



ADVISING WORKSHEET: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

GENERAL NOTES

- A minimum of 123 credits are required for graduation.
- Credits earned for COM 100 and MAT 100 do not count toward the 123 credits required for graduation; however, COM 100 students may petition for elective credit.
- Where appropriate, courses required for the major can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. However, the credits earned for these courses are applied to either Gen Ed requirements or the major, not both.
- Paths of Knowledge coursework may count towards major or minor requirements but may not fulfill a second Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration requirement.
- Students are expected to follow the catalog requirements for General Education, the major, and additional requirements.
- A minor or second major within the areas listed under Paths of Knowledge automatically fulfills that area of the General Education requirements.

MAJOR NOTES

At the completion of 60 credits at Alvernia University, Criminal Justice majors must have maintained a “C” average overall and obtained a “C” or better in all required Criminal Justice courses. Criminal Justice Majors may use the repeat/delete option for required Criminal Justice course a total of two times. Students who do not meet these requirements will be compelled to withdraw from/drop Criminal Justice as a major.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJORS

Criminal Justice Association

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Associations is to expose and educate members about the field of Criminal Justice. Interested students should contact Criminal Justice faculty in BH003. Application can be made on PAX, found on the Alvernia University Logins page.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma is the Criminal Justice National Honor Society. The purpose is to promote critical thinking, rigorous scholarship and lifelong learning, to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research, to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training. Students also have the opportunity for membership in the **Saint Thomas More Honor Society**. The Saint Thomas More Honor Society is the local honor society of the Criminal Justice Department. Membership is by invitation only to those students who meet the membership criteria. Students interested in any of these organizations should see Rosemary McFee, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department, or email at rosemary.mcfee@alvernia.edu.

The Washington Center Experience

Alvernia students have an opportunity to earn college credit by spending a semester or summer in Washington, D.C. where they serve as interns in a congressional office, government agency, major corporation, newspaper or news network, or agencies devoted to legal affairs, international relations, or business and economics. They also may intern with one of several non-profit groups dealing with the environment, women’s issues, the arts, education, science, or labor relations among others. Participants are customarily juniors or seniors who have achieved grade point averages of 2.5 or better and who have the endorsement of the appropriate academic area. In addition to their internship, students select one seminar dealing with the arts and humanities, communication, public policy, the legal system, business, and government. Interested students should see their academic advisor. CJ students who wish to perform their internship through the Washington Center must meet with the department’s criteria for CH 408.

General Education (55-56 credits)

First Year Curriculum: Enduring Questions	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
SEARCH Seminar-Enduring Questions or Honor Search-Enduring Questions	3	SRH 101 / HNR 160			
COM 101: Composition & Research <i>(Must earn a C or higher)</i>	3	COM 101			
THE 105: Foundations of Theology	3	THE 105			
PHI 105: Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHI 105			

Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
<i>EXPLORING THE NATURAL WORLD (6-8 credits)</i>					
Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3-4				
Math (Other than MAT 100)	3-4				
<i>INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITIES (6 credits)</i>					
History or Political Science	3				
PSY 101, HIS, POS, SOC, SSC, or ECON	3				
<i>CULTURE & LANGUAGE (9 credits)</i>					
Communication (<i>Not COM 100 or 101</i>)	3				
World Language – 2 courses in sequence	3				
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<i>CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS (6 credits)</i>					
Literature (ENG)	3				
Art or Music or Theatre	3				

Ethical Leaders and Followers	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
Theology or Philosophy (200-400 level)	3				
Theology or Philosophy (Ethics/Morality @ 200 level)	3				

Paths of Knowledge – Choose 1 Path		PoK may count towards minor or Related Requirements, but not Mid-Level Arts Exploration requirements.			
<p>____ PATH 1:</p> <p>Interdisciplinary Study (IS) Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level from the interdisciplinary minors of Women & Gender Studies, Digital Media, Community & Environmental Sustainability, Community Engagement, Cultural Studies, Leadership Studies or Pre-Law.</p>	<p>____ PATH 2:</p> <p>Multidisciplinary Study (MS) Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level employing multiple disciplinary perspectives to explore the Enduring Questions in one of the following themes: Cultural & Global Studies, Imagination & Creativity, Peace & Conflict, Poverty & Wealth or Sustainability, Science & Technology.</p>	<p>____ PATH 3:</p> <p>In-depth Disciplinary Study (DS) Three courses at the 200-400 level in one Liberal Arts discipline other than one's major, guided by common ideas and methods of inquiry. Students choose from Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theology, Theatre and World Languages. This path may be used to give students a firm foundation in a discipline supporting their chosen major, or to pursue an interest in one of the Liberal Arts disciplines.</p>			
Course (See Catalog for lists of approved courses for each area.)		Area or Discipline	Term	Grade	Credits Earned

