

CRIMINAL JUSTICE B.A.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand theories of crime, criminal justice, and reentry, including traditional and contemporary approaches.
2. Use social science methods of data collection to investigate and document issues related to crime and victimization.
3. Understand ways in which race, ethnicity, class, and gender are related to outcomes within criminal justice systems.
4. Contrast theoretical and empirical models of crime prevention and suppression with the criminal justice system's role and function.
5. Integrate a Christian worldview in understandings of crime, victimization, and justice.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ¹		50
Criminal Justice Major Requirements		46
General Electives		24
Total Units		120

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Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

Criminal Justice Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division:		
CRMJ-225	Courts and Criminal Procedures	3
SOC-265C	Introduction to Behavioral Statistics	3
Upper Division:		
CRMJ-306	Justice & Law Enforcement	3
CRMJ-309	Race, Class, Gender and Crime	3
CRMJ-311	Criminological Theory	3
CRMJ-490C	Faith and Justice Capstone	3
SOC-305	Criminology/Criminal Justice System	3
SOC-362	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	3
SOC-369 & 369L	Research Design & Methods and Research Design & Methods Lab	4
SOC-378	Prisons and Jails	3
Take 15 units from the following:		15
CRMJ-307	Criminal Organizations	
CRMJ/ SOC-308	Terrorism and Homeland Security	
CRMJ-312	Reentry	
CRMJ-314	Community Impacts of Crime	
CRMJ-315	Interview and Interrogation	
CRMJ-470	Special Topic in Criminal Justice	
PSYC-305	Forensic Psychology	

SOC-373	Deviant Behavior
SOC-464	Practicum
WJST-345	Human Trafficking

Total Units **46**

Four Year Plan

Disclaimer: This sample Four Year Plan is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice.

Study Abroad Participation: Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office (studyabroad@vanguard.edu) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official (veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1 Term 1		
CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
SOC-305	Criminology/Criminal Justice System	3
HIST-PLCR1	History Core Req (US Hist Or Democracy)	3
THEO-101C	Foundations of Christian Life	3
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
Units		16
Year 1 Term 2		
SOC-100C	Introduction to Sociology	3
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	3
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 2 Term 1		
ENGL-220C	Researched Writing	3
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3
NSCI-PLCR	Science Lec/Lab Requirement	4
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Req'm't	3
CRMJ-306	Justice & Law Enforcement	3
Units		16
Year 2 Term 2		
CRMJ-309	Race, Class, Gender and Crime	3
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3



COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3
CRMJ-225	Courts and Criminal Procedures	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 3 Term 1		
SOC-265C	Introduction to Behavioral Statistics	3
CRMJ-311	Criminological Theory	3
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
SOC-362	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	3
CRMJ-PLHD3	Criminology Elective 3 Units	3
Units		15
Year 3 Term 2		
SOC-369	Research Design & Methods	3
SOC-369L	Research Design & Methods Lab	1
SOC-378	Prisons and Jails	3
CRMJ-PLHD6	Criminology Electives 6 Units	6
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
Units		16
Year 4 Term 1		
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
CRMJ-490C	Faith and Justice Capstone	3
CRMJ-PLHD3	Criminology Elective 3 Units	3
ELCT-PLHD6	Electives 6 Units	6
Units		15
Year 4 Term 2		
CRMJ-PLHD3	Criminology Elective 3 Units	3
ELCT-PLHD9	Elective 9 Units	9
Units		12
Total Units		120

Courses

CRMJ-225 Courts and Criminal Procedures 3 Credits

This course provides an analysis of the structure, process, and personnel involved in the state and federal court systems. An overview criminal law concepts and procedures, beginning with their historical basis in the Constitution is covered. The relationship between public order and due process will be examined. Students will trace the flow of a criminal case from the time the crime is committed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prerequisite: Recommended to take PSYC-103C, SOC-100C, or ANTH-102C as a prerequisite.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CRMJ-306 Justice & Law Enforcement 3 Credits

This course introduces students to the history of policing and provides an overview of recent approaches to policing. This course also includes an in-depth examination of police behavior, discretion, and community responses and attitudes toward law enforcement.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CRMJ-307 Criminal Organizations 3 Credits

This course will examine organized criminal structures including street gangs and organized crime rings. Studies the role society plays in increasing and decreasing membership into these organizations. Explores the societal and law enforcement approaches to the reduction of organized crime.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CRMJ-308 Terrorism and Homeland Security 3 Credits

This course covers key theories about the causes of terrorism, including social-psychological theories about the individual to macro-level theories about which countries experience terrorism and why. Students will learn about types of terrorism including suicide terrorism, state terrorism, ecoterrorism, and revolutionary terrorism. Various responses to terrorism are considered, including the law, media representations of terrorism, and human rights repercussions.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: On Demand.

CRMJ-309 Race, Class, Gender and Crime 3 Credits

This course critically examines the influence of race, class and gender in the creation and application of criminal justice. This course discusses victimization and criminal behavior patterns, theoretical explanations, and the dynamics of differential involvement of specific groups in the criminal justice system. The class considers social movements and advocacy groups and their alternative proposals to transform the way we think of and enact justice, punishment, and prevention.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CRMJ-311 Criminological Theory 3 Credits

Students examine theoretical perspectives on crime causation and review associated empirical literature. The course covers the application of theory to various criminal justice policies.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

CRMJ-312 Reentry 3 Credits

Investigates the role of the correctional system in the prisoner reentry process. Reviews the empirical research on successful reentry programs. This course covers the challenges of reentry for the community and those returning to society.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CRMJ-314 Community Impacts of Crime 3 Credits

Exposes students to social problems related to mass incarceration, including those that impact families, local economies, law enforcement-community relations, and churches. Students investigate policies aimed at addressing these issues.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

CRMJ-315 Interview and Interrogation 3 Credits

Students will learn theories and evidence-based techniques to interview and interrogate witnesses, informants and suspects. Students also consider and discuss the codes of ethics to which investigators adhere as well as the impact of technological advancements on the future of criminal investigation.

Prerequisite: PSYC-103C SOC-100C or ANTH-102C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.



CRMJ-470 Special Topic in Criminal Justice 1-3 Credits

Study of a special topic in one of the fields of Criminal Justice. May be repeated for credit. Special topic courses are developed by faculty according to student interest and are offered periodically.

Prerequisite: ANTH-120C, SOC-100C, or PSYC-103C

Terms Typically Offered: On Demand.

CRMJ-490C Faith and Justice Capstone 3 Credits

This course explores the concept of faith and justice and how these ideas have changed over time. Considers various faith-based methods used to restore an offender to the community, including restorative justice.

Examines the Christian faith as a motivator in producing social change pertaining to crime, victimization, offending, and reentry.

Prerequisite: CRMJ-311

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

