Justice Studies

Programs

- Criminal Justice, B.S. (Victimology Emphasis) *major*
- Trauma, Harm and Justice *minor*
- Peace and Justice Studies *cert*

Criminal Justice, B.S. *major*
Victimology Emphasis

Offered by BSU's Justice Studies program, the Victimology Emphasis area will provide you with knowledge and understanding of crime victimization, human rights violations, victim/survivor services. You will also have opportunities to learn about social and systemic responses to victimization, structural violence, and community and restorative justice principles and practices. As with other BSU criminal justice majors, the victimology emphasis will prepare you for work in local, state, federal or tribal agencies in virtually any area of the criminal justice system. The Victimology Emphasis also has widespread applicability within communities, even beyond formal legal structures.

A total of 120 semester credits are needed for the **Criminal Justice, Victimology emphasis B.S.** degree and include the following:

- 40 upper division credits (level 3000/4000)
- 48 required major core credits
- Completion of Core Curriculum credits (Minnesota Transfer Curriculum [MnTC] Goal Areas 1-10) - required for all baccalaureate degrees
- Completion of BSU Focus and Nisidotaading Course Requirements

Dual Degrees
Students wishing to complete two degrees concurrently, (example: Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts) must complete a minimum of an additional 30 credits above the required 120 credits.

Multiple Credentials
Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Required Credits: 48
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- CRJS 1120 Criminal Justice and Society (3 credits)
- CRJS 3201 Research Methods and Statistics for Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRJS 3305 Judicial Process (3 credits)
- CRJS 3315 Criminology and Delinquency (3 credits)
- CRJS 3358 Criminal Law (3 credits)

Complete 3 semester credits from the following course:

- CRJS 4920 Directed Group Study (3 credits)

II EMPHASIS SPECIFIC COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- JUST 3307 Victimological Theory and Practice (3 credits)
- JUST 3377 Forensic Victimology (3 credits)
- JUST 3407 Global Perspectives in Victimology (3 credits)
- JUST 3500 Women, Violence and Justice (3 credits)
- JUST 4477 Restorative Justice (3 credits)

Required Electives

Complete 6 semester credits:

- INST 4900 Social Justice (3 credits)
- JUST 3400 Human Trafficking and Exploitation (3 credits)
- JUST 3600 Race and Justice (3 credits)
- JUST 3700 Community and Justice (3 credits)
- PSY 2217 Psychopathology and Wellness (4 credits)
- PSY 3332 Multicultural Counseling Skills (4 credits)
- PSY 3367 Social Psychology (4 credits)
- SOC 1104 Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
- SOC 2230 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 credits)
- SOC 2240 Sociology of Gender - Current Topics (3 credits)
- SOC 3210 Social Movements - How to Change the World (3 credits)
- SOC 3300 Family and Society (3 credits)

Required Electives

Complete 9 semester credits:

- BIOL 3400 Fish & Wildlife Law and Administration (3 credits)
- CHEM 2210 Forensic Science (3 credits)
- CHEM 2270 Forensic Science Laboratory (1 credit)
- CRJS 2221 Comparative Justice (3 credits)
- CRJS 2225 Criminal Justice and Juveniles (3 credits)
- CRJS 3304 Police Process (3 credits)
- CRJS 3306 Corrections and Penology (3 credits)
- CRJS 3310 Introduction to Emergency Management (3 credits)
- CRJS 3319 Topics In Criminal Justice (1-2 credits)
- CRJS 3344 Criminal Justice and Domestic Violence (3 credits)
- CRJS 3355 Drugs and Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRJS 3356 Introduction to Homeland Security (3 credits)
- CRJS 3359 Criminal Investigation (3 credits)
- CRJS 3360 Criminal Procedure and Evidence (3 credits)
- CRJS 3380 Probation and Parole (3 credits)
- CRJS 4103 Criminal Justice Diversity and Ethics (3 credits)
- CRJS 4480 Police and Community Relations (3 credits)
- CRJS 4487 Principles of Criminal Justice Supervision (3 credits)
- CRJS 4970 Internship (6-12 credits)
- ENVR 4210 Environmental Law and Policy (3 credits)
- GWS 3850 Sex, Gender and Power: Theories and Practice (3 credits)
- INST 1107 Introduction to Turtle Island (3 credits)
- INST 4000 Nation Building and Leadership (3 credits)
- INST 4418 Federal Indian Law (3 credits)
- INST 4900 Social Justice (3 credits)
- PSY 2217 Psychopathology and Wellness (4 credits)
- PSY 3332 Multicultural Counseling Skills (4 credits)
- SOC 2230 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 credits)

- SOC 3010 Sociological Theory (3 credits)

Program Learning Outcomes | Criminal Justice, B.S.

