



SOUTHWESTERN
COLLEGE
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Undergraduate Degree

Whether you see yourself out in the field investigating the scene of the crime or policing the streets, the online criminal justice degree program at SC will prepare you for a wide range of career options in the field of criminal justice. Students experience relevant courses including criminal law and procedure, criminal investigations, and cybercrime.

Applied Learning

Hands-on experience through real-life scenarios

Credit Awarded From

- Prior college
- Military
- Work/Life Experience
- Exams (CLEP, DSST)

Flexible

Six-week online classes

Expert Instruction

Learn from practicing professionals

About Southwestern College

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers practical online degree programs focused on an enhanced learner experience, provided by a regionally accredited, 130+ year old non-profit institution. Each learner can expect: hands-on counselors to help you navigate your program requirements; generous transfer credits to reduce your overall cost and time to completion; progressive, nationally recognized programs; accessible student resources to minimize the stress of degree completion; and small class sizes with experienced, practicing faculty to facilitate interaction and ensure your academic success.



Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Core Major Requirements

- CJUS301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJUS311 Careers and Perspectives in Criminal Justice
- CJUS321 Criminology
- CJUS330 Criminal Law and Procedure
- CJUS341 Juvenile Justice Systems
- CJUS356 Correctional Theory and Practice
- CJUS362 Criminal Investigations
- CJUS401 Ethics and Diversity in Criminal Justice
- CJUS411 Cybercrime
- CJUS421 Policing and The Community
- CJUS431 Criminal Justice Organizations: Administration and Management
- CJUS441 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
- CJUS497 Criminal Justice Capstone

General Education Requirements

Basic Skills

- CORE110 Information Literacy
- ENGL101 Composition 1
- ENGL102 Composition 2
- COM 125 Speech
- MASC110 Statistics and Probability or MASC115 College Algebra

Ethical Reasoning

- HUM 201 Ethics

Disciplinary Perspectives

- Natural Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Social Science (3 or more credit hours)
- Humanities (3 or more credit hours)
- The Arts (3 or more credit hours)
- Other Cultures (3 or more credit hours)

Capstone

- CAPS495 (Senior capstone or major capstone course - 3 credit hours)

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete all foundation and major courses with an overall GPA of 2.0
2. Complete a minimum of 124 credit hours, with at least 60 hours at a bachelor's degree-granting institution
3. Complete at least 30 credit hours with a C average or above from Southwestern College

Program Description

The Criminal Justice program focuses on the social and operational aspects of criminal justice, as the contemporary demands of the discipline requires a strong ethical foundation, along with critical thinking, leadership and innovative approaches towards public safety. The multidisciplinary nature of our program provides learners with the knowledge and skills they can apply immediately in various criminal justice careers. In addition, program learners are afforded an understanding of the nature of crime and the personnel, institutions, and community involvement processes that assists in the response to, and prevention of crime. Learners learn both the theory and the operational practice of the criminal justice system. With specific emphasis on fostering community relationships, diversity, ethics, communication, leadership, psychological, and sociological aspects of the criminal justice environment. The curriculum covers crime and criminal behavior, policing, criminal investigation, cybercrime, criminal law and procedure, courts, corrections, criminal justice careers, and administration and management of criminal justice organizations

Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school or have completed a GED®
2. Minimum GPA of 2.0

All degree requirements are subject to change. Please see the Southwestern College Catalog for the most current degree requirements. All course descriptions can be found online at ps.sckans.edu

