# Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies

Students are encouraged to take introductory courses in at least two of the following six disciplines based on their academic interests prior to entering the degree program: economics, history, international relations, political science, psychology, sociology.

**Change of Major Applicants**

Undeclared majors and students enrolled in other disciplines at SF State who seek to change their major to criminal justice studies must have junior standing, have completed a minimum of 52 units with a grade of C or better, have taken ENG 214 (or equivalent), and one GE Area A3 Critical Thinking course (formerly Segment I critical thinking) with a grade of C or better before applying for a change of major.

**Writing Competence**

Criminal justice majors who complete either C J 323GW with a grade of C or better in fall 2010 or later, or C J 330GW in spring 2011 or later, will have satisfied the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

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## Criminal Justice Studies (B.A.) — 35–44 Units

### Foundation Courses (7–8 Units)

- C J 300: Criminal Justice: A Cross-Disciplinary Perspective
- C J 323GW: Ethics in Criminal Justice - GWAR
- C J 330GW: Research Methods in Criminal Justice-GWAR

### Distribution Requirements (24–32 Units)

Select two courses from each of the four categories (I–IV) below.

### I. Administration of Justice (6–8 Units)

- C J 340I/ R 341: Comparative Criminal Justice
- C J 400: Police and Public Policy
- C J 450: Jails and Prisons
- C J 451: The Architecture of Incarceration
- C J 460: Community Corrections and Sentencing
- C J 475: Intervention Policies in Juvenile Justice
- C J 480: California Corrections System
- C J 525: Global Restorative Justice and Corrections
- C J 530: Geographies of Social Control and Urban Diversity
- I R 360: Intelligence and Intelligence Agencies
- PLSI 478: Judicial Process
- PSY 475: Psychology of Policing
- SOC 455: Punishment and Social Control

### II. Crime and Delinquency (6–8 Units)

- C J 401: Criminal Profiling
- C J 405: Organized Crime
- C J 471: Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice
- C J 515: Extremism as Crime
- C J 520: Construction of Crime and Justice
- C J 550: School Violence and Discipline
- C J 570: Urban Violence
- C J 600: Youth Gangs in Community Context

### III. Legal Studies (6–8 Units)

- C J 501: Criminal Law
- C J 502: Criminal Procedure
- C J 505/ I R 332: International Criminal Law
- COMM 564: Issues in Free Speech
- COUN 630: Legal Center Training I
- COUN 631: Legal Center Training II
- COUN 632: Legal Ethics
- GPS/PHIL 375: Peace Law and Human Rights in the U.S.
- HIST 470: The U.S. Constitution to 1877
- HIST 471: The U.S. Constitution since 1877
- LABR 650: Labor Law: An Introduction and Overview
- PHIL 335: Law and Society
- PHIL 379: Critical Approaches to Culture and Communication
- PHIL 380: Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 395: Philosophy of Constitutional Interpretation
- PLSI 552: Individual Rights and the Constitution
- PSY 472: Introduction to Legal Psychology
- SOC 457: Sociology of Law

### IV. Working with Diverse Communities (6–8 Units)

- AA S 595: Asian American Communities and Public Policy
- AIS 460: Power and Politics in American Indian History
- COMM 503: Gender and Communication
- COMM 525: Sexual Identity and Communication
- COMM 531: Conflict Resolution
- COMM 541: Critical Approaches to Culture and Communication
- COMM 543: Dialogues Across Differences
- HIST 462/ RRS 670: Making Whites: Race-making in America
- HIST 465: American Ethic and Racial Relations II: 1890 - Present
- LTNS 415: Economic Progress of Latinos in the U.S.
- LTNS 470: Latina/o Immigration to the U.S.
- PHIL 455/ SXS 569: Sex and the Law
- PLSI 464: Race and American Politics
- PLSI/USP 512: Urban Politics and Community Power
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PSY 547  Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution  3
RRS/SOC 330  Comparative Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.: Class, Gender, and Nation  3
RRS 571  Women, Class, and Race  3
SXS 455  Sex, Power and Politics  3
WGS 514  Women and the Prison Industrial Complex  3
WGS 554  Gender and Global Migration  3
WGS 570  Women, Gender, Policy, and Justice  3