1. Apply the fundamental content areas of the criminal justice discipline and the administration of justice through the study and application of research and analytical methods of law enforcement, corrections, tribal justice, and victimology/victim services.

2. Ensure that students develop the skills necessary to serve in modern society. The skills include (1) the ability to find ethical solutions to complex problems, (2) the ability to integrate information technology, (3) understanding, appreciation, and sensitivity when working in a culturally diverse workforce and serving a culturally diverse community, (3) understanding, appreciation, and sensitivity when working in a culturally diverse workforce and serving a culturally diverse community.

3. Communicate effectively orally and in writing within the criminal justice discipline.

4. Students will critically apply core criminology and criminal justice principles to situations related to crime, criminal justice, and related areas of practice.

5. Apply interpersonal and leadership skills to work both independently and cooperatively as a member of a team.

6. Students will develop and apply a personal understanding of diversity and the way it impacts work in criminology and criminal justice.

Trauma, Harm and Justice *minor*

Offered by BSU's Justice Studies program, the Trauma, Harm & Justice Minor will provide you with knowledge and understanding of crime victimization, human rights violations, victim/survivor services. You will also have opportunities to learn about social and systemic responses to victimization, structural violence, and community and restorative justice principles and practices. This minor supports career goals related to local, state, federal and tribal justice-related agencies. It also has widespread applicability within communities, beyond formal legal structures.

Multiple Credentials
Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Required Credits: 21
Required GPA: 2.00

Required Courses

Complete the following courses:

- JUST 3307 Victimological Theory and Practice (3 credits)
- JUST 3377 Forensic Victimology (3 credits)
- JUST 3407 Global Perspectives in Victimology (3 credits)
- JUST 3500 Women, Violence and Justice (3 credits)
- JUST 4477 Restorative Justice (3 credits)

Elective Courses

Choose any 2 of the following courses:

- JUST 1000 Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies (3 credits)
- JUST 3317 Deviance and Social Control (3 credits)
- JUST 3400 Human Trafficking and Exploitation (3 credits)
- JUST 3600 Race and Justice (3 credits)
- JUST 3700 Community and Justice (3 credits)

Program Learning Outomes | Trauma, Harm and Justice minor

1. articulate factors that influence one's risk of victimization.

2. describe what it means to provide victim/survivor services that are trauma-informed, victim-centered, and
culturally competent.

3. recognize the increasingly transnational nature of crime and victimization, as well as how contemporary global
perspectives in victimology may inform local efforts to support victims/survivors of crime or human rights
violations.

4. explain how violence may be gendered, which may suggest need for gendered responses and resources.

5. develop awareness that systems and structures may produce and/or sustain inequities, especially for Black,
Indigenous, and other communities of color.

6. identify some of the complexities in addressing violence toward Native American, First Nation, and Indigenous
Peoples.

7. consider restorative, relational, and problem-solving innovations that may promote healing and/or equitable
solutions for victims/survivors, offenders, and communities.

Peace and Justice Studies *cert*

The Peace & Justice Studies Certificate examines injustice and conflict in society through an interdisciplinary lens and prepares students to work towards a more just and peaceful society. We critically analyze the root causes of injustice and conflict through coursework oriented in disciplines like sociology, victimology, anthropology and gender studies and prepare students to engage in community-based work informed through such theoretical knowledge. Taking micro-meso-macro level approaches we analyze social issues like race, gender, social class, human rights, poverty, conflict resolution and crime and apply this analysis to creating opportunities for social change. Students who complete this certificate will learn to analyze how social change has occurred historically and be prepared to engage in community-based work oriented in the practices of restorative justice.

Multiple Credentials
Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Required Credits: 18
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- JUST 1000 Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies (3 credits)
- JUST 4477 Restorative Justice (3 credits)

II ELECTIVE COURSES

Choose any 4 of the following courses:

- ANTH 3400 Anthropology of Current World Issues - Religion and Nationalism (3 credits)
- COMM 3500 Communication and Conflict (3 credits)
- JUST 3407 Global Perspectives in Victimology (3 credits)
- SOC 2230 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 credits)
- SOC 2240 Sociology of Gender - Current Topics (3 credits)
- SOC 3210 Social Movements - How to Change the World (3 credits)
- SOC 3310 Community Organizing for Social Change (3 credits)
- SOC 3925 People of the Environment: Sociology Perspective (3 credits)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of concepts like peace, justice, conflict, non-violence, human rights and human development frameworks.
2. Apply framework of restorative justice practices to critically assess alternative conceptualizations of a just society.
3. Analyze historical and contemporary social change using empirical evidence and scientific methods.
4. Analyze social inequalities through micro-meso-macro level perspectives of social factors like race, gender, sexuality, social class etc.
5. Apply knowledge of theories of justice to community-based work via field visits, research projects and service learning.

