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CHECKSHEET B.A. IN CRIME AND JUSTICE STUDIES (CJS)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to be familiar with, and are responsible for, all degree requirements listed in the Wright State catalog, and should meet regularly with their faculty advisor.

Summary of CJS Major Degree Requirements

| Wright State Core | 38 credit hours |
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| CJS Core Course Requirements | 15 credit hours |
| CJS Area Requirements | 21 credit hours |
| Advanced CJS Electives – 3000/4000 level courses | 9 credit hours |
| College of Liberal Arts Language Requirement | 12-16 credit hours |
| College of Liberal Arts Methods of Inquiry | 6 credit hours |
| Electives outside of CJS | 15-19 credit hours |
| TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MAIOR | 120 hours |

Wright State Core Requirements

For a full list of approved courses, see your UAchieve

| Elements | Required Distributions | | |
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| 1. Communication | One freshman composition course | | |
| | One second-year writing course | 6 | |
| 2. Mathematics | One course | | |
| 3. Global Traditions | One interdisciplinary Global Studies course | 6 | |
| | One history course | | |
| 4. Arts/Humanities | One course | 3 | |
| 5. Social Science | Two courses from different disciplines | 6 | |
| | Recommended: SOC 2000 / PSY 1010+lab | | |
| 6. Natural Science | Two lecture/lab science courses | 8 | |
| Additional Core Courses | Two additional approved Wright State Core courses from any of the Elements | | |
| | Required LA 1020 First-Year Seminar in Liberal Arts | | |
| | Recommended: PLS 2000 or WGS 2000 | | |
| Multicultural Competence | As part of the Core, in addition to the interdisciplinary Global Studies course | | |
| | (Element 3), students must take a second designated multicultural competence | | |
| | course in any element, or as an additional course within the Core. | | |
| Writing Across the | As part of the core students must take two integrated writing (IW) core courses | | |
| Curriculum | | | |
| TOTAL | 12 Courses | 38 | |

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15 credit hours

CJS MAJOR CORE REQUIREMENTS

Crime Essentials (1 course):

SOC 3700 Criminology

SOC 4700 Explaining Crime (IW)

Discipline (1 course):

PLS 4420 Criminal Justice Systems SOC 2700 Intro to Crime and Justice in Society SOC 3710 Comparative Criminal Justice URS 4280 Criminal Justice Org Management

Internship (1 course): Senior year preferred
SOC 3000 Criminal Justice and Family
PLS 4821 Prelaw Internship

Legal Foundations (1 course):

PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: First Amendment PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due Process PLS 4360 Criminal Law PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure PLS 4400 Constitutional Law

Research Methodology (1 course):

SOC 3410 Intro to Research Methods (IW)
COM 3490 Survey of Communication Research (IW)

CJS AREA REQUIREMENTS

21 credit hours

Politics, Privilege URS 3300 (IW) Ethics in Public

Service

Courses taken for CJS major core requirements may NOT be double counted in the CJS core area.

