

Administration of Criminal Justice

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The major in administration of criminal justice is an interdepartmental program of the faculties of history, political science, and sociology. Illinois Central College cooperates by offering lower-division courses in criminal justice on the Bradley campus.

The mission of the administration of criminal justice program at Bradley University is to provide our students with a thorough understanding of the institutions, structures, and processes through which society defines, perceives, and responds to deviance. Graduates of our program will have numerous career options, including graduate study in the discipline; pursuit of a career in the law; attainment of a professional degree in cognate disciplines such as public administration, social work, and correctional counseling; responsible careers in the growing private security industry; and line and specialist positions in service delivery organizations within the various criminal justice systems.

Transfer Students

Transfer students who have earned the Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice will have fulfilled the **designated ACJ** course work required for the degree.

Students who elect the academic exploration program or another major may change to administration of criminal justice if they have a cumulative GPA exceeding 2.0 and a GPA exceeding 2.0 in previously taken administration of criminal justice major requirements (see list).

Major Requirements

Lower Division Courses (21 hours)

ACJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
ACJ 225 Criminal Law	3
ACJ 250 Police Organization and Administration.....	3
PLS 105 Introduction to American Government.....	3
PLS 202 State and Local Government.....	3
SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective.....	3
HIS 201 American History: Social	3
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Research Requirement (3 hours)

PLS 209 Scope and Methods of Political Science or	
SOC 240 Research Methods	3
	3

Upper Division Courses (21 hours)

PLS 360 Judicial Politics	3
PLS 419 Introduction to Public Administration or	
PLS 420 Public Management.....	3
SOC 430 Perspectives on Deviance.....	3
Two of the following courses	6
SOC 331 Correctional Policies & Society or SOC	
332 Juvenile Delinquency or SOC 333 Sociology of	
Violence or SOC 334 Crime & Society or approved	
SOC 390 courses.	

One of the following courses.....	3
SOC 312 Social Inequality or SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity	
and Minority Relations or SOC 342 Social Policy	
HIS 309 History of U.S. Law Enforcement	3
	21

Internship Requirement (3 hours)

PLS 480 Internship in Political Science or	
SOC 391/392 Internship in Applied Sociology	3
	3
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Strongly Recommended Electives (not required)*

- ACJ 130 Introduction to Investigation
- HIS 303 American Urban History
- PLS 440 Public Policy Analysis
- PLS 422 Urban Politics
- PLS 459 Constitutional Law
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- SOC 322 Socialization and Society
- SOC 340 Demography and Urban Studies

* Recommended electives also include any of the alternative courses noted above which were not taken as a requirement.

Please note: To graduate, ACJ majors must have a cumulative g.p.a. exceeding 2.0 for all courses numbered 200 or above in the ACJ major requirement.

Course Descriptions

ACJ 110 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System 3 hrs.

An introduction to the criminal justice systems in America, including policy making, law enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, and corrections. In addition to the institutions of the various systems, the major theoretical perspectives for explaining deviance and the societal response to deviance will be explored.

ACJ 225 Criminal Law 3 hrs.

An analysis of the history and development of the criminal law as a system of social control. Coverage includes the scope, purposes, and general principles of the criminal law as well as the elements of specific crimes. Prerequisite: ACJ 110.

ACJ 250 Police Organization & Administration 3 hrs.

An introduction to the principles of organization and management of law enforcement bureaucracies, with an emphasis on the tasks faced by managers and the guiding principles used to complete these tasks. Students will consider the unique problems of managing a police bureaucracy in a democratic society. Prerequisite: ACJ 110.

Not required for the major:

ACJ 130 Introduction to Investigation 3 hrs.

An exploration of the principles of criminal investigation, including crime scene analysis, collection and analysis of physical evidence, the use of physical evidence in prosecution of crime, and the rules governing the introduction of physical evidence in court. Social and political issues affecting criminal investigations will also be covered.