BA CRIMINAL JUSTICE (48 credits)

REQUIRED CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES (45 credits) "C" or better required in all CJ courses				
Course	Pre-Requisites	Term	Grade	Credits
CJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice				3
CJ 102: Criminology	CJ 101			3
CJ 201: Criminal Law	CJ 101			3
CJ 217: Gender, Race and Crime	CJ 101			3
CJ 220: Writing for Criminal Justice Professional	CJ 101			3
CJ 221: Research Methods I for Criminal Justice	CJ 101, CJ 102			3
CJ 273: Corrections, Probation & Parole	CJ 101			3
CJ 302: Judicial Process and Procedures	CJ 101, 201			3
CJ 350: Professional Seminar for Criminal Justice	CJ 101, junior status			3
CJ 377: Juvenile Justice System	CJ 101, 102			3
CJ 379: Ethics in Criminal Justice	CJ 101			3
CJ 403: Current Issues in Criminal Justice	CJ 101,221, junior status			3
CJ 408: Agency Practicum	CJ 101, 102, 201,221, 350; 2.0 overall GPA, 2.0 GPA in major, senior status, & background clearances			6
CJ 422: Crisis Management	CJ 101, 201, & 217; senior status or permission of Dept. Chair			3

REQUIRED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES (3 credits) "C" or better required in all CJ courses			
Course	Term	Grade	Credits
CJ			3

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITY
CJ 470: POLICE ACADEMY (pre-requisites: CJ 102,201, 220,221 and 350; senior status, permission of instructor, successful application process and acceptance by the Reading Policy Academy)

ELECTIVES or MINOR as required for the minimum 123 credits (not including MAT 100, COM 100)			
	Term	Grade	Credits

*** Please be advised to double check the 22-23 Course Catalog to ensure that you meet all prerequisite expectations for all required and related classes for this major.***

Eight Semester Plan BA Criminal Justice Matriculation Year 2022-2023

During the first 3 semesters, it is important for students to make substantial progress toward completing those CJ courses that are pre-requisites for other required major courses (in red).

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits		
SRH 101: Search Sem-Enduring Questions or HNR 160: Honor Search-Enduring Questions CJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice THE 105 or PHI 105 COM 101: Composition and Research Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3	CJ 102: Criminology CJ 220: Writing for the CJ Professional THE 105 or PHI 105 Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3		
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15		
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits		
CJ 201: Criminal Law CJ 221: Research Methods I for Criminal Justice (semester 3 or 4) CJ 217 or 273 Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3	CJ 217 or 273 CJ Elective Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3		
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15		
If applicable, discuss plans to attend the Police Academy with academic advisor					
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits		
CJ 302: Judicial Process & Procedures CJ Elective (if not taken in previous semester) or Gen Ed SEARCH CJ 350: Professional Seminar for CJ OR CJ 377: Juvenile Justice Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3	CJ 377: Juvenile Justice System OR CJ 350: Professional Seminar for Criminal Justice CJ 379: Ethics in Criminal Justice CJ 403: Current Issues in Criminal Justice Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH Gen Ed SEARCH	3 3 3 3 3 3		
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	18		
**Students may take CJ 408 during the summer prior to their fourth year instead of in Semesters 7 or 8					
Semester 7		Semester 8			
Interested students can apply for the Reading Police Academy for Semester 7 or 8.					
CJ 422: Crisis Management or CJ 408 Agency Practicum Elective Elective Elective Elective	3/6 3 3 3 3	CJ 408: Agency Practicum and/or CJ 422 Crisis Management Elective Elective Elective	3/6 3 3 3		
TOTAL	15/18	TOTAL	12/15		
ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS		GRADUATION CREDITS EARNED	
___ SRH 101/HNR 160: Search Seminar-Enduring Ques ___ HUMAN DIVERSITY met with CJ 217 ___ COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS ___ OVERALL GPA = 2.0 or higher ___ GPA IN MAJOR = 2.0 or higher ___ SENIOR CAPSTONE met with CJ 408 ___ WRITING ENHANCED COURSE met with CJ 220		___ Minimum of 123 non-remedial credits earned ___ 45 of last 60 credits ___ Minimum of 12 Alvernia credits in the major ___ Minimum of 9 Alvernia credits in the minor (if applicable)		Liberal Arts Core credits earned Major and Related Area credits earned Elective and/or Minor credits earned SUBTOTAL SUBTRACT CREDITS EARNED FOR MAT 100, and if applicable COM 100 TOTAL GRADUATION CREDITS	

Academic Policy on Eligibility for Participation of May Commencement Ceremony

The academic policy, which the Registrar follows, is: A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony.

Application Deadlines: August Graduation - December 1; December Graduation - March 1; May Graduation - October 1.

Any questions, please call the Registrar's Office.