

## BACHELOR

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES BACHELOR OF ARTS/SCIENCE

ONLINE

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**REQUIRED COURSES:**

The following required courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. (42 credit hours)  
CJ 111: Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CJ 202: Introduction to Corrections  
CJ 206: Principles of Criminal Law  
CJ 208: Introduction to Law Enforcement  
CJ 273: Crime, Theory and Practice  
CJ 302: Research Methods in Criminal Justice  
CJ 303: Data Analysis in Criminal Justice  
CJ 366: Race and Gender in Criminal Justice  
CJ 488: Supervised Internship/Senior Assignment  
Students must complete 15 credit hours of criminal justice electives with a 2.0 average GPA.

**DELIVERY MODE:** Fully Online.

**SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

A growing number of criminal justice jobs require a four-year degree, and a bachelor's degree can open the door to career advancement or promotion. Online courses offer a convenient and affordable option for students to complete their bachelor's degree while studying from home. Online courses are taught by the same SIUE criminal justice faculty who teach on campus. Our accelerated combined degree program allows qualified students to earn graduate credit for select courses completed during their bachelor's program, putting you on the fast track to a master's degree.

Criminal justice studies IS a multidisciplinary degree making a wide variety of occupations accessible to our graduates. Students explore the major institutions of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, and the judiciary and correctional systems from probation through incarceration. You will study theories about crime and delinquency, examine racial dynamics, wrestle with questions about effectiveness, and evaluate the empirical causes of crime. A growing number of criminal justice jobs require a four-year degree, and a bachelor's degree can open the door to career advancement or promotion. Online courses offer a convenient and affordable option for students to complete their bachelor's degree while studying from home. Online courses are taught by the same SIUE criminal justice faculty who teach on campus. Additionally, with the recent passing of HB 3653 in Illinois, police training polices and education will be changing and become critical.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Undergraduate traditional age or adult students seeking a career in criminal justice studies or advanced studies where this program will provide fundamental knowledge.

**TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:** 120

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Courses are offered in 8 week sessions and allows for students to apply and start classes soon after admission. Students must Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 from prior college coursework. Students who do not meet requirements to be admitted directly to the program can apply to SIUE and may be eligible for online general education courses.

**TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:**

SIUE is nationally recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Transfer Honor Roll for creating dynamic pathways to support community college transfer students. All transfer credit from regionally accredited intuitions and other non-traditional transfer credit that is appropriate to a baccalaureate education for which a passing grade was awarded is evaluated to determine equivalency to SIUE coursework. The Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) is a resource that will allow you to identify courses and how they articulate to SIUE courses. For Criminal Justice majors, up to 12 hours of criminal justice transfer credit with grades of C or better may be accepted. Up to 15 hours of transfer

credit may be accepted for the following courses completed at Illinois universities and community colleges as recommended under the Illinois Articulation Agreement. Additional transfer hours may be used if approved by criminal justice advisors and/or the department chair.

**COST:** \$418.60 per credit hour. Use the tuition and fee estimator to determine cost per semester: [www.siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator](http://www.siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator)

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

Students work with an academic advisor throughout their program. Students register themselves for classes using a student registration system. Advisors can assist with registration as needed. Contact Nicole Myers at 618-650-5525 or [nimyrs@siue.edu](mailto:nimyrs@siue.edu) for assistance.

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR:**

Classes begin in August, October, December, January, March, May, June and July. Classes may be offered in 3, 5, or 8 week terms.

**TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:**

SIUE is proud to offer a textbook rental program that provides an economical alternative to purchasing textbooks. The cost of textbooks is included in the student fee and students only pay for shipping if they use the rental system. Your academic advisor can provide additional information or visit [www.siue.edu/textbook/index.shtml](http://www.siue.edu/textbook/index.shtml)