

# 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, and/or sociology.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Identify major social issues that shape crime, law and justice systems.
2. Develop critical thinking skills that enable analysis of crime, law and justice issues.
3. Learn about the role of class, race, age, sexuality, and gender in shaping criminal justice systems.
4. Develop methodological reasoning skills that enable the challenging of assumptions and structures, including assessment of alternative solutions to problems associated with the identification, control, and prevention of crime and delinquency.
5. Apply critical analysis, methodological reasoning and ethical reasoning to field experiences.

## Steps to Change Major

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, and have taken 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.

## Assistance to Enhance Writing Competence

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

## Criminal Justice Studies (B.A.) – 35-44 units Foundation Courses (7-8 units)

Code	Title	Units
C J 300	Criminal Justice: A Cross-Disciplinary Perspective	4
C J 323GW	Ethics in Criminal Justice - GWAR	3-4
or C J 330GW	Research Methods in Criminal Justice - GWAR	

## Criminal Justice Studies Electives (24-32 units)

Select any eight courses from the following four sections:

### I. Administration of Justice

Code	Title	Units
C J 340/I R 341	Comparative Criminal Justice	4
C J 400	Police and Public Policy	3
C J 450	Jails and Prisons	3
C J 451	The Architecture of Incarceration	3
C J 460	Community Corrections and Sentencing	3
C J 475	Intervention Policies in Juvenile Justice	3
C J 480	California Corrections System	3
C J 490	Immigration, Criminalization and Justice	3

C J/SOC 510	Analysis of the Felon in Society	3
C J 525	Global Restorative Justice and Corrections	3
C J 530	Geographies of Social Control and Urban Diversity	3
I R 360	Intelligence and Intelligence Agencies	4
PLSI 478	Judicial Process	4
PSY 475	Psychology of Policing	3
SOC 455	Punishment and Social Control	3

### II. Crime and Delinquency

Code	Title	Units
C J 401	Criminal Profiling	3
C J 405	Organized Crime	3
C J 471	Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice	3
C J 515	Extremism as Crime	3
C J 520	Construction of Crime and Justice	3
C J 535	Alternatives to Criminalization	3
C J 550	School Violence and Discipline	3
C J 570	Urban Violence	3
C J 600	Youth Gangs in Community Context	3
C J 605	Criminalization of Gender and Sexuality	3
COMM 571	The Rhetoric of Terrorism	4
COMM 573	The Rhetoric of Criminality and Punishment	4
ECON 515	Economics of Crime and Justice	3
I R 361/C J 461	Terrorism and Covert Political Warfare	4
LTNS 430/ C J 435	Race, Crime, and Justice	3
LTNS/C J 485	Latina/o Youth, Crime, and Justice	3
PHIL 378	Philosophy of Criminal Law	3
SOC 362	The Social Construction of Deviance and Conformity	4
SOC 451/C J 452	Criminological Theory	4
SOC 452/C J 470	Juvenile Justice	4

### III. Legal Studies

Code	Title	Units
AFRS 375	Law and the Black Community	3
AFRS 376	Government, the Constitution, and Black Citizens	3
AIS 330	American Indian Law	3
C J 335	Legal Writing and Research	4
C J 501	Criminal Law	3
C J 502	Criminal Procedure	3
C J 505/I R 332	International Criminal Law	4
COMM 564	Issues in Free Speech	4
COUN 630	Legal Center Training I	3
COUN 631	Legal Center Training II	3
ECON 516	Law and Economics	3
GPS/PHIL 375	Peace Law and Human Rights in the U.S.	3
HIST 470	The U.S. Constitution to 1896	3
HIST 471	The U.S. Constitution Since 1896	3
LABR 650	Labor Law: An Introduction and Overview	3
PHIL 335	Law and Society	3
PHIL 379	Philosophy of Constitutional Interpretation	3
PHIL 380	Philosophy of Law	3
PLSI 552	Individual Rights and the Constitution	4

PSY 472	Introduction to Legal Psychology	3
SOC 457	Sociology of Law	4

#### IV. Working with Diverse Communities

Code	Title	Units
AA S 595	Asian American Communities and Public Policy	3
AIS 460	Power and Politics in American Indian History	3
COMM 503	Gender and Communication	4
COMM 525	Sexualities and Communication	4
COMM 531	Conflict Resolution	4
COMM 541	Critical Approaches to Culture and Communication	4
COMM 543	Dialogues Across Differences	4
HIST 462/ RRS 670	Making Whites: Race-Making in America	3
HIST 465	American Ethnic and Racial Relations II: 1890-Present	3
LTNS 415	Economic Progress of Latinos in the U.S.	3
LTNS 470	Latina/o Immigration to the U.S.	3
PHIL 455/ SXS 569	Sex and the Law	3
PLSI 464	Race and American Politics	4
PLSI/USP 512	Urban Politics and Community Power	4
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 513	Gender, War, and Militarism	3
WGS 514	Women and the Prison Industrial Complex	3
WGS 554	Gender and Global Migration	3
WGS 570		3

#### Culminating Experience (4 units)

Code	Title	Units
C J 680	Field Course in Criminal Justice	4

Total units for the degree: 120<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **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 12 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 to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

#### General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
Oral Communication	LD	3	A1
Written English Communication I	LD	3	A2
Critical Thinking	LD	3	A3
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
Humanities	LD	3	C2
Arts or Humanities	LD	3	C1 or C2
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	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), a major or minor, or an elective.

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

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

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

Find the correct roadmap (A, B, C, or D):

1. Select the row that matches your English Course choice for A2.\*
2. Select the column that matches your QR Category (found at your student center under Math Alert).
3. Click the Roadmap that lines up with your row and column.

For example, if you are taking ENG 104 as your first English course and your student center math alert says you are QR Category III, you should choose Roadmap D.

Pathway	QR Cat I/II	QR Cat III/IV
<b>ENG 114</b>	Roadmap A (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap-i-ii-eng)	Roadmap C (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap-iii-iv-eng)
<b>ENG 104/ENG 105</b>	Roadmap B (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap-i-ii-stretch)	Roadmap D (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap-iii-iv-stretch)

\*Composition for Multilingual Students: If taking ENG 209 as your first English course, choose the ENG 114 row. If taking ENG 204 for your first English course, choose the ENG 104/ENG 105 row.

## Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)

For students with an AA-T in **Administration of Justice**. [This roadmap opens in a new tab](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/aj-adt-roadmap) (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/aj-adt-roadmap).

For students with an AA-T in **Social Justice Studies**. [This roadmap opens in a new tab](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/sjs-adt-roadmap) (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/sjs-adt-roadmap).

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

For students with an AA-T in **Law, Public Policy and Society**. [This roadmap opens in a new tab](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/lps-adt-roadmap) (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/ba-criminal-justice-studies/lps-adt-roadmap).

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## 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 in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area C and 3 units in lower division GE area D until after transfer.) 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 on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the 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;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government.

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 a 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 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>.

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 ([bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-admissions](http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-admissions)).

- Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
- Earn a college grade point average of 2.0 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 (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.