| Behavior | Institutions & Practices | Law | Ethics & Diversity |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (Choose 2) | (Choose 2) | (Choose 1) | (Choose 2) |
| PLS 4350 Political Corruption | ATH 3110 Forensic Anthro | PHL 4140 Philosophy of Law | PHL 3110 Ethics |
| PSY 2580 Profiling & Serial | PLS 3220 (IW) State Govt | PLS 3400 Law & Society | PHL 3120 (IW) History of Ethics |
| Crimes | PLS 3410 Criminal Investigation | PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: First | PHL 3780 Bioethics |
| PSY 2810 Psychology of | PLS 3440 (IW) Police | Amendment | PLS 3750 (IW)Human Rights in |
| Incarceration | Procedure and Operations | PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: | United States |
| PSY 3110 Abnormal | PLS3450 Public Administration | Due Process | PLS 4040 (IW)Struggles for Civil |
| Psychology | PLS 4420 Criminal Justice Sys | PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers & | Rights in America |
| SOC 3210 Sociology of | PLS 4425 (IW) Crime Scene | the System | PLS 4180 (IW)Politics and Ethics |
| Deviance | Investigation | PLS 4170 (IW)Appellate Politics | PLS 4480 (IW)Gender Violence |
| SOC 3220 Juvenile | PLS 4435 (IW) Methods of | and Moot Court | and American Politics |
| Delinquency | Human Identification | PLS 4360 Criminal Law | PLS 4490 (IW)Gender Violence |
| SOC 3700 Criminology | PLS 4450 (IW)Advanced Crim | PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure | and International Politics |
| SOC 4700 (IW) Explaining | Investigation | PLS 4380 Environmental Law | PLS 4520 (IW)Int'l Human Rights |
| Crime | PSY 2520 Forensic Psychology | PLS 4400 Constitutional Law | PSY 2110 Human Sexuality |
| SOC 4710 Victimology | SOC 3710 Comparative | PLS 4410 Natural Resources | PSY 2420 Psych of Men & Women |
| | Criminal Justice | Law | PSY 2510 Stereotyping and |
| Approved Substitution | SOC 3720 Policing in Society | PLS 4710 International Law | Prejudice |
| | SOC 3730 Sociology of Courts, | SOC 3730 Sociology of the | PSY 2540 Psych of Disabilities |
| | Law, and Justice | Courts, Law, and Justice | PSY 2550 African American Psych |
| | SOC 3740 Penology and | | SOC 3600 Social Inequality |
| | Corrections | Approved Substitution | SOC 3610 Sociology of Gender |
| | URS 4280 Criminal Justice Org | | SOC 3620 Race and Ethnicity |
| | and Management | | SOC 4600 (IW) Soc of Sexuality |
| | | | SOC 4610 Gender and Crime |
| | Approved Substitution | | SOC 4630 (IW) Race and Labor |
| | | | Markets |
| | | | SOC 4640 Gender & Sex: |
| | | | Global Issues |
| | | | SOC 4650 Global Sexualities |
| | | | and Human Rights |
| | | | SOC 4670 Disability: Power, |

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ADVANCED CJS ELECTIVES 9 Credit hours

Courses must be different from those used to satisfy the CJS core and CJS Area requirements. The below are some recommendations and may not be all inclusive of courses offered.

CNL 4610 Principles of Counseling PLS 4460 4230 Public Budgeting PLS 3460 Public Personnel Administration PLS 4710 International Law

PLS 4010 (IW) Develop of American Civil Liberty PLS 4720 (IW) International Terrorism

PLS 4070 (IW) Seminar in Political Theory PLS 4870 (IW) Politics of Intelligence Gathering

PLS 4160 (IW) Sex and the Law PSY 2830 Chemical Dependency

PLS 4210 American Constitutional Politics PSY 2910 Drugs and Behavior

PLS 4260 (IW) Supreme Court in American Politics PSY 3510 Social Psychology

PLS 4270 Urban Policy Analysis SOC 3100 Sociology of Family

PLS 4310 Cybercrime SOC 3320 Sociology of Work
PLS 4350 Seminar in Political Corruption SOC 4090 Variable Topics Course

PLS 4380 Environmental Law and Policy SOC 4310 Urban Sociology

PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law SOC 4620 Elite Crime

PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law SOC 4830 (IW) Sex, Drugs, and HIV PLS 4440 Variable Topics Course

College of Liberal Arts Requirements

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT - Complete one language through the 2020 level.

12-16 credit hours

American Sign Language – ASL 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020 (4 credit hours each)

Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese Latin, Spanish (or other approved language)

METHODS OF INQUIRY 6 credit hours

SOC 3400 Sociological Analysis

OR

PLS 3100 Quantitative Methods in Political Science

OR

Other approved research course

PHL 3000 Critical Thinking

OUTSIDE ELECTIVES 15-19 Credit hours

Additional credit hours may be required to meet the 120-credit hour minimum for the Bachelor of Arts degree. These hours can come from any course(s) that WSU offers. If you still need upper-level hours (any course between 3000-4999) be sure to take electives that will help satisfy that requirement. Ask your CoLA academic advisor if you have any questions.