

Official Program Outline



HERZING
UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BSCJNM)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This degree builds on knowledge gained in the Associate of Science program by providing opportunities to further develop the skills associated with advanced career outcomes in the criminal justice profession. The program prepares students for employment opportunities in various criminal justice environments that require advanced writing, technical, and critical thinking skills. This program provides students with comprehensive academic knowledge of criminalistics, victimology, criminal investigations, and the criminal justice system as well as the skills and techniques used in these disciplines while emphasizing the importance of community relationships, ethics, and diversity. Some positions within the field may require additional education, training, or graduation from an academy.

(Some states, including but not limited to Minnesota, require additional certification, licensing, and/or training academy completion to be eligible for employment in a law enforcement capacity.)

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the historical developments, theories, and key principles in the field of criminal justice.
2. Analyze complex issues within the criminal justice field with an emphasis on ethical considerations.
3. Evaluate the influence of cultural, social, and economic factors on the current justice system.
4. Apply effective communication skills to convey complex criminal justice concepts to diverse audiences.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 120.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 70.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
BH 200	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	None	3.00
BH 410	Addictions: Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment in Behavioral Health	None	3.00
BU 403	Constitutional Law	None	3.00
CJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	None	3.00
CJ 115	Criminal Law	None	3.00
CJ 120	Introduction to Criminology	None	3.00
CJ 130	Introduction to Law and Judicial Process	None	3.00
CJ 140	Report Writing and Communication	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	None	3.00
CJ 215	Crisis Intervention	None	3.00
CJ 220	Ethics in Law Enforcement	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 230	Evidence Forensics	CJ 130	4.00
CJ 240	Patrol Procedures	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 250	Juvenile Justice	None	3.00
CJ 301	Criminalistics	CJ 230	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
CJ 305	Supervising and Managing Criminal Justice Personnel	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 311	Criminal Investigation	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 320	Civil Liability in Public Safety	CJ 115	3.00
CJ 340	Probation and Parole	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 350	Corrections Counseling	CJ 105	3.00
CJ 360	Victimology	None	3.00
CJ 420	Narcotics and Drug Abuse	None	3.00
PS 420	Introduction to Forensic Psychology	PS 101	3.00

OPEN ELECTIVE COURSES

A minimum of 9.00 semester credit hours is required. Eligible students can take up to 9.00 credit hours of dual-credit graduate level coursework to complete a portion of the open electives requirement.

REQUIRED CAPSTONE OR INTERNSHIP

3.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
CJ 490	Criminal Justice Capstone Project	Final semester	3.00
CJ 494*	Internship	Final semester	3.00

* Online students in some states may not be allowed to take this internship due to state restrictions.

REQUIRED COURSES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 36.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines. Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for specific information about courses within each discipline. Courses transferred from other accredited colleges may also be used to meet these requirements.

General Education Discipline	Required Semester Credit Hours
Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 104 English Composition I • EN 111 Information Literacy • EN 116 Speech • EN 304 English Composition II 	12.00
Humanities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HU 140 Cultural Diversity • HU 240 Introduction to Humanities • HU 340 Humanities and Contemporary Popular Culture 	9.00
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA 109 College Algebra • MA 320 Statistics 	6.00
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC 270 Environmental Literacy 	3.00
Social and Behavioral Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS 101 Psychology* • SS 350 Social Issues and Technology 	6.00

*Required Course

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

All courses, 2.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
Course Number	Lecture Hours	Internship Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
BH 200	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
BH 410	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
BU 403	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 105	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 115	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 120	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 130	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 140	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 200	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 215	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 220	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 230	60.00	0.00	60.00	4.00
CJ 240	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 250	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 301	60.00	0.00	60.00	3.00
CJ 305	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 311	60.00	0.00	60.00	3.00
CJ 320	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 340	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 350	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 360	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 420	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 490 (or CJ 494*)	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
PD 121	15.00	0.00	15.00	1.00
PD 202	15.00	0.00	15.00	1.00
PS 420	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Electives	135.00	0.00	135.00	9.00
Gen Ed - Communications	180.00	0.00	180.00	12.00
Gen Ed – Humanities	135.00	0.00	135.00	9.00
Gen Ed – Mathematics	90.00	0.00	90.00	6.00
Gen Ed - Science	45.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Social and Behavioral Sciences	90.00	0.00	90.00	6.00
Totals with Capstone	1830.00	0.00	1830.00	120.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course				
Course Number	Lecture Hours	Internship Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
*Totals with Internship CJ 494 Internship: 0/0/135/135	1785.00	135.00	1920.00	120.00

NEW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CJ 215 Crisis Intervention

This course covers both basic and advanced knowledge and the skills required to provide effective crisis intervention services. Students are introduced to the methods and techniques of crisis intervention employed by professionals in the field. Students will evaluate the human stress response to crisis intervention and examine post-traumatic stress and other disorders. Ethical issues are also considered.

CJ 301 Criminalistics

This course covers the nature of physical evidence with a study of the current technologies available to crime laboratory personnel.

CJ 311 Criminal Investigation

This course is an introduction to criminal investigation and the investigative process. Current issues in criminal investigations will be studied along with true case studies.

CJ 360 Victimology

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of victims and the relationship these victims have with offenders in the criminal justice system. In this course students will evaluate crime victims and focus on the physical, emotional, and financial harm victims suffer due to crime. Students will examine victim-offender relationships, the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system, and identify national, state and local resources for crime victims. The course analyzes the challenges victims face and how the criminal justice system deals with the offender-victim relationship. Students will critically evaluate the development of victim rights in the United States and examine the impacts of specific crimes on victims.

CJ 490 Criminal Justice Capstone Project

This course allows students to analyze and apply knowledge to a real-life domestic criminal justice event. Students will complete a research paper relating to the event and apply knowledge gained throughout the criminal justice program. Students are required to make a professional presentation of their project highlighting their analysis and findings.

CJ 494 Internship

The career internship course is designed for students interested in pursuing a career in Criminal Justice and its related fields. The outcome of the internship is an informed student fully apprised of the opportunities his/her degree program offers for professional growth. During the internship phase of training, the student will experience various aspects of working in the actual field in which the student has been educated. The internship is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to experience and participate in duties typical of a contemporary workplace setting. Student learning will center on observing experienced personnel as well as participating in actual hands-on procedures under close supervision of trained professionals. Note: Enrollment in a student readiness training is required prior to the internship course. Successful completion of training is required prior to internship course enrollment.