

# BA with a Major in Criminology, Law, and Justice

**Program Codes:**  
20FT5130BA

## Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
Major Requirements		33
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours		87
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CLJ 101	Introduction to Criminology, Law, and Justice <sup>a</sup>	3
CLJ 200	Law and Society <sup>a</sup>	3
CLJ 210	Principles of Criminal Law	3
CLJ 220	Criminology	3
CLJ 261	Research Methods I	3
CLJ 262	Research Methods II <sup>b</sup>	3
Select one of the following:		3
CLJ 303	Introduction to Forensic Science	
CLJ 321	Youth, Crime, Law and Justice in Society	
CLJ 345	Police in Society	
CLJ 350	Courts in Society	
CLJ 355	Punishment, Prisons and Corrections	
CLJ 356	Community Corrections and Reentry	
CLJ 361	Criminal Investigation	
CLJ 363	Drugs and Addiction in Society	
Four courses at the 300 or 400 level <sup>c,d</sup>		12
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

<sup>a</sup> This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.

<sup>b</sup> CLJ 262 also fulfills the LAS Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

- <sup>c</sup> To satisfy the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement, one of these must be a 400-level CLJ course approved for Writing in the Discipline: CLJ 405, CLJ 422, CLJ 423, CLJ 424, CLJ 425, CLJ 430, CLJ 435, CLJ 442, CLJ 450, CLJ 491, CLJ 492, or CLJ 493.
- <sup>d</sup> Only 3 hours of CLJ 395 may count toward the major.

## Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
CLJ 101	Introduction to Criminology, Law, and Justice <sup>a</sup>	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CLJ 200	Law and Society <sup>a</sup>	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CLJ 210	Principles of Criminal Law	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CLJ 220	Criminology	3
CLJ 261	Research Methods I	3
Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
CLJ 262	Research Methods II <sup>b</sup>	3
One 300- or 400-level Elective in CLJ		3
Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CLJ 303	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
or CLJ 321	or Youth, Crime, Law and Justice in Society	
or CLJ 345	or Police in Society	
or CLJ 350	or Courts in Society	
or CLJ 355	or Punishment, Prisons and Corrections	
or CLJ 356	or Community Corrections and Reentry	
or CLJ 361	or Criminal Investigation	
or CLJ 363	or Drugs and Addiction in Society	
400-level course to satisfy Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement		3
Electives		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring Semester**

One 300- or 400-level Elective in CLJ	3
One 300- or 400-level Elective in CLJ	3
Electives	8-9
<b>Hours</b>	<b>14-15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

- a *These two courses may be used to satisfy two of the nine courses in the General Education Requirement.*
- b *Satisfies Quantitative Reasoning requirement when a grade of C or better is earned. Math prerequisite must be met.*