

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CERTIFICATE

The Criminal Justice Certificate Program (CJCP) includes an interdisciplinary sequence of classes and an internship, for students interested in the American criminal and juvenile justice systems. Certificate students select courses in legal studies and from the departments of Sociology, Political Science, Social Work, Psychology, Gender and Women's Studies, Anthropology, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Rehabilitation Psychology, Integrated Liberal Studies, and Counseling Psychology. Students gain a broad understanding of the philosophy, theories, and operation of the adult and juvenile justice systems.

HOW TO GET IN

Any undergraduate regardless of major or college affiliation may earn this certificate. Students interested in earning a certificate in criminal justice must declare the certificate with the Criminal Justice advisor. Students are encouraged to declare the certificate as early as possible within their college careers. Field work/internship/research seminar courses require advanced planning and authorization by the administering program.

REQUIREMENTS

To earn a criminal justice certificate, a student must complete all requirements for a bachelor's degree, requirements of the declared major(s), and graduate from UW–Madison. In addition, students must take all required certificate courses for a letter grade versus pass/fail. It is not necessary to take classes in any particular sequence; however, individual courses may have prerequisites.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE

The certificate requires a minimum of six courses and a minimum of 14 credits. The courses must be distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one course from each of the six defined Groups		
Of the six courses, one course should be related to race and justice studies.		

GROUP 1—CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Code	Title	Credits
LEGAL ST/SOC 131	Criminal Justice in America	3-4

GROUP 2—THEORIES OF CRIME AND DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 421	Processes of Deviant Behavior	3-4
SOC 441	Criminology	3-4
SOC 446	Juvenile Delinquency	3-4
PSYCH 510	Critical Issues in Child Psychopathology	4

PSYCH 526	The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives	4
SOC WORK 612	Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice	2
SOC WORK 643	Social Work and Delinquency	2-3

GROUP 3—CRIME AND JUSTICE/ OPERATIONS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Code	Title	Credits
HISTORY/LEGAL ST 426	The History of Punishment	3-4
LEGAL ST/ GEN&WS/SOC 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3
LEGAL ST 435	Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment	3
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4
LEGAL ST/L I S 460	Surveillance, Privacy, and Police Powers	3
POLI SCI 314	Criminal Law and Justice	3-4
PSYCH 401	Psychology, Law, and Social Policy	3

GROUP 4—BROADER PSYCHO/SOCIO/ ECONOMIC PROCESSES RELATED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Code	Title	Credits
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 625	Gender, Race and the Civil Rights Movement	3
ANTHRO 448	Anthropology of Law	3
HISTORY/ ED POL 143	History of Race and Inequality in Urban America	3
HISTORY/LEGAL ST 459	Rule of Law: Philosophical and Historical Models	3-4
HDFS 474	Racial Ethnic Families in the U.S.	3
LEGAL ST/ RP & SE 135	Disability and the Criminal Justice System	3
LEGAL ST 400	Topics in Legal Studies and the Social Sciences	3-4
LEGAL ST 409	Human Rights in Law and Society	3
LEGAL ST/GEN&WS 422	Women and the Law	3
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
LEGAL ST 444	Law in Action	3
LEGAL ST 450	Topics in Legal Studies and the Humanities	3
LEGAL ST/ HISTORY 477	History of Forensic Science	3
LEGAL ST/SOC 641	Sociology of Law	3-4
POLI SCI 412	The American Constitution: Rights and Civil Liberties	4
PSYCH 405	Abnormal Psychology	3-4
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
SOC 633	Social Stratification	3

SOC WORK 420	Poverty and Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 453	Substance Use Disorders	3
SOC WORK 462	Child Welfare	3
SOC WORK 523	Family Violence	3
SOC WORK 627	Sex Trafficking and Sex Trading	2
SOC WORK 640	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	3
SOC WORK 646	Child Abuse and Neglect	2

