

JUSTICE STUDIES (JS)

The Justice Studies program enhances student opportunities in the criminal justice field. These opportunities include professional roles in law enforcement and correctional administration, security positions in private industry, judicial administration, and probation and parole.

Students pursuing degrees in Justice Studies will be able to apply knowledge attained about criminal law and processes, theoretical concepts of crime causation and control, and will acquire competency in understanding research regarding management practices and policymaking within criminal justice agencies. Justice Studies students will have the opportunity to apply technical knowledge of criminal justice, and research skills in an internship which allows for varied learning experiences in actual agency settings.

Bachelor of Science - Justice Studies Major

MAJOR CODE: 43.0104

Program components of the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Justice Studies include:

1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To graduate, each student must:

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for major(s).
- complete all course requirements for minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Area I.	Written Composition	6 semester hours	__ __
Area II.	Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)		
	At least one fine arts course	3 semester hours	__
	At least one literature course	3 semester hours	__
	Additional courses in Humanities/Fine Arts	6 semester hours	__ __
Area III.	Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)		
	Finite Math or its equivalent required	3 semester hours	__
	Natural Sciences (lab based) required	8 semester hours	__ __
Area IV.	History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)		
	At least one history course	3 semester hours	__
	Additional courses in History/Behavioral and Social Sciences	9 semester hours	__ __ __
<u>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</u>		<u>41 SEMESTER HOURS</u>	

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PREPROFESSIONAL)**
 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 semester hours ___
 Law Enforcement or Policing or
 Corrections or Security 3 semester hours ___
 CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or
 CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers 3 semester hours ___
 General Electives 14 semester hours ___ ___ ___ ___

TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 23 SEMESTER HOURS

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4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**
 JS 301 Criminal Justice Process 3 semester hours ___
 JS/PO 302 Criminal Law 3 semester hours ___
 JS 400 Law Enforcement in America 3 semester hours ___
 JS/SO 401 Adult Corrections 3 semester hours ___
 JS/SO 452 Advanced Criminology 3 semester hours ___
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government 3 semester hours ___
 PO/PS/SO 342 Methods of Behavioral Science Research 3 semester hours ___
 MG/PSHA/PO 377 Public Administration 3 semester hours ___
 JS/PO/PSHA 455 Public Administration Ethics 3 semester hours ___
 JS/PSHA 465 Senior Research Project 4 semester hours ___
 Justice Studies Electives 6 semester hours ___ ___

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: 37 SEMESTER HOURS

5. A minimum of 27 semester hours of upper division JS/PO/PSHA coursework must be completed at Athens State University.
6. A minor **is not** required.
7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES 27 Semester Hours** ___ ___ ___ ___
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TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION 128 SEMESTER HOURS

Justice Studies Minor

A minor in Justice Studies requires the completion of eighteen semester hours of coursework to consist of the following:

- JS 301 Criminal Justice Process 3 semester hours ___
 JS 302 Criminal Law 3 semester hours ___
 JS 452 Advanced Criminology 3 semester hours ___
 Justice Studies electives 9 semester hours ___ ___ ___
TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR 18 semester hours