

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are CJ 2597 and CJ 4097.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
 - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
 - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
 - For **Social Science majors**, 6 upper level credits (numbered 2000-4999) must be taken in Humanities Subject Areas: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek (Ancient), Greek and Roman Classics, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Philosophy, Religion, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts, Art History in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
 - A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
 - Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the general course option for any CLA major and Criminal Justice offers CJ 1002 Professional Development in Criminal Justice. Several other departments have alternatives to these courses which may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
 - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language - these courses are numbered 1001 and 1002;
 - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
 - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
 - Third semester of a foreign language;
 - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
 - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page;
 - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
 - Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
 - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
 - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (36 credits):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Specifically Required Courses		
CJ 1001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 2401	Nature of Crime	3

CJ 2501	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
CJ 2597	Criminal Justice Research Methods ¹	3
CJ 2602	Criminal Justice Statistics	3
CJ 4097	CJ Capstone Seminar	3
Electives in Major ²		
Select three Criminal Justice electives numbered 2000-4999		9
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Total Credit Hours		36

¹ **DUPLICATE CREDIT WARNING:**
The following courses have similar content and students may only earn academic credit for one from each set:

- CJ 2601 Introduction to Criminal Justice Research OR CJ 2597 Criminal Justice Research Methods
- CJ 4001 Crime and Social Policy OR CJ 4096 Writing Seminar: Crime and Social Policy
- CJ 4101 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement OR CJ 4196 Writing Seminar: Critical Issues in Law Enforcement

² A student may count CJ 4075 (or CJ 4077) toward the Criminal Justice major electives. CJ 4085 (or CJ 4087) does not count toward the major electives but up to 12 credits may count as free electives.

Distinction in Major

Criminal Justice majors may graduate with distinction in the major if they have earned a GPA of 3.5 in the major and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a **suggested** academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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Requirements for New Students starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
	GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]	4
	Foreign Language 1001 - first level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
	Foreign Language 1002 - second level	4
CJ 1001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
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Term Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
CJ 2401	Nature of Crime	3
CJ 2597	Criminal Justice Research Methods [WI]	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	Foreign Language - third level	
	GenEd Global/World Society Course	
	Internationally-Focused Course From Approved List	
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
	GenEd Breadth Course	3

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CJ 1002	Professional Development in Criminal Justice	1
CJ 2501	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
CJ 2602	Criminal Justice Statistics	3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		2
Term Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
Criminal Justice 2000+ Course		3
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CLA/CST 2000+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Criminal Justice 2000+ Course		3
Criminal Justice 3000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		4
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 4		
Fall		
Criminal Justice 3000+ Course		3
Criminal Justice 3000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CJ 4097	CJ Capstone Seminar [WI]	3
CLA/CST 2000+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		4
Electives at Any Level in Any School or College		6
Term Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours:		123