

Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

The criminal justice program uses a social science perspective to study the nature and causes of crime and provides a comprehensive understanding of the United States criminal justice system.

Lees-McRae College students who major in criminal justice benefit from a unique, holistic learning environment. The program of study challenges the student to view crime, law, and social problems from a theoretical perspective within the specialized criminal justice discipline. An internship gives the student hands-on experience and a chance to develop professional relationships. The Senior Research Seminar is a capstone experience where the student works collaboratively with faculty to research a topic of his or her interest, presents results and gets involved with community service.

Graduates of the program work in law enforcement and investigative agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. Opportunities include correctional institutions, adult and juvenile probation and parole, victim's services, homeland security, private security, and other human services-related fields.

Criminal Justice Requirements:

- General Education Requirements
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Requirements
- Major Requirements
- Electives

Total Credit Hours | 120

General Education Requirements

See details in the General Education section of the catalog.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements

Proficiency in a foreign language, demonstrated through:

- Graduation from a high school where all instruction was conducted in a language other than English;
- Passing a CLEP or other designated examination at the intermediate level;
- Completion of one of the college's language sequences through the intermediate level (non-Spanish). Intermediate level proficiency (for students enrolled in Spanish) will be demonstrated by the successful completion of SPA 211 or a higher level 3-hour SPA course.

OR

Bachelor of Science Requirements

6-8 additional hours in math or science, not duplicating coursework, taken from:

Prefix	Course Number
BIO	101, 102, 105, 114, 115, 121, 122
CHM	101, 111

MAT	111, 112, 116, 117, 215, 220, 227
PHY	101, 111, 112
SCI	211

Major Requirements | 42 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
SOC 251 Social Problems	3 credit hours
CRI 221 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credit hours
CRI 265 Statistics for the Social Sciences	3 credit hours
CRI 301 Juvenile Delinquency	3 credit hours
CRI 311 Perspectives on Policing	3 credit hours
CRI 321 Deviance and Violence	3 credit hours
CRI 325 Judicial Process and Court Ethics	3 credit hours
CRI 331 Criminology: Crime Theory and Criminal Behavior	3 credit hours
CRI 380 Research Methods	3 credit hours
CRI 450 Criminal Law	3 credit hours
CRI 461 Global Justice Systems	3 credit hours
CRI 471 Criminal Justice Internship	3 credit hours
CRI 499 Senior Research Seminar	3 credit hours
Choose one of the following (one of these courses is required, the other may count as an elective)	
CRI 351 Prison Culture and Custody	3 credit hours
CRI 352 Probation, Parole and Community Corrections	3 credit hours

Electives | Select 12 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
CRI 231 Careers in Criminal Justice	3 credit hours
CRI 272 Criminal Investigation and Interrogation	3 credit hours
CRI 275 Women and Crime	3 credit hours
CRI 343 The Forgotten Victim	3 credit hours
CRI 351 Prison Culture and Custody <i>(if not taken as a major requirement)</i>	3 credit hours
CRI 352 Probation, Parole and Community Corrections <i>(if not taken as a major requirement)</i>	3 credit hours
CRI 341 Crisis Intervention and Mediation	3 credit hours
CRI 402 Criminal Gangs	3 credit hours
CRI 404 White Collar Crime	3 credit hours
CRI 466 Serial Killers	3 credit hours
CRI 288–488 Special Topics	3 credit hours
Additional Elective Courses (enough to reach the 120 hour level)	

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Minor

The criminal justice minor requires 18 credit hours beyond general education and degree requirements.

Required Courses | 12 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
CRI 221 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credit hours
CRI 311 Perspectives on Policing	3 credit hours
CRI 325 Judicial Process and Court Ethics	3 credit hours
Choose one of the following:	
CRI 351 Prison Culture and Custody*	3 credit hours
CRI 352 Probation, Parole and Community Corrections*	3 credit hours

*One of these courses is required, the other may be taken as an elective.

Elective Courses | 6 Credit Hours

Class Name	Credit Hours
CRI 231 Careers in Criminal Justice	3 credit hours
CRI 272 Criminal Investigation and Interrogation	3 credit hours
CRI 275 Women and Crime	3 credit hours
CRI 301 Juvenile Delinquency	3 credit hours
CRI 321 Deviance and Violence	3 credit hours
CRI 331 Criminology: Crime Theory and Criminal Behavior	3 credit hours
CRI 341 Crisis Intervention and Mediation	3 credit hours
CRI 343 The Forgotten Victim	3 credit hours
CRI 351 Prison Culture and Custody*	3 credit hours
CRI 352 Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections*	3 credit hours
CRI 402 Criminal Gangs	3 credit hours
CRI 404 White Collar Crime	3 credit hours
CRI 450 Criminal Law	3 credit hours
CRI 461 Global Justice Systems	3 credit hours
CRI 466 Serial Killers	3 credit hours
CRI 488 Special Topics	3 credit hours
SOC 251 Social Problems	3 credit hours

*If not taken as minor requirement.

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Specialization in Forensic Psychology

The Forensic Psychology specialization is designed to supplement the study of criminal justice, psychology, and other justice-related areas with an overview of the intersection of the criminal justice system and psychology.

Specialization in Forensic Psychology | 12 Credit Hours

Required Courses

Class Name	Credit Hours
CRI 343 The Forgotten Victim	3 credit hours
CRI 466 Serial Killers	3 credit hours
PSY 273 Forensic Psychology	3 credit hours
PSY 202 Abnormal Psychology	3 credit hours