

Criminal Justice (BA)

A major in Criminal Justice provides students with a broad knowledge of crime trends, police, courts, corrections, theories of crime, and research methodology within the field of criminal justice. The major offers a variety of courses in sub-disciplines, such as public safety, legal, criminal justice administration, and criminology, to allow students to explore their individual interests within the field of criminal justice. Additionally, students will explore career possibilities and are encouraged to complete an internship to allow the opportunity for hands-on experience working with various agencies.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Criminal Justice program at Mary Baldwin University is to teach students to use critical thinking skills about issues related to criminal justice systems in the United States and throughout the world. The program provides students with a strong background in Liberal Arts by focusing on the social, cultural, and political dimensions of criminal justice systems while exploring theories of criminal behavior. Students examine how social influences continually change the practice of criminal justice through applied coursework and practical experience.

The major fosters writing skills, verbal communication, information literacy, and the application of theoretical knowledge pertaining to the field of Criminal Justice. The program further prepares students to conduct scholarly research into the nature and sources of crime, social responses to crime, and within the criminal justice system.

Department: [Criminal Justice](#)

Type: Major

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR CURRICULUM / 45-49 SEMESTER HOURS

Core Requirements: (total: 21-24 hours)

Item #	Title	Credits
CJ 100	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJ 211	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJ 234	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (S)	3
CJ 240	VICTIMOLOGY (S)	3
INT 222	SOCIAL SCIENCE STATISTICS (Q)	3
	CJ 320 OR SOC 320	
	CJ 386 or CJ 387	3
	CJ 400 OR CJ 401	3

Note additional prerequisite for CJ 401: CJ 300; Students planning to take CJ 401 should complete CJ 300 as one of their elective requirements—CJ 211 is a prerequisite for CJ 300

***As part of the Senior Requirement, students are required to take the CJ Exit Exam during CJ 400/401**

Elective Requirements: (total: 24-25 hours)

Choose 8 courses with a CJ prefix (See full list below)

Note: ANTH 120, SOC 232, POLS 321, or POLS 322 may also count as electives for the CJ major

Item #	Title	Credits
CJ 150	WOMEN IN POLICING (G)	3
CJ 151	INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSECURITY	3
CJ 210	PRISONS AND PUNISHMENT	3
CJ 215	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	3
CJ 220	POLICE ADMINISTRATION	3
CJ 223	POLICE LEADERSHIP	3
CJ 225	PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TO DISASTERS	3
CJ 230	CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS	4
CJ 233	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJ 235	ENGAGING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY	3
CJ 241	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SECURITY	3
CJ 245	CRIMINAL PROFILING	3
CJ 247	SEXUAL OFFENDERS	3
CJ 250	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CJ 255	VIOLENT CRIME PROSECUTION	3
CJ 256	CIVIL LIABILITY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTIC	3
CJ 260	SPECIAL TOPICS IN APPLIED CRIM JUST	3
CJ 262	GIRL-CENTERED INITIATIVES (G)	3
HLS 265	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY	3
CJ 270	INTRODUCTION TO TERRORISM	3
CJ 277	COLLOQUIUM	3
CJ 285	DIVERSITY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (DO)	3
CJ 300	THEORIES OF CRIME CAUSATION (W)	3