

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY MINOR

Students majoring in other disciplines have the opportunity to minor in criminal justice and criminology. Any student minoring in criminal justice and criminology must complete CJC 101 Criminal Justice in a Global Context, two of six core criminal justice or criminology focus areas, and three other elective courses totaling 18 credit hours.

Related Programs

Major

- Criminal Justice and Criminology (BS) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-criminology/criminal-justice-criminology-bs/>)

Combined

- Criminal Justice and Criminology (BS/MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/criminal-justice-criminology-bs-ma/>)

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
CJC 101	Criminal Justice in a Global Context	3
Select at least two of the following:		6
CJC 201	Theories of Criminal Behavior	
CJC 202	Criminal Courts	
CJC 203	Policing	
CJC 204	Corrections	
CJC 322	Criminal Law	
CJC 323	Criminal Procedure	
Elective Courses		
Select three (3) electives from CJC 200- or 300- level courses. ¹		9
Total Hours		18

¹ A list of available undergraduate courses can be found in our Undergraduate Course Descriptions (<https://catalog.luc.edu/course-descriptions/cjc/>).

Learning Outcomes

The CJC undergraduate curriculum incorporates five Student Learning Outcomes:

- **Theoretical Knowledge:** Demonstrate a working understanding of the theoretical knowledge base in criminology and criminal justice. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the social, political, and historical foundations of the field, the workings of the criminal justice system and its related agencies, and the theories that seek to explain the behavior of both the system and its actors. Students will analyze issues and problems that confront the system and its actors as well as articulate strategies to ameliorate these problems.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** Critically analyze criminology and criminal justice issues utilizing theoretical, methodological, and statistical bases. Students completing the major will demonstrate the ability to critically and creatively apply criminological theory, research

methodologies, and empirical/statistical knowledge to analyze issues, policies, and practices in criminal justice.

- **Application to Real-World Situations:** Apply learned terminology and theory to real world situations that both relate to and expand outside the fields of criminology and criminal justice. A significant focus of Loyola's mission is on developing within of its students the capacity for leadership in the service of others. Consistent with that goal, the CJC program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and competency to become ethical and innovative criminal justice practitioners, scholars, and global citizens. It also provides students with opportunities for civic engagement related to the criminal justice system and to its actors.
- **Critical Research Skills:** Apply acquired research and statistical skills to evaluate the quality of scholarly work and its contribution to the fields of criminology and criminal justice. The learning outcome of research skill acquisition is an integral component of any degree in the social and natural sciences. Criminal justice professionals and scholars are now expected to integrate a broad range of methodologies into their practices.
- **Communication Skills:** Communicate effectively, in oral and written form, understanding and analyses of criminology and criminal justice issues. Students completing the program will be able to communicate effectively about criminal justice issues in both oral and written forms. In this endeavor, students are encouraged to appreciate and demonstrate sensitivity toward the diversity of communication norms practiced by people of varying gender, age, race, socio-economic, ethnic, sexual orientation, and cultural backgrounds.