Curriculum Guide: Law, Criminal, Justice, and Forensics

This Curriculum Guide is not a major or minor plan; it is a list of recommended courses for students interested in pursuing a career in law and criminal justice, such as positions in law enforcement agencies, substance abuse, counseling, work-release programs, juvenile delinquency, and prison facilities.

Note on Pre-requisites: Many of these courses have pre-requisites. Please refer to the current LSA Bulletin or course guide for information regarding which courses are required. It is important that pre-requisites are taken early in a student’s academic career so that they will be completed in time to take the desired course.

Breadth Courses
These courses are recommended to be taken early in the student’s major plan as they serve as prerequisites to many upper division courses.
- 240 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
- 250 Introduction to Developmental Psychology
- 260 Introduction to Organizational Psychology
- 280 Introduction to Social Psychology

Lab Courses
The following courses may be used to satisfy a major lab requirement.
- 211 Project Outreach/Section 003: Juvenile Delinquency and Criminal Justice
- 310 Processes of Intergroup Dialogue Facilitation (SOC 320)
- 311 Practicum in Facilitating Intergroup Dialogues (SOC 321)
- 341 Advanced Laboratory in Cognitive Psychology
- 371 Advanced Laboratory in Psychopathology
- 381 Advanced Laboratory in Social Psychology (SOC 472)

Upper Division (300-499) Psychology Courses
Students are advised to take as many upper-division courses as possible to fulfill the major credit hours. Most students wishing to specialize in this area are advised to take more than the minimum 34 credits required.
- 345 Introduction to Human Neuropsychology
- 353 Social Development
- 359 Psychology of Aging
- 386 Attitudes and Social Behavior (SOC 386)
- 393 Political Psychology
- 336 Drugs of Abuse, Brain and Behavior
- 448 Mathematical Psychology
- 449 Decision Processes
- 488 Sociological Analysis of Deviant Behavior (SOC 465)

Interdisciplinary Courses
These courses, found across the university, are recommended to give students a broad, interdisciplinary background in the area of law, criminal justice, and forensics. Students should consider how these courses may be used to satisfy other degree requirements (e.g. Area Distribution credit, Race and Ethnicity, Quantitative Reasoning, and Upper Level Writing Requirements).
- AMCULT 399 Race, Racism, and Ethnicity
- ANTHRCUL 333 Non-Western Legal Systems, I
- AAS 450 Law, Race, and the Historical Process, I
- ECON 325 Economics of Education
- ECON 485 Law and Economics
- HISTORY 345/RCSSCI 357 History and Theory of Punishment
- HISTORY 477 Law, History, and the Dynamics of Social Change
- PHIL 356 Issues in Bioethics
- PHIL 359 Law and Philosophy
- POLSCI 316 History of Law and Social Justice
- POLSCI 317 Courts, Politics and Society
- POLSCI 318 American Constitutional Politics
- POLSCI 319 The Politics of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
- POLSCI 332 Inequality in the United States
- POLSCI 364 Public International Law
- POLSCI 432 Law and Public Policy
- SOC 368 Criminology
- WOMENSTD 270 Women and the Law