

PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIME AND JUSTICE MINOR

This interdisciplinary minor allows students to focus on the classes that are most relevant to the field of psychology and law. The constellation of classes will deepen and complement their chosen professional practice with justice-involved persons or their wider professional careers in the fields of cybersecurity, mental health, social work, forensic science, law, and others. The minor provides foundational knowledge for professional practice and advanced graduate or professional degrees where the fields of psychology and criminal justice intersect.

Related Programs

Major

- Psychology (BS) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-bs/>)

Minor

- Psychology Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-minor/>)

Curriculum

The minor requires the completion of 18 credit hours. Three classes may double dip and count toward a major or another interdisciplinary minor.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 331	Psychopathology	
PSYC 372 / CJC 377	Psychology & Law	
Select one of the following:		3
CJC 345	Social Justice and Crime	
CJC 346	Mental Illness and Crime	
Additional Requirements		12
Additional requirements are determined by majors.		
<i>Psychology Majors</i>		
CJC 101	Criminal Justice in a Global Context	
Electives (p. 1) (Choose 3 from the approved list below) ¹		
<i>Criminal Justice & Criminology Majors</i>		
PSYC 101	General Psychology	
Electives (p. 1) (Choose 3 from the approved list below) ²		
<i>All Other Majors</i>		
CJC 101	Criminal Justice in a Global Context	
PSYC 101	General Psychology	
Electives (p. 1) (Choose 2 from the approved list below)		
Total Hours		18

¹ Psychology Majors must select two CJC electives and one PSYC elective. It is recommended that if PSCJ 399 is taken as an elective, it should substitute for the PSYC elective.

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Internship

We strongly recommend that psychology and criminal justice and criminology majors completing the minor do an internship, field work or research project focused on the psychology of crime and justice by participating in one of the capstone experiences which include a practicum experience:

- CJC 390 Capstone Experience Internship
- PSYC 390 Internship in Psychology (prerequisites: PSYC 304 Statistics and PSYC 306 Research Methods in Psychology)

These courses will count toward the psychology or criminal justice and criminology major, but not the minor in the psychology of crime and justice.

Students may obtain credit for engaged learning and participate in Psychology and Law research through PSCJ 399 Independent Study, which counts as an approved elective in the minor.

Approved Electives for all PSCJ Minors

Code	Title	Hours
CJC 201	Theories of Criminal Behavior	3
CJC 202	Criminal Courts	3
CJC 204	Corrections	3
CJC 302	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJC 322	Criminal Law	3
CJC 345	Social Justice and Crime	3
CJC 346	Mental Illness and Crime	3
CJC 360	Substance Use and Crime	3
CJC 371	Victimology	3
CJC 372	Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice	3
CJC 373	Intimate Partner Violence	3
CJC 374	Miscarriages of Justice	3
CJC 376	Childhood Exposure to Violence	3
CJC 379	Leaving Crime Behind	3
PSCJ 399	Independent Study	3
PSYC 239	Understanding Bias and Inclusivity	3
PSYC 275	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 331	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 332	Affective Neuroscience	3
PSYC 338	Psychology of Personality	3
PSYC 346	Psychopathology of Childhood	3
PSYC 348	Psychology of Adolescence	3
PSYC 360	Understanding Prejudice	3
PSYC 368	Counseling	3
PSYC 375	Psychology of Addiction	3
PSYC 378	Drugs and Behavior	3

Double Dipping Rule

Three (3) courses can count toward credit for another minor or major; thus, three (3) unique classes are required.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the minor in the Psychology of Crime and Justice, students will:

- Exhibit foundational knowledge in the field of psychology and law.
- Recognize how empirically-based research has improved the legal system, and has future applications to improve the legal system.
- Understand how professionals in the legal system and treatment fields interact, assist, and hinder persons who belong to marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- Appreciate the possible graduate school options and career pathways at the intersection of the psychology and law field.