

## Pathway: Interdisciplinary Pathway in Administration of Justice

### *Purpose:*

The Administration of Justice pathway aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the criminal justice system, focusing on ethics, psychology, technology, homeland security, and restorative justice. This interdisciplinary program prepares students for various careers in the justice system by offering a broad perspective on the causes of crime, criminal behavior, technological applications in criminal justice, and the ethical considerations in law enforcement and justice administration. Graduates will be well-equipped to pursue careers in law enforcement, corrections, legal studies, and public policy.

### *Career Outcomes:*

- Law Enforcement Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Criminal Investigator
- Probation Officer
- Forensic Psychologist
- Legal Assistant
- Court Administrator
- Public Policy Analyst
- Homeland Security Specialist
- Risk Assessment Analyst

### *10-Course Academic Pathway*

1. **CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice**
  - **Description:** Provides an overview of the criminal justice system, including its history and major processes carried out by different agencies, such as arrest, adjudication, corrections, and release.
  - **Level:** 100 (prerequisite for advanced courses)
2. **CJUS 300 - Criminal Law**
  - **Description:** A study of the substantive criminal law, focusing on the elements of criminal offenses, defenses to criminal charges, and the classification of crimes.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
  - **Level:** 300
3. **CJUS 310 - Criminal Justice Data Management**
  - **Description:** Emphasizes real-world data sets and management, including data analysis techniques relevant to criminal justice research.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 210 - Introductory Statistics for Criminal Justice
  - **Level:** 300
4. **CJUS 330 - Criminal Investigation**
  - **Description:** Offers an introductory overview of major investigative procedures generally followed by local, national, and federal agencies.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

- **Level:** 300
- 5. **TECH 340 - Technology and Innovation in Criminal Justice**
  - **Description:** Explores the role of technology in modern criminal justice, including the use of data analytics, forensic technologies, and information systems in law enforcement.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice or equivalent
  - **Level:** 300
- 6. **PSYC 340 - Abnormal Psychology**
  - **Description:** Examines the nature, causes, and treatment of abnormal behavior, including psychological disorders commonly encountered in the criminal justice system.
  - **Prerequisite:** PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology
  - **Level:** 300
- 7. **CJUS 410 - Ethics in Criminal Justice**
  - **Description:** An analysis of contemporary ethical issues in crime and justice, including policing, corrections, professionalism, and the use of force.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
  - **Level:** 400
- 8. **PSYC 441 - Psychology of Leadership**
  - **Description:** Examines leadership theories and practices from a psychological perspective, including traits, behaviors, and situational factors that influence leadership effectiveness.
  - **Prerequisite:** PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology
  - **Level:** 400
- 9. **HSEC 400 - Homeland Security and Risk Assessment**
  - **Description:** Provides an overview of homeland security principles, focusing on risk assessment, threat analysis, and strategic planning for security measures.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice or equivalent
  - **Level:** 400
- 10. **CJUS 420 - Restorative Justice**
  - **Description:** Examines the principles and practices of restorative justice, focusing on repairing harm, restoring relationships, and integrating restorative practices into the criminal justice system.
  - **Prerequisite:** CJUS 116 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
  - **Level:** 400

This interdisciplinary pathway provides a robust education in the administration of justice, combining elements from criminal justice, psychology, ethics, technology, homeland security, and restorative justice. Students gain a deep understanding of the criminal justice system's operations, the psychological factors influencing crime and behavior, the technological advancements in the field, and the principles of homeland security and restorative justice, preparing them for a variety of careers in the justice system.