GROUP 5—ETHNOGRAPHY—INTERNSHIP PREP

Code	Title	Credits
COM ARTS 371	Communication and Conflict Resolution	3
COM ARTS 373	Intercultural Communication & Rhetoric	3
COM ARTS 565	Communication and Interethnic Behavior	3
COUN PSY 225	Intersectionalities, Self Awareness, and Social Actions for Social Change	3
COUN PSY 237	Mental Health, Self-Awareness, and Social Justice: Working in Diverse Communities	3
COUN PSY 325	Seminar: Students Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED)	3-4
COUN PSY 650	Theory and Practice in Interviewing	3
COUN PSY 655	Clinical Communication Skills	3
HISTORY 300	History at Work: Professional Skills of the Major	1-2
INTER-HE 202	SoHE Career & Leadership Development	1
INTER-LS 210	L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative	1
INTER-LS 215	Communicating About Careers	3
POLI SCI 316	Careers in Political Science	1
SOC 205	Intercultural Dialogues	3
SOC WORK 441	Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups	3

GROUP 6—FIELDWORK/INTERNSHIP/ RESEARCH SEMINAR

The primary internship course administered by our program is LEGAL ST/ SOC 694. The course requires a concurrent internship. To be eligible for the course, students complete a pre-internship placement process the semester prior to the internship. The pre-internship process begins with a required orientation.

The other listed internship and research opportunities are administered by other programs. Some may be limited to students who are declared in those specific programs. All require advance lead time and authorization for enrollment by the specific program.

Code	Title	Credits
CSCS 601	Internship	1-6
GEN&WS 660	Internship in Gender and Women's Studies	3
LEGAL ST 473	Health Impacts of Unmet Social Needs	3
LEGAL ST/SOC 694	Criminal Justice Field Observation	3
HDFS 592	Research Experience in Human Development and Family Studies	1-3
HDFS 601	Internship	1-8
POLI SCI 315	Legislative Internship	3
POLI SCI 402	Wisconsin in Washington Internship Course	4
PUB AFFR 327	Administrative Internship	3
RP & SE 630	Internship in Rehabilitation or Special Education	2-6
SOC 320	Research Practicum in Sociology	1-3
SOC WORK 400	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar I	2-6

RACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES

At least one course in the certificate must have substantial content dealing with race and justice studies. For this requirement, a course can count both for purposes of meeting a Group requirement and the Race and Justice Studies requirement. The following courses fulfill the Race and Justice Studies requirement.

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HDFS 474	Racial Ethnic Families in the U.S.	3
LEGAL ST 435	Civil Rights: Policing, Prisons, Voting, Housing, Employment	3
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 440	Ethnicity, Race, and Justice	3-4
LEGAL ST/CHICLA/ SOC 443	Immigration, Crime, and Enforcement	3-4
SOC WORK 420	Poverty and Social Welfare	3
SOC WORK 640	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	3
SOC/AMER IND/ C&E SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
SOC 633	Social Stratification	3

ELECTIVES

Students can take additional courses from any category as needed to meet the 14 credit minimum.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- At least 7 certificate credits must be completed in residence
- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all certificate courses.

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. To develop an appreciation for how the criminal justice system works and how it affects American society as a whole.
2. To develop and improve critical thinking and analytics in written and oral communication skills.
3. To develop an appreciation of mental health and substance abuse as they intersect with the criminal justice system.
4. To develop skills transferable to future professional, community and educational pursuits.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS: PLEASE SCHEDULE VIA STARFISH ([HTTPS://ADVISING.WISC.EDU/FACSTAFF/STARFISH/STARFISH-STUDENT-RESOURCES/](https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/))

1. Log in to your MyUW (<http://my.wisc.edu/>)
2. Open the **Starfish** app (if you do not see it, you can begin by searching for it in MyUW and adding it to your dashboard)
3. Within the Starfish app, select Martine Delannay or Micha Schwab and find an available date and time

More help on using Starfish can be found here: <https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>.

If you are not a UW student, please email us at cjcp@ssc.wisc.edu to schedule a meeting.

CAREERS

CJCP graduates have secured jobs in police departments, district attorneys' offices, public defenders' offices, juvenile group homes, adult halfway houses, public schools, and prisons. They have been involved in restitution programs, deferred prosecution alternatives, victim-witness projects, and home detention/electronic monitoring experiments. The options are numerous and interesting. Many CJCP students pursue a degree in law or attend graduate school in a related field.

SuccessWorks (<http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science provides students with a wide range of career-related services.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

All students complete an intensive internship with an agency or organization related to the criminal and juvenile justice fields. Involvement in the CJCP provides a solid educational foundation in criminal justice. It introduces students to basic concepts about our justice system and the individuals it serves. It encourages exploration of critical issues facing the system today and fosters investigation into realistic solutions.