MAJOR MAP: Criminal Justice

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BCJ)
BASED ON 2022 CATALOG (VALID THROUGH SPRING 2026)

Course Subject and Title	New SP 2021	CR		Min Grade	Pre or Co- requisite	Additional Notes
Freshman Year-Term 1				_		TOTAL CREDITS: 16
Area I: ENGL 111G Rhetoric & Composition	ENGL 1110G	4		C-	Placement	
Area II: MATH 121G or STAT 251G or STAT 27G	MATH 1220G, 1350G, 2350G	3		C-	C- in MATH 1215	Or MPE score
Area IV: C J 101G - Introduction to C J	CJUS 1110G	3		C-		
Area V: PHIL 100G – Philosophy, Law and Ethics	PHIL 1145G	3		C-		Can also take PHIL 1115G, 2110G or 2230G.
UNIV 150 – Freshman First Year Experience	FYEX 1112	3				11100, 21100 01 220001
Term 2						TOTAL CREDITS: 16
Area I: Select: COMM 253G, 265G or AXED 201G	COMM 1130G, 1115G or AXED 2120G	3				
Area III: Laboratory Science		4				
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts		3				
C J 205 – Criminal Law I	CJUS 1120	3				
Common Core General Elective		3				Any course with a "G" in the course number.
Term 3						Total Credits: 16
Area I-Select: ENGL 203G, 211G, or 218G	ENGL 2210G, 2221G	3		C-	ENGL 1110G	
Begin 2 nd language – SPAN, FREN, GRMN, SIGN, JAPN		4		C-		See back page for options
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences		3				
Elective		3				
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Term 4						Total Credits: 16
ENGL 203G, 211G, 218G, 311G or 318G	ENGL 2210G, 2221G	3		C-	ENGL 1110G	non-departmental requirement
2 nd semester of 2 nd language		4		C-		
C J 300 – Intro to C J Research Methods	CJUS 300	3		C-		* Any STAT class can substitute for this course
Upper division C J course	CJUS 300-499	3		C-		
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Term 5						Total Credits: 1
3 rd semester of 2 nd language or elective		3		C-		
Viewing a Wider World (VWW)		3				
C J 301 – Advanced Research Methods	CJUS 301	3		C-		
Upper division C J course	CJUS 300-499	3		C-		
Elective		3				
Term 6						Total Credits: 1
Final semester of 2 nd language or elective		3		C-		
Viewing a Wider World (VWW)		3				
C J 302 – Crime, Justice and Society	CJUS 302	3		C-		
C J 425 – Ethics in Law and Criminal Justice	CJUS 425	3		C-		
Upper division elective		3				
Term 7			T	T	Ī	TOTAL CREDITS: 15
C J 303 – Criminological Theory; C J 304 – Hist	CJUS 303, 304, or	3		C-		C J Theory Course
perspectives C J; or C J 414 - Race, Crime, Justice	414					
Upper Division C J Course	CJUS 300-499	3		C-		
Upper division elective		3				
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Term 8	1				T	Total Credits: 15
Upper division C J course	CJUS 300-499	3		C-		1
Upper division elective		3				
Elective any level		3				
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General Considerations:

- Placement into the first mathematics and English classes is based on SAT/ACT scores and High School Grade Point Average (GPA).
 Students may be required to complete a developmental course(s) prior to college-level courses in these areas.
- Satisfaction of English and Mathematics Basic Skills is required before taking upper division courses, numbered 300 or above.
- Graduation requirements for a Bachelor's Degree:
 - o Minimum of 120 credit hours
 - o Minimum of 48 upper division credits, numbered 300 or above
 - o Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
 - Meet Residency
 - Complete all requirements for at least one undergraduate major field of study
- See https://catalogs.nmsu.edu for complete details

Math progression for this major based on placement:

- o CCDM 103N
- o CCDM 114N or A S 103
- o MATH 1215.
- MATH 1220G, 1350G, 2350G

STAR Degree Audit:

Use the STAR Degree Audit (https://degreeaudit.nmsu.edu/) to track your progress on completion of:

- o General Education
- Viewing a Wider World (from two different colleges)
- o College, Departmental, and other Major Requirements
- o Electives needed to reach a minimum of 120 credits
- Electives needed to reach 48 upper division credits

Major Considerations

Progress toward degree

o 2.00 GPA

Second language requirement

- SPAN 1110, 1120, 2110, 2120
- SPAN 1210, 1220, 2210
- JAPN 1110, 1120, 2110, 2120
- GRMN 1110, 1120, 2110, 2120
- FREN 1110, 1120, 2110, 2120
- SIGN 1110, 1120, 2110
- MATH 1511G or higher

Criminal Justice majors can also use three years of foreign language (must have passed all three years) or take and pass any upper division foreign language course, or demonstration of knowledge or skillset in a foreign language (must be approved by Criminal Justice Department).

Co-curricular requirements

• Internship (optional)

Information about Minors:

NMSU offers a variety of minors that pair well with Criminal Justice. Depending on your educational and/or career goals, a minor can be completed with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice, potentially, without adding additional time to complete. Ask your advisor or visit nmsu.edu for more information on minors.

Disclaimer: Following this degree map is just one way to complete this major. This assumes the student passes all of the courses and is not taking into consideration any developmental courses which are not applied towards the degree. All CJ classes require a C- or better grade. **CJ393 (internship) does not count towards the CJ departmental requirement.**