



Bachelor of Science

# Criminal Justice (BSCJ)

• CIP code 430104 • 120 credits

## Program Description

The online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice provides a comprehensive exploration of criminal behavior and the responses of law enforcement, the court system, and corrections. Students will study law enforcement, the court system, and corrections in light of 21<sup>st</sup>-century policing principles including public safety, current social justice issues, and the constitutional rights of individuals. Students will explore the impact of crime on victims, offenders, and the general public.

The program draws upon the experience of professional practitioners through in-class and in-field education placements; using their classroom knowledge and developing practical skills in community settings.

## Program Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Understand the underlying causes of crime and criminal behavior, and distinctions between various forms of law violations.
- Demonstrate, defend and critique the structure of the criminal justice system and discuss legal and ethical responsibilities and practices.
- Evaluate, defend and critique differing views of national, state and local laws, policies and enforcement practices.
- Know the role of law enforcement in society, the structure and training of its officers and specializations such as community policing, state police, environmental police, federal law enforcement.
- Know the history, structure and role of federal and local courts; designated courts such as drug courts, juvenile courts, mental health courts and the judicial process; the roles of defense, prosecution and judicial professionals.
- Evaluate, defend and critique the role of corrections, correctional facilities and sentenced populations, correctional policies, staffing and roles.
- Research and respond to controversial issues related to law enforcement, sentencing and correctional practices and defend differing views in a scholarly manner.
- Participate thoughtfully in debates on society's responses to crime: treatment vs. punishment, need for law and respect for human rights, the impact of crime and imprisonment, alternative sentencing and the principles of restorative justice.

## Instructional Delivery

The BSCJ is an online program. Courses are eight weeks in length, and there are six sessions per year. The BSCJ is offered in a 100% asynchronous online format, and there is a strong focus on engaging students in a dynamic and interactive learning format.

Given that CCG students are primarily working adults, the average program completion is five (5) years or thirty (30) eight-week sessions.

**Please note:** The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice is also offered as an in-seat or hybrid program under Arts & Sciences. See *Criminal Justice* on page 67 for details.

## BSCJ General Education ..... 42 credits

### English ..... 6

ENG 101W English Composition I

ENG 201W English Composition II

### Critical Thinking and Literacy ..... 6

INF 101W Information Literacy for College Success  
(Required as first course at CCG)

PHI 101W Critical Thinking

### Communication ..... 6

COM 201W Business Writing & Communication

COM 301W Interpersonal and Organizational Communication

### Arts & Humanities ..... 6

*Choose two:*

ART 301W Art History & Appreciation

ENG 305W American Literature

ENG 405W British Literature

HIS 201W U.S. History Since 1900

### Social Science ..... 6

*Choose two:*

ECO 101W Economics and Society

PSY 250W Psychology

POL 250W Political Science

SOC 250W Sociology

### Mathematics ..... 6

*Choose two:*

MAT 101W\* Essentials of College Mathematics

MAT 103W\* Business Math

MAT 205W College Algebra

### Natural Science ..... 6

SCI 281W Environmental Science

SCI 301W Anatomy & Physiology

\*Students may elect to take a Math placement exam instead of MAT 101W. Students should contact their advisor for assistance with scheduling the placement exam prior to enrolling in any MAT courses.

## Open Electives ..... 38 credits

Choose electives and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)

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<b>Criminal Justice Major</b> .....	<b>40 credits</b>
JUS 200 Crime and Criminal Justice .....	3
JUS 225 Introduction to Social Justice .....	3
JUS 304 Foundations of Law Enforcement .....	3
JUS 305 Introduction to Criminal Law .....	3
JUS 306 Courts and Community .....	3
PSY 328 Forensic Psychology .....	3
JUS 450 Research and Analytics in Criminal Justice .....	3
BHS 402 Special Topics in Justice Issues .....	3
JUS 416 History and Current Practices of Corrections .....	3
JUS 440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Criminal Justice .....	3
JUS 445 Crime Scene Investigation .....	3
BHS 470 Criminal Justice Field Education .....	4
BHS 490 Criminal Justice Capstone .....	3

See *Undergraduate Course Descriptions* on page 88.