BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

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The multidisciplinary program in Criminal Justice Studies explores the conception and implementation of the law, crime, and justice systems and ideas. The program emphasizes critical thinking about law, crime, and justice systems and their entanglement with larger political-economic processes. In particular, the program explores how ideas and systems of crime, law, and justice shape broader issues of social justice, especially those related to the experience of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age inequity in the U.S. The program teaches students the skills of critical analysis and ethical reasoning such that students can challenge structures and assumption and innovatively contribute to the assessment of alternative solutions to problems associated with the identification, control, and prevention of crime and delinquency.

Program Learning Outcomes:

a. Learn how systemic inequality shapes and is shaped by crime, law, and justice systems.
b. Describe how people and groups impact, engage, contest, and remake legal institutions and ideas.
c. Critique and analyze claims, data, and knowledge about crime, law, and justice systems.
d. Analyze the history and politics of criminological knowledge.
e. Design and implement a senior capstone project that demonstrates effective written communication, ethical reasoning, and critical analysis.

Admissions Requirements

a. Be a resident of California or another authorized state. See State Authorization.
b. Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units.
c. Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted.
d. Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all units completed at SF State.
e. Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.
f. Have completed all lower-division General Education requirements (39 semester units or 58.5 quarter units) with a grade of C- or better including the below four courses commonly called “Golden Four”:

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Quantitative Reasoning

Criminal Justice Studies (B.A.) – 36 units minimum

Core Courses (18 units)

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Elective Courses (18-22 units)

Power and Inequality (3 units)
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A minimum of 30 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.

Up to a total of 6 transfer units in the following Criminal Justice courses completed at a community college may be counted toward meeting the "general electives" requirements for the major:

- a. Introduction to Criminal Justice

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 Studies major is to meet with an advisor to identify 12 units of courses complementary to the major. With advisor approval, up to 12 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.

4 Year Student Roadmap

This roadmap opens in a new tab. (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/extended-learning/ba-criminal-justice-studies/roadmap/)