



Program of Study: Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

Program Description

Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary field that embraces those aspects of the social sciences and the humanities that are relevant to an understanding of law, justice, social control, and political change. Courses aid students in developing their own values and seeing how they apply to the field of justice studies.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
UNV 101	University Success	This course provides positive re-enforcement of successful learning strategies and assistance with adaptation to the academic environment.	3
COM 101	Intro to Human Communication [^]	This course focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The course readings and discussions seek to increase understanding of relevant communication theories and their application in the practice of effective and ethical human communication in both personal and professional life.	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing	A course in writing academic prose, including various types of essays, arguments, and constructions. A writing intensive course. Prerequisite: UNV 105.	3
PSY 101	General Psychology [^]	A foundation course in the science of behavior. Includes a study of the origin and development of behavior patterns, motivation, emotional behavior sensory functions, perception, intelligent behavior, and adjustment. Simple experiments constitute a basic part of the course.	3
HIS 107	World Civilization Since 1500 [^]	A survey of the major events, personalities, movements, and ideas in world civilization from the prehistoric era to 1500 CE. This course focuses on the key political, intellectual, scientific, social, economic, and cultural changes that occurred in world civilization. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world.	3
ENG 102	Research Writing	A course exploring various types of research writing, with a focus on constructing essays, arguments, and research reports based on primary and secondary sources. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisite: ENG 101.	3
BIO 100	Biology Concepts [^]	A complete overview of the science of biology from a human perspective. Topics include cells, energetics, ecology, inheritance, evolution, embryology, anatomy, and physiology. This course does not apply toward the biology major.	3
BIO 100L	Biology Concepts Lab [^]	The one hour lab for BIO 100. Must be taken concurrently with BIO 101.	1
MAT 120	Intermediate Algebra	Topics from basic algebra: linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, systems of equations, and introductory conic sections. Prerequisite: MAT 100.	3

Choose one of the following courses:

INT 463	World Religions [^]	A study of the major contemporary religions of the world including both historical background and development, and current beliefs and practice with emphasis on basic religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Baha'i.	3
BIB 113	Old Testament History [^]	An introductory and historical survey of the Old Testament. Attention is given to the study of the Bible itself, its institutions, literature, and history of the national life of the Hebrew people from earliest times to close of the Old Testament period	3

Choose one of the following courses:

PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy [^]	An introduction to the discipline of philosophy through a study of representative philosophic problems.	3
BIB 123	New Testament History [^]	A general historical survey of the New Testament, beginning with the inter-biblical period, with the main emphasis given to the Gospels and Acts.	3

UNV 200	Western Ideas and Aesthetics	An examination of ideas that shaped Western thought, and aesthetics. Students will have opportunities to identify and analyze instances of these ideas literature, film, and art.	4
CHM 101	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry [^]	An introduction to the principles of chemistry; designed for students without a strong background in science. Topics covered include a survey of the chemical and physical properties of elements and compounds, chemical reactions, chemical energetics, acids and bases, and chemical bonding. An introduction to organic and biochemistry emphasizes the relationship between molecular structure and function.	3
CHM 101L	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry Lab [^]	The one hour lab for CHM 101. Must be taken concurrently with CHM 101.	1

[^] Campus students may choose an alternative course from the Grand Experience. See the current Academic Catalog for details.

Total General Education Credits: 39

Justice Studies Major Courses:

JUS 100	Introduction to the Justice System	This course provides the student with current and up-to-date information, policies, and techniques that are being used in police courts and corrections. Students are required to research new trends in the system, not only in the U.S., but globally.	3
JUS 101	Issues in Justice Studies	This course emphasizes issues relating to justice policies, perspectives, techniques, role, institutional arrangements, management, uses of research, and innovative patterns.	3
JUS 296	Social Research	Also POS 296 and SOC 296. An exploration of the various methods used by social scientists to find answers to the questions posed by their subject matter. Includes basic terminology, concepts, and practice using methods such as surveys, experiments, field research, and evaluation research, as well as some unobtrusive methods. Prerequisite: SOC 101.	3
JUS 303	Theory of Criminal Justice	An examination of classic and contemporary schools of thought, including psychological and social causes of crime and theories of punishment. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101.	3
JUS 306	Police Function	Objectives, strategies, programs, roles, perspectives and interagency relationships of police. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101.	3
JUS 308	Adjudication Function	Objectives, strategies, programs, roles, perspectives, and interagency relationships of the courts. A Writing-Intensive course. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101	3
JUS 310	Correctional Function	Objectives, strategies, programs, roles, perspectives and interagency relationships of correctional agencies. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101.	3
JUS 363	Introduction to Probability & Statistics	Also POS 363, PSY 363, and SOC 363. A study of elementary theories of probability, distribution, and testing of statistical hypotheses. Practical experience is provided in the application of statistical methods. Prerequisite: MAT 120 or equivalent.	3

JUS 461	Substantive Law	Criminal liability with emphasis on the elements of a crime. Governmental sanctions of individual conduct as formulated by the legislature and the court system. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101.	3
JUS 462	Procedural Law	Study of the criminal process from a constitutional perspective as it relates to due process in the context of crime control. The limits of stops, arrests and searches are explored. Prerequisites: JUS 100 and JUS 101.	3
JUS 497	Internship in Justice Studies	Placement of student in a criminal justice or related agency to further the student's integration of theory with practice. Prerequisites: Junior or senior status and 15 credits of JUS courses.	3
JUS 498	Advanced Topics: Justice Studies	In-depth study of chosen topics such as: Justice and Ethics, Juvenile Delinquency, Gangs, Comparative Criminal Law, Law and Social Control, and Issues of Death in Politics and Justice. Prerequisites: JUS 100, JUS 303, and one Upper Division Justice Studies course, or instructor's approval.	3

Total Justice Studies Major Credits: 36

Total Grand Experience Credits: 39

Total Electives: 45

Total Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies Credits: 120

Students may use Electives to complete one or more Concentrations or Minors.