Culminating Experience (4 Units)
CJ 680  Field Course in Criminal Justice  4

Total units for the degree: 120

Note: A minimum of 40 upper division units must be completed for the degree (including upper division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

Note: A total of 30 units in the major must be in upper division courses. Up to a total of six transfer units in the following criminal justice courses completed at a community college may be counted toward meeting distribution requirements for the major:
1. Introduction to Criminal Justice in the "Administration of Justice" category and/or
2. Concepts of Criminal Law in the "Legal Studies" category. For applicable courses, go to the ASSIST website: http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html.

Complementary Studies
Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least twelve units of complementary studies outside of the primary prefix for the major. (Note: Students may not use an alternate prefix that is cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major.)

Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the complementary studies requirement. Additional ways to complete complementary studies for students in the Criminal Justice major is to meet with an advisor to identify 12 units of courses complementary to the major. With advisor approval, up to twelve of these units may be used to satisfy units in the major. Consult with your major advisor for assistance.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement in order to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

General Education Requirements

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Written English Communication II  LD  3  A4
Physical Science  LD  3  B1
Life Science  LD  3  B2
Lab Science  LD  1  B3
Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning  LD  3  B4

Arts  LD  3  C1
Arts or Humanities  LD  3  C1 or C2
Humanities: Literature  LD  3  C3
Social Sciences  LD  3  D1
Social Sciences: US History  LD  3  D2
Social Sciences: US & CA Government  LD  3  D3
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)  LD or UD  3  E
Physical and/or Life Science  UD  3  UD-B
Arts and/or Humanities  UD  3  UD-C
Social Sciences  UD  3  UD-D

SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), in a major or minor, or an elective.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities (AERM)  LD or UD  3
Environmental Sustainability (ES)  LD or UD  3
Global Perspectives (GP)  LD or UD  3
Social Justice (SJ)  LD or UD  3

Note: LD = Lower Division; UD = Upper Division.

First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)
This roadmap opens in a new tab. (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap.html)

Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)
For students with an AA-T in Administration of Justice. This roadmap opens in a new tab. (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/aj-adt-roadmap.html)
For students with an AA-T in Social Justice Studies. This roadmap opens in a new tab. (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/BA-criminal-justice-studies/sjs-adt-roadmap.html)

For students with an AA-T in Sociology. This roadmap opens in a new tab. (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/soc-adt-roadmap.html)

This degree program is an approved pathway (“similar” major) for students earning the ADT in Administration of Justice

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T). Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation, and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a “similar” major after transfer. Determinations about “similar” majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a “similar” major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab and displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission, but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
   - a course in U.S. History
   - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit http://www.assist.org. Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower division major requirements for this major, including 2nd-semester composition;

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 units/90 quarters required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper division transfer (for example, if course was not passed on the first attempt, or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California community college of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower division general education in areas C and D until after transfer in order to focus on preparation courses for the major. (This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.)

Transferring from institutions other than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State’s lower division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State’s lower division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (GE A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.

Identify and complete a 2nd-semester course in written English composition course before transfer. This is usually the next course after the typical “freshman comp” course, with a focus on writing, reading and critical analytical skills for academic purposes, and developing skills in composing, revising, and the use of rhetorical strategies.
Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

**All students must meet the transfer eligibility requirements outlined below for admission. For more information, visit the Undergraduate Admissions section.**

- Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
- Earn a college grade point average of 2.00 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
- Complete 30 semester units (45 quarter units) of general education, including four basic skills courses:
  a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE area A1)
  b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE area A2)
  c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE area A3)
  d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning, with intermediate algebra as a prerequisite (same as CSU GE area B4)

- The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a "C" or better grade in each basic skills course.