Criminal Justice Program

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM:

Criminal Justice examines the structure, functions, and decision-making processes of agencies that deal with crime and criminal offenders. As an independent academic discipline, criminal justice is comparatively new. Interest in criminal justice education was spurred by the “war on crime” during the 1960’s and the resulting massive federal funding to upgrade criminal justice agencies, technology, programming and education of criminal justice personnel.

Faculty in this program provide expertise in law enforcement, investigations, corrections, criminal law, research and theory. The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice allows the student flexibility to choose courses which best reflect their individual interests and career aspirations. Qualified students may also apply for the new Bachelor of Science to Master of Science degree track, in which students are able to complete both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees in 5 years.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Students with a B.S. degree in criminal justice qualify for employment in city, county, state and federal criminal justice agencies, and in the rapidly-growing private industrial security field. A number of graduates continue their education in graduate programs in criminal justice, criminology or law. The program also offers a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

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I never remember wanting to be anything other than a police officer or member of law enforcement. At the age of 17, I became an EMT and Fire Fighter in Belington, WV. I graduated #11 in my class of 150 from Philip Barbour High School and knew that Fairmont State would allow me to receive a college education while having a personal connection with my professors. Being near my home also allowed me to go home on the weekends to work as a police reserve officer. During my time here, I have maintained a 4.0 GPA, have been inducted into the Criminal Justice National Honor Society, and was named one of the first Student Ambassadors for the College of Liberal Arts. I plan to seek employment with the US Forestry Service, which will allow me to enforce laws and also fight fires. The professors here have prepared me for this future and I am so grateful for the relationships I have with them.

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Criminal Justice
Belington, WV
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
MODEL SCHEDULE

FRESHMAN FIRST SEMESTER
ENGL 1101 WRITTEN ENGLISH I (Institutional Requirement) .................3
POLI 1100 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (*Any course in Outcome 8 or 11)...3
ARTS 1120 ART, MUSI, THEA OR INTR (*Outcome 12)....................3
CRIM 1100 INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE .....................................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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FRESHMAN SECOND SEMESTER
ENGL 1102 WRITTEN ENGLISH II (Institutional Requirement) ............3
COMM 2200, 2201, OR 2202 (*Outcome 7) .......................................3
MATH 1407 OR HIGHER (Outcome 2) ...........................................3
CRIM 1101 POLICE OPERATIONS ..................................................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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SOPHOMORE FIRST SEMESTER
BISM 1200 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING (*Outcome 6) .............3
HIST 2211 or 2212 or 2213 (*Any course in Outcome 16 or 13) ....3
CRIM 2206 INTRO TO CORRECTIONS ..........................................3
PHED 1100 FITNESS AND WELLNESS (Any course in Outcome 10) 2
NATURAL SCIENCE (*Any course in Outcome 15) .........................4
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SOPHOMORE SECOND SEMESTER
CRIM 2240 ADJUDICATION PROCESS ...........................................3
CRIM 2250 CYBERCRIME ................................................................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog)......................3
CRIM 2000 LEVEL ........................................................................3
CRIM 2202 or 2212 or 3310 (*Outcome 14) ....................................3
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JUNIOR FIRST SEMESTER
CRIM 2295 ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (*Outcome 4, 9) ..........3
CRIM 3300-4400 LEVEL .................................................................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog) ....................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog) ....................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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JUNIOR SECOND SEMESTER
CRIM 3320 CRIMINOLOGY .............................................................3
CRIM 3340 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ...........................................3
CRIM 3300-4400 LEVEL .................................................................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ..........................................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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SENIOR FIRST SEMESTER
CRIM 4400 RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES .....................3
CRIM 3300-4400 LEVEL .................................................................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog) ....................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog) ....................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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SENIOR SECOND SEMESTER
CRIM 4425 EVALUATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ..........3
CRIM 3300-4400 LEVEL .................................................................3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (See Catalog) ....................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
FREE ELECTIVE ..............................................................................3
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*Any course(s) marked with an asterisk (*) above are recommended to complement the program curriculum; however, students may select any other courses from the approved General Studies list.

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