

College of Arts and Science

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR - B.S.

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The Criminal Justice major at Nyack College is designed to help students develop a comprehensive understanding of crime and the criminal justice system. Using a restorative justice approach, students are equipped to integrate a Christian worldview with a strong liberal arts foundation and the skills to be effective practitioners. The major prepares students for careers in the following areas: policing, probation and parole, corrections, private security, social welfare services, law office assistants, environmental protection agencies, occupational health and safety administration, secret service, research, criminal law, rehabilitation of criminals, administration of justice, loss prevention, and criminalistic and forensic sciences. The criminal justice major is also intended to provide students with academic preparation for graduate school in criminal justice or law. This program is structured to comply with the certification standards of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

The Nyack College Criminal Justice major will place a strong emphasis on the principles and practices of restorative justice. Restorative justice is a biblically based view of criminal justice that attempts to engage victims, offenders, the affected communities, and government institutions in bringing about deep and lasting solutions by focusing on healing and restoration.

Mission Statement

The Criminal Justice major is designed to prepare students for culturally sensitive service to individuals, families, and communities impacted by crime. Graduates of the program will integrate social and restorative justice principles with professional criminal justice skills that enable creative solutions to crime and criminal behavior.

Student Learning Goals

Criminal Justice graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and knowledge of deviance, crime, and the criminal justice system.
2. Identify and discuss the nature, extent, and causation of crime.
3. Comprehend the role of criminal law in the regulation of human conduct and maintenance of stability in society.
4. Know the history, organizational structures and functions of police agencies, courts, and correctional institutions at the federal, state, and local levels.
5. Understand the beliefs and practices behind the punishment of criminal behavior in America.
6. Articulate the criminal justice discipline from a Christian and restorative justice perspective.

Program Assessment

The following assessments are used to assess program effectiveness.

Assessment	Context	Location in Program
1. Portfolio review	Ethics in Criminal Justice (CRJ 413)	Senior Year
2. Social research project	Social Science Research Methods (SOC 357)	Jr. & Sr. Year

3. Professional interview	Criminal Justice Internship (CRJ 490)	Senior Year
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120 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree:

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component	38
LIB 101 - Information Literacy.....	1
ENG 101-102 - College Writing I and II	6
PSY 101 - General Psychology	3
SOC 101 - Intro to Sociology	3
POL 215 - American Government	3
BIO 107 – General Biology	4
ENG 201 or 202 - Global Literature I or II	3
HIS113-114 - World Civilization I and II.....	6
SOC 347 - Contemporary American Society	3
Art History Elective	3
Mathematics Elective	3
Foreign Language Component	6
1 year (2 semesters) of the same language	
Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum	15
Major Field Component (48 credits)	
CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOC 344 – Social Problems	3
CRJ 231 - Police Organization and Administration.....	3
CRJ 236 - Juvenile Justice Administration	3
CRJ 245 - American Judicial System	3
CRJ 256 - Community and Corrections.....	3
SOC 315 - Criminology	3
CRJ 330 - Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 342 - Punishment and Corrections.....	3
CRJ 343 - Police and Society	3
SOC 357 - Social Science Research Methods	3
SOC 366 - Faith, Politics and Society	3
CRJ 373 - Criminal Law	3
CRJ 386 – Restorative Justice	3
CRJ 413 - Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 490 - Criminal Justice Internship	3
Miscellaneous/Liberal Arts Elective Component (13 credits)	
Miscellaneous electives	16
Total credits required	120

Criminal Justice Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritl Form....2
LIB 101- Information Literacy.....1
ENG 101-College Writing I3
HIS 113-World Civilization I3
CRJ 101 –Intro to Crim Just3
SOC 101- Intro. To Sociology....3

SECOND YEAR: Fall

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.3
ENG 201 or 202-Glob Lit. I or II.3
CRJ 236-Juvenile Justice Adm..3
CRJ 256-Comm. & Corrections.3
PSY 101-General Psych.....3

THIRD YEAR: Fall

CRJ 330-Constitutional Law3
SOC 347-Cont American Soc....3
Art History Requirement.....3
Foreign Language3
SOC 344- Social Problems..... 3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall

SOC 366- Faith, Poli & Society. 3
CRJ 490-Criminal Justice Intern3
Electives3
CRJ 373-Criminal Law 3
CRJ 386-Restorative Justice ... 3

FIRST YEAR: Spring

ENG 102-College Writing II3
HIS 114-World Civilization II3
CRJ 231-Police Org/Admin3
POL 215-Amer Government.....3
MAT-Mathematics Elective.....3

SECOND YEAR: Spring

THIRD YEAR: Spring

BIB-Elective.....3
BIB 201-New Testament Lit.3
CRJ 245 – Amer Judicial Syst...3
BIO 108- General Biology.....4
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage..... 1
Elective.....1

THIRD YEAR: Spring

CRJ 342-Crime/Punishment.....3
SOC 357-Soc Sci Res Meth.....3
BIB 303 Christian Thought.3
Foreign Language.....3
SOC 315- Criminology.....3

FOURTH YEAR: Spring

CRJ 343-Police and Society.....3
CRJ 413-Ethics in Crim Justice.3
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