



Criminal Justice (Bachelor of Science)

Course Overview - (45 credit hours)

Bethel's Bachelor of Science Degree specializing in Criminal Justice is tailored to offer the convenience and flexibility of studying online. Students study one course at a time for 5 weeks each.

OL 3050 Introduction to Adult Learning (3 credit hours)

This course is an introduction to learning in the online environment. Topics include the learning management system, library resources, and other support mechanisms within the program.

CCJ 3000 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)

The agencies and processes involved in administering justice: the police, the prosecutor, the courts, and correctional systems. Focus is on the formal crime control process in the United States.

CCJ 3100 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)

Identifies and explores ethics and values in the criminal justice system, paying special attention to issues of social inequality. Discusses remedial strategies and behavior relating to unethical behavior from an individual and group perspective.

CCJ 3200 Introduction to Corrections (3 credit hours)

The history, current practices, and future directions of corrections.

CCJ 3300 Statistics in Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)

Methods of analysis of statistical data frequently used in criminal justice decision-making.

CCJ 3500 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3 credit hours)

The development of U.S. policing, stressing the relationship of police to local politics and the effects of civil service, reform movements, and technological change.

CCJ 3600 Police Administration (3 credit hours)

An organizational management and systems approach to the study of police administration. Emphasizes the administration of various police functions, organizational structures, resources management, operational techniques, professional ethics, and leadership principles and their implications for generalized and specialized units.

CCJ 3700 Criminal Procedure I (3 credit hours)

Constitutional aspects of criminal procedures, including investigations, arrests, search and seizures, and pre-trial processes.

CCJ 3800 Forensic Science (3 credit hours)

Overview of general principles of forensic science, techniques, equipment, and methodologies as used in crime laboratories. Focus on fingerprint and firearm identification, trace evidence (hair, fiber, paint, glass), blood, DNA evidence, forensic document examination, crime scene kits, and forensic microscopy.

CCJ 3900 Criminal Procedure II (3 credit hours)

Constitutional aspects of criminal procedures, including trial rights, sentencing, and appeals. A continuation of Criminal Procedure I. CCJ 4100 Criminological Theory (3 hours) The major theoretical explanations for crime and delinquency.

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CCJ 4300 Juvenile Justice (3 credit hours)

Theoretical foundations of delinquency causation. Historical tracing of the American juvenile justice system including the juvenile court and its jurisdiction. Police interaction with juveniles; treatment and correctional strategies for young offenders. Examination of prevention and treatment approaches.

CCJ 4400 Community Corrections (3 credit hours)

Focus is on probation, parole and other intermediate sanctions and community treatment options. Each is examined from both punishment and treatment model perspectives.

CCJ 4500 Victimology (3 credit hours)

Theories and history shaping the bio-psycho-social and environmental characteristics of crime and violent victimization are examined with emphasis on their intersection with issues of race, gender, class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

CCJ 4600 Crisis Management (3 credit hours)

This course develops managerial skills in crisis avoidance, management, and recovery.

*128 credit hours are required to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree. The balance of the credits needed after the major coursework is completed can be fulfilled with electives, previous transferred credit, and other advanced standing credit options. Contact your recruiter or advisor for details.