Justice Studies Courses

JUST 1000 Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies (3 credits)
This course broadly introduces students to peace, conflict, and justice studies. What is peace? What is justice? Is conflict inevitable? The course contextualizes violent versus non-violent action, victimization, structural conflict, and conflict transformation from the local to global levels. It explores the potential to effect public policy, social change, and solutions that may impact marginalized communities. Also examined are human rights, ethics, and civic responsibility. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 9]

JUST 3307 Victimological Theory and Practice (3 credits)
This course focuses on victimological theories and the philosophic study of victims and victimity. Short- and long-term impacts of victimization, as well as victim-centered practices and services, are explored. Additional topics may include advocative movements for the recognition and enhancement of victims' rights in the United States, including increased involvement and influence throughout the judicial processing of a criminal case. Prerequisites: (CRJS 1120 and Junior status) or consent of instructor. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 5 & 7A]

JUST 3317 Deviance and Social Control (3 credits)
This course addresses the study of deviance and social control from a sociological perspective. Students will apply a number of key theoretical approaches purporting to explain criminal and non-criminal deviant behavior, as well as conformity. What behavior is 'normal' and what is 'deviant'? We will explore the social construction of deviance, and how definitions may be influenced by various factors such as gender, race, ethnicity, age, class, power, etc. Prerequisite(s): None.

JUST 3377 Forensic Victimology (3 credits)
This course focuses on the forensic and scientific study of victims, emphasizing the response of police, medical professionals, and social agencies during the investigative and judicial processes. Accentuates methods used to collect, preserve, and analyze evidence relative to victims and victimizations. Examines controversial yet critical considerations in an objective investigative process, such as victim precipitation, victim characteristics and profiles, lifestyle and situational exposures, false allegations, and false confessions. Prerequisites: (CRJS 1120 and Junior status) or consent of instructor.

JUST 3400 Human Trafficking and Exploitation (3 credits)
This course introduces students to the complex issues related to human trafficking, in its various forms (e.g., labor, sex, organ, and other forms force, fraud, and/or coercion), through local and global lenses. Students will explore the underlying causes and contributing factors to human trafficking and human rights violations, including ways that institutionalized oppressions reinforce vulnerabilities of marginalized groups. The course further examines the impact of human trafficking on victims/survivors and the need for culturally competent services and resources. We will also explore policy development, from the past, present, and into the future. Prerequisite(s): None.

JUST 3407 Global Perspectives in Victimology (3 credits)
This course examines the diverse and complex nature of victim-related concerns in global and/or comparative context. It explores the variable nature of the definition, involvement, treatment, and/or restoration of victims across governmental, social, and cultural confines. Theoretical developments and emerging practices in victimology from a global perspective are described. Ethnocentric perceptions are probed, and critical thinking regarding victims' roles and needs within justice systems is promoted. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 8]

JUST 3500 Women, Violence and Justice (3 credits)
This course examines the intersections between gender and violence in a variety of just-related contexts. Students explore the experiences of women as victims/survivors and offenders, as well as the potential relationships between victimization and offending. Substantial course content addresses Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, cultural humility, and policy development in this area. Prererquisite(s): None.

JUST 3600 Race and Justice (3 credits)
This course examines the relationship between race, ethnicity, crime, and justice. It investigates whether the justice system produces and/or sustains structural inequities, especially for Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color. Students in this course also explore the impact of colonialism on criminology and the criminal justice system, as well as contemporary approaches to decolonizing justice. Equity-focused reforms, policies and practices are also addressed. Prerequisite(s): None.

JUST 3700 Community and Justice (3 credits)
This course provides an in-depth exploration of community-based approaches to justice, including exposure to innovative projects and programs that promote community inclusion, harm prevention, and improved quality of life. It examines the impact of justice policies on marginalized communities, highlighting the importance of equity and inclusion in these approaches. Students will explore various relational dimensions between community and justice-related entities, emphasizing collaboration and trust-building. Also examined are the roles of the community in justice processes, including the use of decentralized authority, shared problem-solving, and accountability. Overall, this course aims to equip students with an in-depth understanding of the various ways in which communities can work towards creating a more just and safe society. Prerequisite(s): None.

JUST 4477 Restorative Justice (3 credits)
This course explores core principles and implementation of restorative justice programs, including a review of benefits and potential challenges of such an approach. Examines how the approach encourages effective problem solving and conflict resolution, with the potential for reconciliation and healing of all stakeholders. It examines the unique roles, needs, and desired restorations of victims, offenders, and the community.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS