STUDY THE FACTS

Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) in Criminal Justice

Offered by the Evelyn T. Stone College of Professional Studies, the BA and BPS degrees in criminal justice prepare students for leadership positions within the field. These programs are designed both for criminal justice professionals seeking to advance their professional careers and for those who wish to become criminal justice professionals. The programs give students a strong foundation to pursue diverse administrative and management roles in policing, homeland security, courts, corrections, juvenile justice, child and victim advocacy, security, and associated support agencies. Students also learn how a society maintains social control while protecting individual rights and how to apply the U.S. Constitution to everyday life.

About the Program

The criminal justice program is deeply rooted in Roosevelt University's social justice mission, providing students with a strong understanding of the contemporary issues facing decision makers in the American criminal justice system, with an emphasis on the skills and open-minded thinking necessary to create effective crime policy. Courses are conducted at the Chicago Campus, Schaumburg Campus and online, during the day and in the evening, to offer the flexibility students need to accommodate their work schedules. Both in class and online, students receive personal attention from devoted faculty within small-size classes.

BA Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, a 120 semester hour program for entering freshmen and community college transfer students, provides a broad base of liberal arts with the depth of specialized studies.

- CJL 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJL 220 Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJL 230 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CJL 240 Introduction to Criminology (3)
- CJL 250 Criminal Law (3)
- CJL 300 Police and Society (3)
- CJL 305 Research Methods (3)
- CJL 310 Ethics and Diversity in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJL 330 Criminal Justice and the Constitution (3)
- CJL 355 Crime in America (3)
- CJL 390 Senior Seminar (3)
- 6 semester hours of CJL electives (choice of two 3 semester hour courses)
- PLS 201 Pro-Seminar (6) or PLS 302 Methods of Critical Reasoning (3)
- University Writing Requirement (UWR) (6)
- Mathematics proficiency equivalent to MATH 095 by course completion or RUA placement
- General education requirements: 3 courses in each of 3 areas of social sciences, natural sciences and humanities (27)
- Functional area: a sequence of related courses in a discipline or an interdisciplinary area, selected in consultation with an advisor (18)
- General electives: additional courses selected from any subject area to complete the 120 semester hour requirement

BPS Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice Administration is a fast-track program designed for students 24 years and older who already have professional work experience. The curriculum allows students to graduate in one-third less time than the BA degree program. This degree can be completed fully online or in a combination of online and classroom courses.

- The same CJL courses as required for the BA degree (33)
- Functional area or minor: a sequence of related courses in a discipline or an interdisciplinary area, selected in consultation with an advisor (18)
- University Writing Requirement (UWR) (6)
- PLS 201 Pro-Seminar in Critical Skills (6) or PLS 302 Methods of Critical Reasoning (3)
- PLS 290 Seminar in Technological and Quantitative Literacy (3)

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- PLS 390 Senior Seminar in Social Sciences (6)
- PLS 391 Senior Seminar in Natural Sciences (6)
- PLS 392 Senior Seminar in Humanities (6)
- PLS 399 Senior Thesis (3) (This requirement can be satisfied by CJL 390.)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BPS DEGREE

- Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at Roosevelt and maintain a 2.0 grade point average to graduate.
- Students must successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester hours at the 300 level in the major at Roosevelt.
- Students must consult with an advisor every semester prior to registering to ensure that selected courses are appropriate for this specific BPS major.

PLEASE NOTE FOR BOTH DEGREES

- CJL 200 is a prerequisite for all subsequent courses in criminal justice.
- UWR is a prerequisite for all 300-level courses.
- Specific 300-level courses have specific 200-level prerequisites.

Requirements for the Minor

This 18 semester hour minor is ideal for people who want to develop expertise in criminal justice to complement related majors.

- CJL 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJL 220 Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJL 240 Introduction to Criminology (3)
- CJL 305 Research Methods (3)
- CJL 310 Ethics and Diversity in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJL 330 Criminal Justice and the Constitution (3)

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