

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ)



OVERVIEW

American InterContinental University™ offers a professionally focused BSCJ program that is designed to provide students with a broad overview of the criminal justice system and exposure to topics such as corrections, forensic science, law enforcement, and criminology. This curriculum is uniquely designed for students transferring college credits into the Criminal Justice program at AIU®. Students with existing credits in criminal justice from a regionally-accredited college could have those applied towards this program on a case-by-case basis.*

CORE CURRICULUM

In this specialized curriculum, students focus on the criminal justice system, its organizational components and processes, and its legal and public-policy contexts. Classes are structured to assist students in the development of their goals as they can study focused knowledge and skills common to criminal justice professionals. Here are a few key courses:

Crime Victim Studies: students can examine the impact of crime on victims, their families, and their communities. This could help them prepare for a number of vocations in the criminal justice field.

Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Theory: students can explore why juveniles engage in delinquent and criminal behavior, current societal responses to juvenile delinquency, and how and why they're treated differently within the U.S. criminal justice system.

Evidence: students explore a critical subject for all criminal justice professionals: the rules for handling and classifying evidence, from the crime scene to the trial.

WE CAN HELP YOU

- Apply appropriate knowledge and skills necessary for a career in criminal justice and related professions
- Apply ethical decision-making skills to contemporary criminal justice issues
- Apply career management skills necessary to promote, further, or enhance criminal justice career opportunities

COURSEWORK

OUTCOMES

WHY AIU?

AIU offers a streamlined, real-world curriculum and flexibility designed to help you schedule school around your life, not the other way around. Along with industry-relevant undergraduate and graduate degrees, our industry-focused specializations allow in-depth study of the field.

To accommodate busy lives, we offer full- and part-time program options and transfer-in credit* for eligible college, work and military experience, which could cut down on the time it takes to earn a degree.



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* Not all credits are eligible to transfer. See the University Catalog for transfer credit policies.

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The AIU Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree program combines the required general education courses that offer a liberal-arts foundation with specialized coursework designed to provide a professional education in the criminal justice field. The latter emphasizes the study of policing, courts, criminology, corrections, juvenile justice, and forensic science.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

The goal of the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree program is to provide a well-rounded overview of the entire criminal justice system. Students can study criminal law, corrections, crime victim studies, and the court systems.

A choice of electives offers them the opportunity to delve into areas that interest them, such as the impact of drug usage on crime rates or homeland security.

A SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS

In addition to a curriculum based on industry-relevant standards, AIU's BSCJ program is taught by faculty members, many with experience in the fields they teach. Students have an opportunity to learn from interactive criminal justice modules that are linked to current events and policies.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

ENGL106	English Composition I	4.5
ENGL107	English Composition II	4.5
MATH125	General College Mathematics	4.5
UNIV103	Academic and Professional Success	4.5
UNIV106	Technology and Information Literacy	4.5
UNIV109	Interpersonal Communication	4.5
	Humanities (2 courses)	9
	Natural Sciences (2 courses)	9
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses)	9
	General Education Elective (1 course)	4.5

Total General Education Requirements 58.5

GENERAL ELECTIVES

A combination of any 10 undergraduate courses

Total General Elective Requirements 45

CORE COURSES

CRJS101	Foundations of Criminal Justice Systems	4.5
CRJS105	Theories of Crime Causation	4.5

CORE COURSES (CONTINUED)

CRJS205	Introduction to Criminal Law	4.5
CRJS210	Introduction to Law Enforcement	4.5
CRJS215	Introduction to American Court System	4.5
CRJS220	Foundations of Corrections	4.5
CRJS310	Crime Victim Studies	4.5
CRJS315	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Theory	4.5
CRJS330	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Procedures	4.5
CRJS355	Evidence	4.5
CRJS405	Research Methods & Statistics for Criminal Justice	4.5
CRJS499	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	4.5

Total Core Requirements 54

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES

A combination of any 5 undergraduate Criminal Justice courses (CRJS)

Total Requirements 22.5

Total Bachelor's Degree Requirements 180

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