Bachelor of Arts Degree

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Are you interested in studying criminology and criminal justice at a major research university with nationally- and internationally-recognized faculty but need or desire the flexibility to take classes from an off-site location? The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) at Southern Illinois University Carbondale offers students the convenience of an online degree program, allowing students to complete all CCJ major, College of Liberal Arts, and university requirements necessary to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from anywhere in the world! Online students fulfill the same curriculum requirements and are taught by the same faculty as on-campus students and select from courses offered during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The program is appropriate for any student interested in online courses: first-time college students completing all course requirements at SIU, students transferring to SIU, or on-campus students deciding to fulfill remaining requirements entirely online.

Employing a directed-advisement approach, the CCJ Online Degree program guides students in their enrollment into appropriate online courses each semester to complete their B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. As each student’s academic situation can be somewhat unique, it is extremely important that they contact the SIU Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as soon as possible for information and advisement.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice major offers:

- The development of excellent reading, writing and critical thinking skills – important assets greatly desired by criminal justice employers.

- Preparation for careers in a wide variety of fields, including (but not limited to): policing; corrections; probation; parole; juvenile service; security; investigations; and research and analysis.

- Courses delivered by instructors who are recognized for important contributions to the criminal justice field through their research and cooperative efforts with agencies in the criminal justice system.

- The CCJ internship program: an option for students to gain practical experience and academic credit working with a criminal justice agency at the local, state and federal level.

- A dedicated CCJ academic advisor: a full-time resource for CCJ students to help with questions about their major program and career choices.

- A foundation for further graduate study: the department offers both an M.A. and Ph.D. in criminal justice for those wishing to continue their studies.
Basic Online Degree Program requirements at SIU for Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice: (Summer 2017 to present)

University Core Curriculum requirements* ........................................ 39
College of Liberal Arts requirements** ........................................... 15
Major requirements: ........................................................................ 42
   CCJ 201, 290, 310 or 360, 316, and 317 (required)..................... 15
   CCJ electives ............................................................................. 15
   CCJ 400-level electives............................................................... 12
General electives (with at least 6 hours at 3/400-level).................. 24
Total hours required for B.A. in CCJ.............................................. 120

* See online University Core Curriculum offerings for details.
** At SIU, must complete six hours of the same foreign language, a writing-across-the-curriculum (WAC) course, and two “international studies” courses completed at the 300- or 400-level. Contact the SIU CCJ advisor for details on courses eligible to fulfill these requirements.

What if a student decides to participate in the CCJ online completion option after beginning an associate degree program at his or her community college?

• Students should contact the SIU CCJ advisor for directed advisement right away once they have made this decision.

Did you know?

• It is possible for transfer students to complete up to 78 hours at the community college and finish a minimum of 42 hours at SIU. Contact the SIU CCJ advisor to determine if this type of plan is possible for a particular student.

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