, communications, and social/behavioral science. In addition to the established core curriculum, students will take courses in the following areas: social and behavioral sciences; ethical communication; and policy and practice. This emphasis prepares students to enter the field of law enforcement with skills that supplement the training cadets receive in the law enforcement academy.

Program Curriculum

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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 Law Enforcement Emphasis Requirements

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Code	Title	Hours
Complete 21 credits from the following:		
COMM 2110	Interpersonal Communication (SS, GC)	3
COMM 4500	Communication and Conflict	3
CJ 3270	Criminology	3
CJ 4150	Criminal Justice Reform	3
or CJ 4200	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	
or CJ 4900	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	
ENGL 2100	Technical Writing (ALCS)	3
PHIL 2050	Social Ethics (HU, GC)	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology (SS, GC)	3
or SOC 1010	Introduction to Sociology (SS, GC)	
CJ 4875	Criminal Justice Sr Practicum [1]	1
or HASS 3150	Careers in the Humanities and Social Sciences	

1. HASS 3150 has a course fee. See Course Fee Tab for details

Code	Title	Hours
Choose three (3) Social and Behavioral Science Classes (9 credits)		
CJ 3310	Victimology	3
CJ 4100	Social Control	3
PSY 2400	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior	3
PSY 2430	Stress Management	3
PSY 2480	Substance Abuse: Prevention	3
PSY 2500	Social Psychology	3
PSY 3420	Psy of Culture & Diversity	3
PSY 3700	Personality Theory	3
PSY 3714	Learning and Behavior	3
SOC 2370	Gender in Contemporary Society (SS)	3
SOC 2630	Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations (SS)	3
SOC 3020	Social Psychology	3
SOC 3520	Sociology of Mental Health and Illness	3
SOC 3560	Deviance and Social Control	3

Code	Title	Hours
Choose three (3) Ethical Communication Classes (9 credits)		
COMM 1020	Public Speaking	3
COMM 1270	Critical Thinking and Communicating (SS)	3
COMM 2700	Voice and Civility in Public Discourse	3
COMM 3130	Rhetoric and Public Communication	3
COMM 3150	The Dark Side of Interpersonal Relationships	3

COMM 3190	Intercultural Communication (SS, GC)	3
COMM 3330	Negotiations and Bargaining	3
COMM 3340	Survey of Dispute Resolution	3
COMM 3360	Mediation and Negotiation	3
COMM 3510	Ethics in Communication	3
ENGL 3010	Professional Writing and Business Ethics	3
ENGL 3120	Document Design	3
ENGL 3130	Grant and Proposal Writing (ALCS)	3
ENGL 3345	Topics in Professional & Technical Writing:	3
ENGL 3720	Editing	3
PHIL 1250	Reasoning and Rational Decision-Making (HU, GC)	3
PHIL 3500	Applied Ethics	3
PHIL 3555	Tech Ethics	3

Code	Title	Hours
Choose two (2) Policy and Practice Classes (6 credits)		
CJ 3350	American Jails and Prisons	3
CJ 3400	Drugs and Crime	3
CJ 3450	Community Policing	3
CJ 3550	Crime, Media, and Culture	3
CJ 3700	Women, Crime, and Justice	3
CJ 3850	Immigration and Crime	3
CJ 4020	Urban Crime	3
POLS 2300	Intro to Political Theory	3
POLS 3200	Introduction to Law and Politics	3
POLS 3320	Introduction to Public Policy and Analysis	3

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.

Graduation Plan (POST)

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Elective	3	ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3	PHIL 2050	3
PSY 1010 or SOC 1010	3	COMM 2110	3
General Education (Mathematics) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (American Institutions) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 2100	3	General Education (Physical Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
CJ 3270	3	General Elective	3
General Education (Life Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)		CJ Emphasis Elective	3
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
General Elective	3		
	15		**15**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 4150, 4200, or 4900	3	COMM 4500	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 1070	9	CJ 1080	6
General Elective	3	CJ 1090	7
General Elective	3	General Elective	2
	15		**15**

Total Hours 120

Graduation Plan (traditional)

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Elective	3	ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3	PHIL 2050	3
PSY 1010 or SOC 1010	3	COMM 2110	3
General Education (Mathematics) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (American Institutions) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3

General Education (Fine Arts) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 2100	3	General Education (Physical Sciences/Lab) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
CJ 3270	3	General Education (Exploration) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Life Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	CJ 1330	3
General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)		CJ Emphasis Elective	3
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3		
	15		**15**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 4150, 4200, or 4900	3	COMM 4500	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 1390	3	CJ 3400	3
CJ 3300 or SOC 3111	3	CJ 3450	3
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ 3655	1
CJ Emphasis Elective	3	CJ Emphasis Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
		General Elective	2
	15		**15**

Total Hours 120

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 police/practice.
4. Differentiate basic methodological techniques employed in 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.