

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The criminal justice degree program offers students a comprehensive examination into law-breaking behavior, crime as a social phenomenon and methods of social control. Students complete coursework ranging from the evaluation of institutions of formal social control, such as policing, courts and corrections, to advocating for crime victims. The program places particular emphasis on experiential learning through its carefully structured internships and its community-based coursework. Upon successful degree completion, students are prepared to pursue advanced degrees (in a variety of areas including law school and social work) or assume careers in fields such as policing, corrections, law, social work, public administration, teaching, international peacekeeping and other areas of public policy related to crime, victimization and the administration of justice. Graduates who pursue careers outside the criminal justice field gain transferrable skills—critical thinking, problem identification, advanced oral and written communication—that are fundamental to success in any career.

Students majoring in Criminal Justice must meet the following requirements for graduation:

Code	Title	Credits
University Curriculum ¹		46
Modern Language Requirement		3-6
Criminal Justice Core Requirements		
CJ 101	Crime and Society	3
SO 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
CJ 205	From College to Career	1
SO 241	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
CJ 241	Police and Policing	3
CJ 261	Prisons and Jails	3
CJ 290	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CJ 392	Internship in the Community	3
CJ 385	Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice Policy	3
Select one of the following crime typologies options:		3
CJ 225	Addiction and Crime	
CJ 232	Women in the Criminal Justice System (course cross-listed)	
CJ 250	Youth Crime	
CJ 253	Sexual Violence	
CJ 271	Public Order Crimes	
Select one of the following criminal justice in practice options:		3
LE 225	Alternative Dispute Resolution	
CJ 200	Special Topics	
CJ 243	Investigative Techniques	
CJ 251	Probation Parole and Community Corrections	
CJ 263	Prosecution and Sentencing	

CJ 275	Sexual Violence Victim Advocacy	
PS 283	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	
Select two of the following advanced elective options:		6
CJ 320	Victimology	
CJ 325	Advanced Victimology	
CJ 330	Perspectives on Violence	
CJ 333	Drugs, Alcohol and Society	
CJ 343	Forensic Issues in Law Enforcement	
CJ 351	Corrections Counseling	
CJ 355	Crime and Media	
SO 360	Sociology of Mental Health	
CJ 360	Inside-Out Prison Exchange Seminar	
CJ 370	Constitution, Ethics and Policing	
CJ 375	Family Violence	
CJ 394	Advanced Internship In the Community	
CJ 399	Independent Study in Criminal Justice ²	
Free Electives		16-19
Total Credits		102-108

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All students must complete the 46 credits of the University Curriculum (<http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/>).

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May count as a crime typologies, criminal justice in practice or advanced elective option.

Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate the following competencies:

- Diversity** – Students will recognize the influence that different forms of diversity have upon their worldview and how diversity impacts the criminal justice system.
- Scientific Literacy** – Students will be able to identify the steps of the scientific process, formulate scientific questions and distinguish between anecdotal and empirical evidence.
- Social Responsibility** – Students will understand how the criminal justice system functions as one part of the larger environmental system, and understand that its current format is not inevitable but the products of historical factors and the interconnectedness of individual actions and societal decisions.
- Communication** – Students will be able to argue a clearly defined position with civility, using credible evidence with appropriate citation of sources.
- Critical Thinking** – Students will understand multiple perspectives on significant crime-related topics and the importance of examining these from multiple perspectives and the significance of utilizing different data sources when examining these concepts. Basic disciplinary theory and terminology are applied.

Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (<http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/>) page of this catalog.

Transfer into the Criminal Justice Major

Seamless Transfer Agreement with Gateway Community College (GCC), Housatonic Community College (HCC) and Norwalk Community College (NCC)

Under this Transfer Agreement, GCC, HCC and NCC graduates will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor's degree program with third year (junior) status at Quinnipiac University on the condition that they:

- Graduate with an associate in arts, an associate in science in business, College of Technology engineering science, nursing or an allied health degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (this may be higher in specific programs).
- Satisfy all other Quinnipiac University transfer admission requirements and requirements for intended major.

Quinnipiac University agrees to accept the general education embedded in these associate degree programs in accordance with Quinnipiac preferred choices for general education as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate general education except for the Integrative Capstone Experience and where courses are encumbered by the major (e.g., General Chemistry for the Disciplinary Inquiry Natural Science requirement for a Biochemistry major).

Suggested Transfer Curriculum for BA in Criminal Justice

A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer into the BA in Criminal Justice program. If possible, it is recommended that students complete Introduction to Criminology, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Introduction to Sociology prior to transferring to Quinnipiac. Below is a recommended plan of study for the first two years prior to matriculation at Quinnipiac University.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
English I		3
Introduction to Criminal Justice		3
Statistics		3
Principles of Sociology		3
Introduction to American Government		3
Credits		15
Spring Semester		
English II		3

Introduction to Criminology	3
Criminal Justice Elective	3
Elective	3-4
Elective	3
Credits	
15-16	

Second Year

Fall Semester

Introduction to Corrections	3
Criminology	3
Elective	3-4
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credits	
15-16	

Spring Semester

Criminal Justice Elective	3
Courts and Sentencing	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credits	
15	

Total Credits	
60-62	

Shown below is one of many possible paths through the curriculum. Each student's individual academic plan is crafted in consultation with their academic adviser.

Code	Title	Credits
First Year		
Milestones: Earn 30 credits, meet with your adviser at least once a semester and have a GPA of 2.00 or higher.		
Fall Semester		
CJ 101	Crime and Society	3
SO 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
MA 206	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
EN 101	Introduction to Academic Reading and Writing	3
FYS 101	First-Year Seminar	3
Spring Semester		
CJ 241	Police and Policing	3
EN 102	Academic Writing and Research	3
Language at the 101 level		3
University Curriculum course		4
University Curriculum course		3
Second Year		
Milestones: Earn 60 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester to discuss academic, experiential learning, career and co-curricular opportunities.		
Fall Semester		
CJ 205	From College to Career	1
CJ 261	Prisons and Jails	3
SO 241	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3

Language at the 102 level (Satisfies CAS Language Requirement)	3
University Curriculum course	3
University Curriculum course	3
Spring Semester	
CJ 290 Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
Criminal Justice Crime Typologies Elective	3
University Curriculum course	3
University Curriculum course	3
Open Elective	3
Third Year	
Milestones: Earn 90 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Meet with your adviser at least once per semester. Participate in study abroad, complete internship or research opportunities.	
Fall Semester	
Criminal Justice in Practice Elective	3
Advanced Criminal Justice Elective	3
University Curriculum course	3
University Curriculum course	3
Open Elective	3
Spring Semester	
Advanced Criminal Justice Elective	3
University Curriculum course	3
University Curriculum course	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Fourth Year	
Milestones: Earn 120 credits and a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Complete possible minor or double major and prepare for graduation.	
Fall Semester	
Criminal Justice Internship	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Spring Semester	
Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice Policy	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	3
Open Elective	1
Total Credits	120