

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CERTIFICATE

The Criminal Justice certificate offers a critical examination of the many facets of the criminal legal system, including law enforcement, courts, and corrections. The certificate takes an interdisciplinary approach based on the understanding that "criminal justice" consists of multiple, interdependent subsystems. Courses from several disciplines and an intensive fieldwork/internship/research experience offer students the opportunity to learn about the dynamics of this field. Students engage in practical experiences in a variety of areas including those focused on mental health, social justice, substance abuse disorders, youth initiatives, prevention programs, legal representation, policing, community corrections, and programs that focus on people who have been victimized. These experiences develop skills transferable to future professional, community, and educational pursuits.

## HOW TO GET IN

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Any UW-Madison undergraduate may earn this certificate as part of their overall degree. Students may declare by completing **this declaration form** or by making an appointment with a Center for Law, Society, and Justice advisor via StarFish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/64448/schedule>).

## REQUIREMENTS

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The Certificate requires a minimum of six courses and a minimum of 16 credits. The courses must be distributed as follows:

Complete one course from each of the three defined groups and at least three (3) additional elective courses:

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Code	Title	Credits
LEGAL ST/SOC 131	Criminal Justice in America	3-4

#### RACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES

At least one course in the certificate must have substantial content dealing with race and justice studies. Additional courses taken in this group will be counted towards the elective requirement. The following courses fulfill the Race and Justice Studies requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	3
HDFS 474	Racial Ethnic Families in the U.S.	3
HISTORY/ ED POL 143	History of Race and Inequality in Urban America	3
LEGAL ST/ AFROAMER 435	Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment	3-4

LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
PUB AFFR 520	Inequality, Race and Public Policy	3
SOC WORK 420	Poverty and Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 640	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	3
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
SOC 633	Social Stratification	3

### FIELDWORK/INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH SEMINAR

The primary internship course administered by our program is LEGAL ST/SOC 694. The course requires a concurrent internship. To be eligible for the course, students complete a pre-internship process the semester prior to the internship. The pre-internship process begins with a required orientation. More information can be found here: <https://criminaljustice.wisc.edu/academics/internships/> (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/center-law-society-justice/criminal-justice-certificate/more-information-can-be-found-here-https://criminaljustice.wisc.edu/academics/internships/>)

The other listed internship and research opportunities are administered by other programs. Some may be limited to students who are declared in those specific programs. All require advance lead time and authorization for enrollment by the specific program.

Code	Title	Credits
CSCS 601	Internship	1-6
GEN&WS 660	Internship in Gender and Women's Studies	3
INTL ST 523	International Internship	1-3
LEGAL ST 473	Health Impacts of Unmet Social Needs	3
LEGAL ST/SOC 694	Criminal Justice Field Observation	3
HDFS 592	Research Experience in Human Development and Family Studies	1-3
HDFS 601	Internship	1-8
POLI SCI 315	Legislative Internship	3
POLI SCI 402	Wisconsin in Washington Internship Course	4
PUB AFFR 327	Administrative Internship	3
RP & SE 630	Internship in Rehabilitation or Special Education	2-6
SOC 320	Research Practicum in Sociology	1-3
SOC WORK 400	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar I	2-6

### ELECTIVES

Students must take three additional courses to meet the six course minimum and to reach at least 16 credits.

Code	Title	Credits
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	3

COUN PSY 237	Mental Health, Self-Awareness, and Social Justice: Working in Diverse Communities	3	PSYCH 526	The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives	4
COUN PSY 531	Prevention and Intervention in Mental Health Across the Lifespan	3	SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
COUN PSY 655	Clinical Communication Skills	3	SOC 633	Social Stratification	3
HISTORY/ ED POL 143	History of Race and Inequality in Urban America	3	SOC WORK 420	Poverty and Social Welfare	3
HDFS 474	Racial Ethnic Families in the U.S.	3	SOC WORK 453	Substance Use Disorders	3
LEGAL ST/ RP & SE 135	Disability and the Criminal Justice System	3	SOC WORK 462	Child Welfare	3
LEGAL ST/ ENGL 160	Truth and Crime	3	SOC WORK 578	Homelessness: A Service Learning Course	4
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 235	Prisons: From Antiquity to Supermax	3-4	SOC WORK 612	Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice	2
LEGAL ST/CURRIC/ ED POL 250	Incarceration and Education	3	SOC WORK 623	Interpersonal Violence	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences	3-4	SOC WORK 627	Sex Trafficking and Sex Trading	2
LEGAL ST 409	Human Rights in Law and Society	3	SOC WORK/ AMER IND 636	Social Work in American Indian Communities: The Indian Child Welfare Act	3
LEGAL ST/ GEN&WS 422	Women and the Law	3	SOC WORK 640	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	3
LEGAL ST/ GEN&WS/SOC 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3	SOC WORK 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	2
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 426	The History of Punishment	3-4	SOC WORK 656	Child Welfare Practice in Foster and Kinship Care, Permanency, and Adoption	2
LEGAL ST/ AFROAMER 435	Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment	3-4			
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4			
LEGAL ST/ ELPA 442	Civil Rights Laws, the Courts, and Public Education	3			
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4			
LEGAL ST 444	Law in Action	3			
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities	3-4			
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 459	Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models	3-4			
LEGAL ST/L IS 460	Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers	3			
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 477	History of Forensic Science	3			
LEGAL ST/LAW/ SOC 641	Sociology of Law	3-4			
LEGAL ST/L IS 663	Introduction to Cyberlaw	3			
POLI SCI 314	Criminal Law and Justice	3-4			
POLI SCI 412	The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties	4			
SOC 421	Processes of Deviant Behavior	3-4			
SOC 441	Criminology	3-4			
SOC 446	Juvenile Delinquency	3-4			
PSYCH/ GEN&WS 322	Sexual & Relationship Violence Research & Activism	3			
PSYCH 401	Psychology, Law, and Social Policy	3			
PSYCH 405	Adult Psychopathology	3-4			

## RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- At least 8 certificate credits must be completed in residence
- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.

## CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Develop an appreciation for how the criminal justice system works and how it affects American society as a whole.
2. Develop and improve critical thinking and analytics in written and oral communication skills.
3. Develop an appreciation of mental health and substance abuse as they intersect with the criminal justice system.
4. Develop skills transferable to future professional, community and educational pursuits.
5. Develop an understanding of the effects of race and minority status in the criminal legal system.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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#### ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Please Schedule via Starfish (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) with Martine Delannay or Micha Schwab.

If you are not a current UW–Madison student, please email us at [cjcp@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:cjcp@ssc.wisc.edu) to schedule a meeting.

#### CAREERS

Students who earned the Criminal Justice certificate have secured jobs at law firms, nonprofit organizations, treatment providers, public defender offices, district attorney and prosecutor offices, community corrections providers, social justice agencies, legal clinics, law enforcement agencies, and programs providing services to persons impacted by incarceration.

#### SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students

## WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

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Involvement in the Criminal Justice certificate provides a solid educational foundation in criminal legal studies. It introduces students to basic concepts about our legal system and its impact on individuals and society. It encourages a critical exploration of issues facing the legal system today and offers opportunities for an evidence-based investigation into realistic solutions. All students complete an intensive fieldwork/ internship/research program with an agency or organization related to the legal system.