

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare the student with basic foundations, concepts, theories and skills in criminal justice interfaced with a Christian perspective in order to prepare them for various criminal justice vocations and graduate studies in the field. Students who pursue a career in this area should be willing to meet moral, physical and psychological standards. Many criminal justice agencies require moral and physical fitness, psychological stability and a history of no felony and excessive traffic violations. Thus, students applying to the program should have no history of a felony. Students in the program learn basic structure and function of the American Criminal Justice System including law enforcement, the courts and corrections as well as knowledge, issues, activities and skills associated with these system components.

## **Knowledge – Students should be able to:**

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctives of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
5. Take an exam related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

## **Attitudes – Students should be able to:**

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives.
3. Relate a personal commitment to the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.
6. Report a deepened appreciation for the demands of ministry and leadership in the Church.

## **Pre-professional skills – Students should be able to:**

1. Integrate the knowledge of criminal justice into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between criminal justice and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for a career in criminal justice as well as advanced study in the field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and skills of criminal justice processes in supervised field experiences.

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## GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 58 Hours

### General Education: 14 hours

COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I

ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II

3 hours from the following:

ENG 2233 American Literature I

ENG 2243 American Literature II

ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

### Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

GOV 2213 National and State Government

HIS 1113 American History I

PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

### Natural Science/Mathematics: 7 hours

BIO 1113 Biological Science and BIO 1111 Lab

3 hours from the following:

MTH 1113 College Mathematics

MTH 1123 College Algebra

### Physical Education: 4 hours

PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle

PED 2301 First Aid (*All CJ majors must complete a minimum of 1 hour academic credit in First Aid including American Red Cross certifications in First Aid and Adult CPR prior to degree completion.*)

1 hour from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-PED 2291

### General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

BIB 1143 The Church in Mission

BIB 2213 Bible Study

CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries

REL 1133 Authentic Christianity

REL 1153 New Testament Literature

REL 1163 Old Testament Literature

THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

## Upon completion of this program, students will:

1. Articulate biblical presuppositions that will inform and shape their understanding of criminal justice.
2. Discuss the basic foundations, concepts and theories of criminology and criminal justice.
3. Describe the structure, function and interrelationship of various components of the criminal justice system from local law enforcement agencies to the courts and correctional facilities at the local, state and federal level.
4. Describe evaluative and rehabilitative processes in criminal justice.
5. Function effectively in applied criminal justice settings.
6. Demonstrate an appropriate level of undergraduate preparation for professional careers in criminal justice and graduate school.

## **Criminal Justice** *continued*

### **MAJOR STUDIES 48 Hours**

CJU 1113 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CJU 1123 Ethics in Criminal Justice  
CJU 2113 Analysis of Police Operations  
CJU 2123 Criminal Investigation  
CJU 3113 Constitutional Law  
CJU 3123 Theories of Criminology  
CJU 3143 Criminal Justice Administration  
CJU 4123 Advanced Penology  
CJU 4133 Security Management  
CJU 4583 Field Practicum in Criminal Justice  
PSY 1113 Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith  
PSY 2413 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences  
PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology

*Select any three (3) 2000 level and above courses from CJU/COU/PSY/SWK for a total of nine (9) hours.*

### **GENERAL ELECTIVES 21 Hours**

Students are encouraged to use elective credits to complete an Associate's degree or a minor in various fields, such as Addictions Counseling, Intercultural Studies, Youth and Student Ministries, Business Administration, Children and Family Ministries, etc. Also addictions courses can prepare students to take a state certification test as an addiction counselor.

### **TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 127 Hours**

### **Additional Program Stipulations**

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. All Criminal Justice majors must complete one hour of academic credit in First Aid and pass American Red Cross certification in First Aid and Adult CPR.