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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degree will meet the needs of individuals in law enforcement, individuals who wish to pursue a career working in law enforcement, or others who wish to pursue a career working in conjunction with members of law enforcement. Graduates gain broad knowledge of the justice system and criminology, and can move on to diverse careers, including ATF agent, law clerk, juvenile counselor, border patrol officer, narcotics investigator, police officer, FBI agent, private security, and many more options in the public and private sector.

Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Core courses cover basic forensic science, research methods, criminal and civil investigations, juvenile justice, corrections, leadership and management, and more
- Elective courses including psychology, sociology, and more
- Program includes a supervised research project

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MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degree is designed to meet the educational and professional needs of individuals in law enforcement who are interested in professional development or career advancement. It also prepares individuals for challenging and dynamic careers in the justice system at the local, state, and federal levels. Individuals completing the program are prepared for entry- and advanced-level positions, teaching, or training assignments, private security employment, research, or employment as consultants within the field.

The major consists of upper-division courses that include basic forensic science, research methods, juvenile justice, corrections, criminology, leadership and management, civil and criminal investigations, court systems, criminal law, and a senior project supervised by full-time, associate, and select core adjunct faculty. Additionally, students select elective courses from psychology, sociology, addictive disorders, behavioral science, legal studies, information technology, and human resource management to provide a broader perspective in human behavior.

Transition Programs

There are **four (4)** transition programs available to students in the Criminal Justice program:

- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Criminal Justice Program
- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Forensic Science Program
- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Public Administration Program
- BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Science in Juvenile Justice Program

The CJA BS/Master transition programs allow students who are enrolled in the BS in CJA and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and who are within completing their last 6 courses to register for 2 courses in the MCJA, MFS, or MPA program as electives for the bachelor's degree or one MS Juvenile Justice (JJS) as an elective in the BSCJA program. Transition graduate electives are restricted to those courses that do not require a prerequisite. Students must complete all transition course work with a grade of "B" or better.

BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Criminal Justice Program

BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Forensic Science Program

Students pursuing the BSCJA/MCJ/MFS can choose any two classes which do not require a prerequisite.

BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Public Administration Program

Students pursuing the BSCJA/MPA Program can take any two courses, with the exception of PAD 631 and PAD 644.

BS in Criminal Justice Administration/Master of Science in Juvenile Justice Program

For the BSCJA/MSJJS, students can choose one 600-level juvenile justice course, with the exception of JJS 625 or JJS 690 as long as prerequisites have been met.

The number of courses required to earn a MCJ, MFS, or MPA degree for transition program students is reduced from 12 to as few as 10 courses. For MSJJS students, the MSJJS required courses can be reduced from 11 to 10.

Graduate-level course work taken as part of the criminal justice administration program cannot be applied to the Master of Criminal Justice Program, Master of Forensic Science Program, Master of Public Administration Program, or the Master of Science in Juvenile Justice Program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply biological, psychological, sociological, and economic explanations for criminal behavior from a variety of disciplines.
- Identify the causes and patterns of juvenile delinquency.
- Distinguish the leadership and management styles commonly employed in the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate the criminal investigation process to include preliminary investigation, evidence collection and preservation, submission, and testimony in a courtroom.
- Explain the role of criminal sanctions in relationship to victims and offenders.

- Examine the importance of ethics when applied to all three branches of the criminal justice system.
- Analyze problems within the criminal justice system.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, and a minimum 70.5 units of the University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree. The following courses are specific degree requirements. Refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information regarding application and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

Preparation for the Major

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

CJA 229 ** Introduction to Policing

** Students who are currently in law enforcement should contact the lead faculty for any potential course waiver

Requirements for the Major

(9 courses; 40.5 quarter units)

CJA 431 Criminology
CJA 337 The Juvenile Offender
CJA 446 CJ Management and Leadership
CJA 460 Principles of Investigation
CJA 351 Courts & the Judicial Process
CJA 352 Criminal Law and Procedure
CJA 340 Corrections
CJA 453 Ethics and the C J System
CJA 470 ** Criminal Justice Capstone

Recommended: Prior completion of: All of the prior core courses. CJA 470 Capstone should be the final course in the BSCJA major.

** A two-month course that meets once per week for 4.5 quarter units. (Grading is by H, S, and U only.) Accelerated study is not permitted with CJA 470.

Students who do not complete the Senior Project within the two-month period are eligible, at the discretion of the instructor, to receive a grade of "IP" with a maximum of a one-time six-month extension. Students who do not complete the project at the end of the extension period will need to retake CJA 470. No grade of "I" (Incomplete) can be given for this course.

Upper Division Electives

(7 courses; 31.5 quarter units)

Students must complete a minimum of **seven (7)** courses of electives from the list below.

CJA 356 Criminal Evidence
CJA 400 Gangs in America
CJA 401 Criminal Intelligence
CJA 434 Survey of Forensic Sciences
CJA 441 Organized & White Collar Crime
CJA 443 Curr. Issues in Law Enforcement
CJA 448 Violence and Society
CJA 457 Minorities/Crime/Soc. Justice
CJA 458 Financial Investigations
CJA 459 Crime and the Media
CJA 464 Constitutional Law for CJ
CJA 465 Practicum in Criminal Justice (variable units)
CJA 467 Intl. & Domestic Terrorism
CJA 540 International CJA Experience