

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

REQUIREMENTS

CORE CURRICULUM The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at marshall.edu/gened.

CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	3	
MTH 160	Critical Thinking Course	5	
	Critical Thinking Course	3	
Additional University Requirements			
	Writing Intensive	3	
CJ 492	Writing Intensive	3	
	Multicultural or International	3	
CJ 492	Capstone	3	

CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	
ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3	
CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3	
MTH 160	Applied Math Reasoning (CT)	5	
FSC 224	Intro to Forensic Science	4	
	Core II Humanities	3	
CJ 200	Core II Social Science	3	
	Core II Fine Arts	3	

MAJOR-SPECIFIC

All Criminal Justice majors are required to take the following courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
CJ 200	Intro to Criminal Justice	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
	CJ 211, 221 or 231	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
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CJ 302	CJ Research Methods	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
CJ 322	Criminal Law	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
CJ 404	Theoretical Criminology	3			300/400 Free Elective	3	
CJ 492	Senior Seminar (Capstone)	3			300/400 Free Elective	3	
CIT 150 or MIS 200	Spreadsheet & Database Principles or Bus Computer Applications	3			300/400 Free Elective	3	
FSC 224	Intro to Forensic Science	4			Free Elective	3	
MTH 160	Applied Math Reasoning (CT)	5			Free Elective	3	
	Physical/Natural Science Elective	4			Free Elective	3	
	300/400 CJ Conc Elect outside AoE	3			Free Elective	3	
	300/400 CJ Conc Elect outside AoE	3			Free Elective	4	
CS 105 or CFS 200	Expl World with Computing (CT) or Introduction to CFS	3					

MAJOR INFORMATION

- Students are required to know and track their degree requirements for graduation or for entrance to a professional school.
- In addition to the Core General Education requirements, the College of Science requires 40 hours of upper level credit.
- Coursework listed as "elective" may vary for each student. Students are encouraged to use elective hours toward a minor or toward prerequisites.
- Students are encouraged to complete an internship in the area of emphasis (CJ 490) in the summer before their senior year. Internships require approval from the CJ Department Chair.
- Course offerings and course attributes are subject to change. Please consult each semester's schedule of courses for availability and attributes.
- Areas of Emphasis: 24 hours (18 hours in AoE plus 6 hours CJ coursework outside AoE; CJ 200, 302, 322, 404 and 492 do not count toward the 18 AoE or the 6 additional CJ electives.)
 - Law Enforcement:** CJ 211 and 15 hours from: CJ 300, CJ 314, CJ 323, CJ 400, CJ 406, CJ 410, CJ 416, CJ 417, CJ 420, CJ 424, CJ 426, or CJ 490. Other options that may be used with permission from the department chair may include, but are not limited to, CJ 325, CJ 340, CJ 341, CJ 403, CJ 405, CJ 415, CJ 460, and CJ 440.
 - Legal Studies:** CJ 221 and 15 hours from: CJ 223, CJ 323, CJ 400, CJ 417, CJ 422, CJ 424, CJ 426, or CJ 490. Other options that may be used with permission from the department chair may include, but are not limited to, CJ 325, CJ 341, CJ 403, CJ 405, CJ 415, CJ 460, CJ 406, CJ 416, and CJ 440.
 - Corrections:** CJ 231 and 15 hours from: CJ 325, CJ 331, CJ 332, CJ 400, CJ 406, CJ 417, CJ 433, or CJ 490. Other options that may be used with permission from the department chair may include, but are not limited to, CJ 300, CJ 340, CJ 341, CJ 405, CJ 426, and CJ 460.
 - General:** Students who do not select an area of emphasis take both CJ 211 and CJ 231 as well as a variety of criminal justice electives to suit their career interests to complete the 24 hours of CJ electives.

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The Criminal Justice and Criminology Program provides undergraduate and graduate students with a high quality criminal justice education to prepare them for future success in: (1) public service (i.e., law enforcement, courts and administration, probation, parole, jails and prisons, juvenile justice, victims' services, and training/teaching); (2) law school; (3) graduate school; or (4) the private sector (i.e., loss prevention/security and corrections). A unique contribution of the Criminal Justice and Criminology program is to develop students' intellectual abilities, critical thinking skills, research skills, language/ communication skills, and problem-solving skills within a broadly based exposure to the study of the law, the legal system, and the practical realities of how social, economic, and political contexts influence the roles of professionals/practitioners and also the operation of the criminal justice system.

YEAR ONE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	CJ 200	Intro to Criminal Justice	3		MTH 160	Applied Math Reasoning (CT)	5	
	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3			CJ 211, 221 or 231	3	
	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3			Core II: Fine Arts	3	
	FYS 100	First Year Sem Crit Thinking	3			Core I: Critical Thinking	3	
		Free Elective	3					
	UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1					
	TOTAL HOURS				TOTAL HOURS			
	16				14			
	Summer Term (optional):							

YEAR TWO	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	CIT 150 or MIS 200	Spreadsheet & Database Principles or Bus Computer Applications	3		CS 105 or CFS 200	Expl World with Computing (CT) or Introduction to CFS	3	
	ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3			CJ 211, 221 or 231	3	
		CJ 211, 221 or 231	3			Physical or Natural Science	4	
		Free Elective	3			Free Elective	3	
		Multicultural/International	3			Free Elective	3	
	TOTAL HOURS				TOTAL HOURS			
	15				16			
	Summer Term (optional):							

