

## **Criminal Justice, Law and Society**

The major in Criminal Justice, Law and Society explores complex issues of crime, justice and social policy from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Students will explore the theory and philosophy of law and justice in the United States and grapple with the challenges of the pursuit of justice in our complicated and quickly changing social environment. Students pursuing the major in Criminal Justice, Law and Society may pursue careers in social policy, criminal justice, law enforcement, juvenile justice, corrections, law, federal and state agencies and international organizations. The CJLS major is also excellent preparation for graduate work in law, political science, sociology, social work, criminology, public administration, education and other academic disciplines.

The CJLS major includes three groups of classes – core courses, skills electives and diversity electives. Students may take courses for the major in any order, provided the student meets the prerequisites of each course at registration. Students are advised to take CJLS 101 and 200 early in their college careers as these courses will provide an overview to the discipline.

### Tips and suggestions:

- PSJ 215 Conflict Mediation (2) is typically a winter term course and is not offered during the fall or spring semesters.
- Upper-division Pols courses may require junior standing for enrollment.
- Students will complete the CJLS 380 Practicum course in the fall of their senior year.
- The “skills” elective is designed to build a student’s career specific skills such as public speaking, presenting data, being a first responder, etc. Students should take one of the courses listed, but may also seek approval of an alternative skills course via the CJLS advisor.
- The CJLS also requires 4 credits focused on diversity in contemporary USA. Students may seek approval of an alternative diversity course via the CJLS advisor.

## **Major in Criminal Justice, Law and Society (CJLS)**

### **Core Courses:**

CJLS 101 Introduction to Law and Society 4  
CJLS 200 Criminal Justice 4  
SOC 366 Deviance 4  
PSJ 215 Conflict Mediation 2  
PHIL 315 Philosophy of Law 4  
POLS 325 Constitutional Law 4  
POLS 326 Civil Liberties 4  
SOC 304 Criminology 4  
SOC 300 Qualitative Research 4 or SOC 302 Survey Research  
SOC 301 Social Statistics 4  
CJLS 380 CJLS Practicum 4

CJLS 491 Senior Capstone 1 2  
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 (46 core credits)

Choose One Course (2 credits) from the following skills courses:

- Meda 101 Fundamentals of Speaking 2
- Meda 109 Intro to Communication Design 2
- PSJ 105 Introduction to Civic Engagement 2
- OL 107 Wilderness First Responder 2
- OL 207 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership 2
- APTH 272 Performance as Witness 2

Choose One Course (4 credits) from the following courses that explore diversity in the contemporary USA:

- Hist 245 Race in Modern America 4
- Hist 465 Civil Rights Movement 4
- Span 325 Mexican-American Cultural Exploration 4
- Pols 227 Civil Rights Movement 4
- SOC 360 Critical Race Theory 4
- SOC 315 Gender and Sexuality
- GSS 201 Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies 4

(52 credits total)

**Sample 4- year schedule:**

<b>FY1 (12 Credits)</b>	<b>WY1 (2 Credits)</b>	<b>SY1 (16 Credits)</b>
CJLS 101	OL 107	CJLS 200
FYS		Soc 110
POLS 227		ECON 102
Elective		Elective
<b>FY2 (16 Credits)</b>	<b>WY2 (2 Credits)</b>	<b>SY2 (16 Credits)</b>
Pols 266	PSJ 215	Pols 326
Phil 315		Soc 300
Elective		Elective
Elective		Elective
<b>FY3 (16 Credits)</b>	<b>WY3 (2 Credits)</b>	<b>SY3(16 Credits)</b>
Hist 141	Elective	Soc 304
SOC 301		Elective
Pols 325		Elective
Elective		Elective
<b>FY4 (16 Credits)</b>	<b>WY4 (2 credits)</b>	<b>SY4(Credits 16)</b>
CJLS 491	Elective	CJLS 492
CJLS 380		Elective
Elective		Elective