

B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE/B.S. PSYCHOLOGY

This is a five-year dual degree major in which the student, upon completion of program requirements, is awarded the degrees of B.S. Criminal Justice and B.S. Psychology. This course of study is prompted by homeland security training requirements and the expanding needs of such agencies as the FBI, CIA, and criminal investigation agencies. The latter cite an increasing demand for profilers with investigative and human behavior backgrounds. The B.S. Psychology qualifies a student for State of Maine Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician-Community level certification (MHRT-C).

This unique curriculum provides a strong core of professional courses as well as varied liberal arts offerings leading to Bachelor's degrees in both Criminal Justice and Psychology. The course of study is structured to expose students to core theoretical, clinical and practical topics in complementary disciplines with elective based courses and fieldwork opportunities allowing the individual learner to tailor the program to include unique interests.

The dual degree program also provides the option of attending the [Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Pre-Service Training program](#), allowing the student to earn six college credits and become eligible to work as a part-time law enforcement officer in the State of Maine. Students in this program may also be eligible to attend the [Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Corrections Program](#), which certifies individual to become eligible for employment as a corrections officer in the State of Maine, and receive six college credits as well. Those students in their final year of study may choose instead to attend the [Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Training Program](#) to become eligible to work as a full-time law enforcement officer in the State of Maine, while earning fifteen college credits.

During the fourth and fifth years, students are required to complete a practicum experience in Psychology and may choose to complete an internship in a Criminal Justice related setting. Upon completion of the core Psychology coursework, the student is also able to apply for certification as a [Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician, Community Level \(MHRT-C\)](#) in the State of Maine. These opportunities allow the student to meaningfully integrate classroom based learning into a real world application of knowledge. The dual degree student is therefore ideally positioned for entry level positions in both professions as well as post-baccalaureate study at a graduate level.

In order to earn both degrees, students will be expected to fulfill the program objectives for the B.S. Criminal Justice and B.S. Psychology.

The programmatic outcomes for the B.S. Criminal Justice/B.S. Psychology are:

- Students will understand core theories and practices in criminal justice - Administration of Justice; Law Enforcement; Law Adjudication; Corrections; Criminological Theory
- Students will demonstrate critical thinking and professional communication skills.
- Students will apply legal and ethical principles to decision making.
- Students will apply quantitative and qualitative methods and tools to formulate decision alternatives.

- Students will apply critical thinking to diversity issues that arise in Criminal Justice
- Students will demonstrate the ability to work with diverse colleagues in team situations.
- Students will apply theories of human behavior to solve problems

General Education Courses

CJ 411	Crisis Intervention (/MCJA)	3
CJ 445	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
EH 105	College Writing *	3
HE 111	The Husson Experience ***	1
HY 211	American National Government	3
MS 132	Probability and Statistics	3
PY 111	General Psychology	3
PY 141	Human Growth and Development	3
SY 201	Principles of Sociology	3
or SY 222	Cultural Anthropology	3
	Fine Arts Elective	3
	Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective	3
	Humanities Elective *	3
	Lab Science Elective (Must also qualify as a sustainability elective)	3
	Literature Elective	3
	Math I Elective	4
	Philosophical Elective	3

Professional Courses

BA 311	Human Resource Management	3
CJ 101	Intro to Justice & Pub Safety *	3
CJ 215	Police Operations *	3
CJ 221	Criminalistics	3
CJ 225	Criminal Procedure *	3
CJ 235	Criminology *	3
CJ 309	Constitutional Law	3
CJ 310	Mod Penology and Corrections	3
CJ 315	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 341	Investigations (/MCJA)	3
CJ 435	Management & Criminal Justice	3
CM 221	Professional Communications	3
MH 200	Community Integration and Inclusion (or Open Elective)	3
MH 201	Policy Knowledge (or Open Elective)	3
MH 202	Mind-Body Connection (or Open Elective)	3
MH 203	Vocational Support (or Open Elective)	3
PL 200	Criminal Law *	3
PY 113	Ethics and Professional Conduct (or Psychology Elective)	3
PY 231	Social Psychology *	3
PY 232	Abnormal Psychology	3
PY 242	Research Methods	3
PY 322	Cultural Competency (or Psychology Elective) ¹	3
PY 335	Behavioral, Psychological, and Rehabilitation Intervention Models (or PY Elective) ^{1 2}	3
PY 442	Seminar in Psychology	3
PY 447	Trauma and Resiliency (or Psychology Elective) ¹	3

PY 491	Field Placement	3
Advanced Criminal Justice Electives (5) or Maine Criminal Justice Academy		15
Criminal Justice Elective		3
Psychology Elective		9
Total Hours		152

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 101 *	3	CJ 225*	3
EH 105*	3	PY 141	3
HE 111 ***	1	SY 201 or 222	3
PY 111 *	3	Humanities Elective *	3
Math I Elective	4	Lab Science Elective (Must also qualify as a sustainability elective)	3
Philosophical Elective	3		
	17		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 215*	3	PL 200*	3
CJ 309	3	PY 113 (or Psychology Elective)	3
MS 132	3	PY 231*	3
PY 232	3	PY 242	3
Literature Elective	3	Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 310	3	CJ 221	3
CJ 341 (/MCJA)	3	CJ 235*	3
CM 221	3	HY 211	3
MH 200 (or Open Elective)	3	MH 201 (or Open Elective)	3
Psychology Elective	3	PY 322 (or PY Elective)	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 411	3	BA 311	3
MH 202 (or Open Elective)	3	CJ 315	3
PY 335 (or PY Elective)	3	CJ 435	3
Fine Arts Elective	3	MH 203 (or Open Elective)	3

Psychology Elective	3	PY 447 (or PY Elective)	3
	15		15

Fifth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 445*	3	PY 442	3
Psychology Elective	3	PY 491	3
Advanced Criminal Justice Elective/M.C.J.A.	3	Advanced Criminal Justice Elective/M.C.J.A.	3
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Advanced Criminal Justice Elective/M.C.J.A.	3	CJ Elective	3
	15		15

Total Hours: 152

* "C" or better in all courses marked

*** Credit may not be required for degree completion.