Bachelor of Criminal Justice Curriculum

A minimum of 33 credits of CJ Coursework

Required Courses:
Lower Division

*Must be completed prior to taking upper division courses*

- CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
  (Prerequisite for all other CJ classes)
- CJ 205 Criminal Law I

Upper Division

- CJ 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice Research
  (May substitute SOC 352, Gov 300, PSY 310, or SWK 467)
- CJ 301 Advanced Research Methods
  (May substitute any Introductory Statistics course)
- CJ 302 Crime, Justice & Society (currently CJ 450)
- CJ 425 Issues in Ethics, Law, and Criminal Justice
- Choose one upper division theory course from the following 3 options:
  CJ 303 Criminological Theory (currently CJ 411)
  CJ 304 Historical Perspectives in Criminal Justice (new course)
  CJ 414 Race, Crime & Justice

Electives

Must complete 4 (12 credits) upper division elective courses (courses numbered 300 or higher) in addition to those listed above.

These electives must include at least one course from each of three of the following content areas:

- Policing
- Courts and Law
- Corrections
- Juvenile Justice
- Justice Studies

Please visit our website for a list of courses under each of the categories listed.

CJ 393 Internship cannot be used to satisfy this requirement but may be used to satisfy the University requirement of 48 upper division credit hours.
Non-Departmental Requirements:
- Complete three English courses: English 111 and 2 from English 203, 211, 218 & 311
- Complete one Math course from the following: Math 121G, 142G, 190G, 191G OR STAT 251
- Complete one Philosophy course from the following: Phil 100G, 201G, 211G, 223G, OR an upper division equivalent
- Complete second language through the 212 (214) level; or MATH 191
  * Second language can be waived with 3 credits in a single language from high school, with a grade of C or better.
- Complete statewide common core courses: Visit us at http://crimjust.nmsu.edu

* Second language requirement: Please visit the link to find information on satisfying the Second Language Requirement for BCJ: http://artsci.nmsu.edu/advising/current/language.html

NOTE: Be sure to check your email or department website http://crimjust.nmsu.edu, often to keep up with important CJ Departmental announcements and events. These events can include job or internship opportunities, classroom changes, Job fairs, etc...