YEAR THREE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	CJ 322	Criminal Law	3		FSC 224	Intro to Forensic Science	4	
		Core II Humanities (WI)	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
		300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3	
		300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3		CJ 302	CJ Research Methods	3	
		300/400 Free Elective	3			300/400 Free Elective	3	
	TOTAL HOURS				TOTAL HOURS			
	15				16			
	Summer Term (optional):							

YEAR FOUR	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
		300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3		CJ 492	Senior Seminar (WI)	3	
		300/400 CJ Concentration Elective	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective (outside AoE)	3	
	CJ 404	Theoretical Criminology	3			300/400 CJ Concentration Elective (outside AoE)	3	
		300/400 Free Elective	3			Free Elective	4	
		300/400 Free Elective	3					
	TOTAL HOURS				TOTAL HOURS			
	15				13			
	Summer Term (optional):							

General Education Requirement
 College Requirement
 Major Requirement
 Area of Emphasis

Milestone Course: This is a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss importance of this course in your plan of study.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Government Association
- Campus Activity Board
- JMELI
- Commuter Student Advisory Board
- Club Sports
- Religious Organizations
- Political Organizations
- Residence Hall Association
- Cultural Organizations
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Greek Life

RELATED MAJORS

- Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a minimum of 120 credit hours (some colleges or majors require more);
- Have an overall and Marshall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher;
- Have an overall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher in the major area of study;
- Have earned a grade of C or better in English 201 or 201 H;
- Have met all major(s) and college requirements;
- Have met the requirements of the Core Curriculum;
- Have met the residence requirements of Marshall University, including 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the student's college (see section entitled "Residence Requirements" in the undergraduate catalogue);
- Be enrolled at Marshall at least one semester of the senior year;
- Have transferred no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

Colleges and specific programs may have unique requirements that are more stringent than those noted above. Students are responsible for staying informed about and ensuring that they meet the requirements for graduation.

This academic map is to be used as a guide in planning your coursework toward a degree. Due to the complexities of degree programs, it is unfortunate but inevitable that an error may occur in the creation of this document. The official source of degree requirements at Marshall University is DegreeWorks available in your myMU portal. Always consult regularly with your advisor.

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YEAR ONE



Have questions? Need to talk? You already have a Friend-At-Marshall ready to help you succeed. Find your FAM Peer Mentor here: www.marshall.edu/fam



Stay on the Herd Path and come to class! Class attendance is more important to your success than your high school GPA, your class standing, or your ACT/SAT scores.



In order to graduate on time, you need to take an average of 15 credits per semester. Are you on track? Take 15 to Finish!



Begin thinking about whether you want to declare an Area of Emphasis (Law Enforcement, Legal Studies, or Corrections) or whether you want to keep your options open.



Sign up for Handshake! Handshake is the #1 place to launch a career with no connections, experience, or luck required. The platform connects up-and-coming talent with 650,000+ employers.



Join or create a club or organization on campus about a particular issue you care about. Marshall has more than 200 student organizations.



Attend civic meetings, such as the school board, neighborhood associations, city council, or important state legislative sessions.

YEAR THREE



Learn more about your career goal by considering an internship with an agency in that particular field.



Develop relationships with professors who can serve as future references by attending their office hours.



Consider the Accelerated Master's Degree option in Criminal Justice at Marshall, if you'd like to earn both your degrees in less time overall.



No need to wait until graduate school. Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in your major right now.



Networking is key! Attend a Career Expo to seek employment opportunities and network with employers in your field.



Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities for career advancement? Talk to our Graduate Director about whether graduate school fits your career goals.



Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Junior Eval to make sure you know what requirements you have left.

YEAR TWO



Are you completing enough credits to graduate on time? Dropping or failing a class can put you behind. Use summer terms to quickly get back on track.



College is a great time to experience the world! Consider studying abroad in the summer, during Spring Break, or for an entire semester.



Take a Community Based Learning (CBL) class that connects course content to the community. Stay engaged and make a difference.



Join the Marshall Mentor Network and connect with professionals in your field to discuss your major, career path, and more.



Meet with a career education specialist to conduct a "gap analysis." Figure out the skills you'll need for the career you want while you still have time to build them.



Have you considered adding a minor? Think about personal areas of interest you'd like to explore or how you might enhance your major with a related skill set.



Join the student chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association (Lambda Alpha Epsilon).

YEAR FOUR



Think about who can help you grow as a student and a professional—professors, advisors, alumni, etc.—and ask at least one to be your mentor.



Take an elective course that links diversity to your field of study.



Take the GRE during your senior year.



This is it! Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Senior Eval to see what requirements you have left.



Strengthen your resume and enhance your presentation skills. Present what you've learned at a local, regional, or national academic conference.



Be at the top of your professional game! Prepare a final resume and practice your interview skills with a career coach in Career Education.



Did you do really well in a hard course? Become a Tutor or a Supplemental Instructor.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAJOR

- Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Ability to Work as Part of a Team
- Ability to Stay Calm in Stressful Situations
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Dependability
- Integrity

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

- Social Work
- Corrections
- Probation
- Juvenile Justice
- Outreach
- Advocacy
- Prevention Programs
- Court Reporting
- Legal Research
- Law Enforcement
- Private Security
- Consulting
- Private Investigation
- Loss Prevention
- Education



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