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Justification: Currently, the criminal justice core requires four courses related to legal issues. This is very off balanced when compared to the other core content areas identified by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) as important for criminal justice majors. We are thus proposing that based on the fact that criminal justice already incorporates legal issues in other core courses, PSCI 4311 and PSCI 4312 should no longer be required courses for CRIJ majors. However, if students wish to take more legal courses as electives, they may take CRIJ 4311 (which is interchangeable with PSCI 4311). Additionally based on the demand for PSCI 4311/4312 by CRIJ students, the course will be taught on a more regular basis by CRIJ faculty.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Following is **one** suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment. Students are responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**.

\*See Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information.

\*\* See Appendix C for approved list of minors and requirements.

FALL			HOURS	SPRING			HOURS
<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>				<b>FRESHMAN YEAR</b>			
ENGL	1301	<u>English Composition I</u>	3	ENGL	1302	<u>English Composition II</u>	3
MATH	1314	<u>College Algebra</u>	3	MATH		<u>Math Elective<sup>1</sup></u>	3
HIST	1301	<u>The U.S to 1877</u>	3	HIST	1302	<u>The U.S Since 1877</u>	3
		<u>Minor Curriculum**</u>	3			<u>Soc/Behavioral Science*</u>	3
		<u>Natural Science*</u>	4			<u>Natural Science*</u>	4
						<u>Activity or Wellness*</u>	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>				<b>17</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR</b>				<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR</b>			
PSCI	2305	<u>American National Govt</u>	3	PSCI	2306	<u>American State Govt</u>	3
ENGL		<u>Survey of Literature*</u>	3	CRIJ	1306	<u>Courts&amp;Criminal Proc</u>	3
CRIJ	1301	<u>Intro to Criminal Justice</u>	3	CRIJ	2328	<u>Police Systems&amp;Practices</u>	3
		<u>Visual/Performing Arts*</u>	3	CRIJ	2313	<u>Correctional Systems&amp;Prac</u>	3
		<u>Minor Curriculum**</u>	3	ENGL	2311	<u>Technical Writing</u>	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>				<b>15</b>
<b>JUNIOR YEAR</b>				<b>JUNIOR YEAR</b>			

CRIJ	2329	<u>Fund of Criminal Laws</u>	3	SOCI	3336	<u>Criminology</u>	3
CRIJ		<u>Rsrch Methods</u> <sup>2</sup>	3	CRIJ		<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3
PSCI	3345	<u>Intro to Public Admin</u>	3	CRIJ		<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3
		<u>Soc/Behavioral Science</u> <sup>3</sup>	3	CRIJ		<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3
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<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>				<b>12</b>

**SENIOR YEAR**

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PSCI	4311	<u>Constitutional Law I</u>	3	PSCI	4312	<u>Constitutional Law II</u>	3
			3				
CRIJ		<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3	CRIJ	4321	<u>Senior Pro Seminar</u>	3
CRIJ		<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3			<u>Restricted CRIJ Elective</u> <sup>4</sup>	3
		<u>Advanced Minor Curr**</u>	3			<u>Advanced Minor Curr**</u>	3
		<u>Advanced Minor Curr**</u>	3			<u>Advanced Minor Curr**</u>	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>				<b>12</b>

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120**

<sup>1</sup>Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

<sup>2</sup>Research Methods, select 3 SCH from CRIJ 3305, PSCI 3301, SOCI 3305.

<sup>3</sup>Social/Behavioral Science elective, select 3 SCH from any 3000-4000 level course from ANTH/CRIJ/ECO/GEOG/GENU/HIST/PHIL/PSCI/PSYC/SOCI/URBS/WGST.

<sup>4</sup>Restricted advanced CRIJ electives select 21 SCH from CRIJ 3306, 3308, 3309, 3310, 3311, 3320, 3325, 4305, 4311, 4320, 4340, 4333, 4334, 4601 or any 3000-4000 level CRIJ

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## CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

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### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To understand constitutional frameworks for criminal justice procedures and policies
2. To analyze judicial and legal issues concerning constitutional law in the criminal justice system
3. To study key cases, legal terms, clauses, and chronologies in constitutional law
4. To articulate informed opinion over important, controversial, constitutional issues
5. To examine the historical evolution of constitutional doctrines, standards, and tests
6. To appreciate the scholarly study of constitutional law and its application
7. To recognize important considerations dealing with civil rights and liberties