

# CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**DUAL DEGREE: B.A.- CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE + J.D.- SCHOOL OF LAW**

## Earn a dual degree in six years!

SIU's dual degree program in Criminology & Criminal Justice (B.A.) and Law (J.D.) is a six-year program leading to both degrees, saving you a full year of school. In this program, you'll begin your first-year law school classes during your senior year as a CCJ student, simultaneously counting credits toward both degrees.

A CCJ degree + a law degree offers real advantages:

- Careers in criminal prosecution or defense require a law degree and admittance to a state's bar.
- A law degree enhances career options for many CCJ-related careers, such as career tracks within local, state, and federal agencies.

## Admissions

Students may select Criminology & Criminal Justice as a major on their application to SIU and receive program entry with university admission. Current students interesting in switching to a CCJ major must have a minimum grade point average of 2.000.

Admission into the dual CCJ B.A./J.D. program is a separate process. If you are interested in entering the dual degree program, you'll complete the undergraduate curriculum as noted under Degree Requirements. You'll apply to the Southern Illinois School of Law during your junior year. You'll need a cumulative undergraduate GPA *and* a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score equal to or greater than the median for the previous year's cohort (both numbers will be available from the SIU School of Law upon request). The School of Law will notify applicants of an admissions decision in a timely fashion to allow for scheduling senior year courses.

## Degree Requirements for Dual Degree Program

- Core Curriculum requirements.
- CCJ program requirements *with the exception that* total number of program credits is 36 credit hours (instead of 42).
- 21 credit hours of CCJ free electives (instead of 27 credit hours), with 6 of those hours at 400-level.
- A minimum of 90 hours of coursework in your first 3 years as an undergraduate prior to beginning the law school curriculum during your senior year.
- Your remaining 30 credits required to complete the 120 credits for the undergraduate degree will be earned by completing first-year law classes during senior year.

## Curriculum Schedule

	Fall	Spring
<b>Freshman Year</b>		
Core Science	3	3
Core Social Science	3	3
Core Human Health	2	-
Core Humanities	3	3
ENGL 101, 102	3	3
UCOL 101, Core Multicultural	1	3
<i>Total</i>	15 cr.	15 cr.
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
Core Mathematics, CMST 101	3	3
Electives	3	3
CCJ 201, Core Fine Arts	3	3
CCJ 290, CCJ 316	3	3
Electives, CCJ 300 level	3	3
<i>Total</i>	15 cr.	15 cr.
<b>Junior Year</b>		
CCJ 317, CCJ 300 level	3	3
CCJ 310 or 360, CCJ 300 level	3	3
CCJ 300 level, CCJ 400 level	3	3
CCJ 400 level	3	3
Electives	3	3
<i>Total</i>	15 cr.	15 cr.
<b>Senior Year</b>		
First Year Law Required Courses		32 cr.
<i>Total</i>		32 cr.
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>122 credit hours*</b>

\* Since the first year Law School curriculum requires 32 credit hours, a student completing the dual program will end the senior year (the overlapping period of undergraduate and graduate studies) with 122 hours, 2 more than needed to earn a B.A. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. However, the requirement for a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice will remain unchanged at 120 hours.

## Academic Advising

Students interested in the dual degree program are strongly encouraged to express their interest to academic advisors early in their studies. The program requires planning to ensure that university and program requirements are satisfied prior to the senior year with appropriate free electives. Students who do not make adequate progress or who complete extra credit hours may not be able to complete the dual degree program within the period specified.

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