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Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice

Effective July 1, 2004, the department of Political Science and Criminal Justice was created in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
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Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science

- Political Science
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Forensic Science Emphasis

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

- Criminal Justice
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant

Minors

- Political Science
- Criminal Justice

Department Statement

It is the mission of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice to encourage a life-long passion for learning and a quest for knowledge by providing an environment that fosters academic excellence and unfettered inquiry. We encourage the development of ethics and values that recognize knowledge in all its diverse and creative forms. The primary goal of our department is to offer excellence in instruction while meeting the academic needs of the students. Our mission is to foster a creative learning environment and assist students through meaningful and relevant experiences to:

1. Promote respect for the diversity of all people as the core of social thought.
2. Guide students in developing analytical, communication, and information-gathering skills.
3. Encourage students to be tolerant, informed, and responsible citizens.
4. Offer opportunities for practical experience through internships, work studies, and memberships in honorary societies in political science and criminal justice.
5. Contribute to the cultural, political and justice development of Southern Utah and the surrounding region.

POLITICAL SCIENCE MISSION STATEMENT

Political science is devoted to the study of the theory and practice of government and politics. The political science program complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of political philosophy, public law, international relations, and American government and policy. Vocational alternatives for political science majors include teaching, public management, law, and foreign service.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Criminal Justice program is to provide students with a comprehensive practical and professional knowledge of the Criminal Justice System, consisting of law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Students will develop a knowledge of the application of the law, social sciences, and natural sciences to the problems of crime and delinquency.

We will fulfill this mission statement by:

1. Providing a positive learning environment for students to develop the general working knowledge, ethical foundation, and technical skills to prepare them for professional careers in the Criminal Justice field.
2. Providing well prepared instruction from knowledgeable and qualified faculty.
3. Providing counsel and guidance regarding career opportunities, including exposure to professional agencies through an internship program.

Degree Requirements

Political Science Bachelor of Art/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test)	
BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Core Requirements (36 hours)	
Political Science is a designated major. No grade below a "C-" will be accepted for credit toward the major. No more than 12 credits of lower division political science courses may be counted toward the credits requirement for the major.	
POSC 1100 American National Government	3
and	
POSC 4990 Research Seminar In Political Science	3
Choose one of the Following (3 hours):	
POSC 1020 Intro/Political Thought	3
POSC 4410 Islamic Thought	
POSC 4210 History of Political Thought I	
POSC 4220 History of Political Thought II	
Other POSC Electives	27
Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	48
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Core Requirements (21 hours)	
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330 Criminal Law	3
CJ 1350 The Corrections Process	3
CJ 3500 Criminology	3
CJ 3700 Criminal Justice Management	3
CJ 4200 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 4990 Criminal Justice Seminar	3
Electives - Select 21 hours from the following, 12 of which must be upper division credits.	
CJ 1070 Law Enforcement Academy Part I	3
CJ 1080 Law Enforcement Academy Part II	3
(See faculty advisor for application and information concerning CJ 1070 and 1080)	
CJ 1400 Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 2100 Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 2110 Introduction to Private Security	3
CJ 2150 Principles of Forensic Science	3
CJ 2200 History of Criminal Justice (Internet)	3
CJ 2350 Laws of Evidence	3
CJ 3100 Advanced Criminalistics	3
CJ 3300 Victimology	3
CJ 3320 Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 3400 Drugs and Crime	3
CJ 4500 Special Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 4700 Police Systems and Practices	3
CJ 4710 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 4890 Internship	3-6
PSY 4310 Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 3500 Deviance	3
POSC 3510 Constitutional Law	3
POSC 3530 Constitution, Criminal Justice and Equal Rights	3
Free Electives (includes completing minor & B.A./B.S. requirement)	41-42
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Criminal Justice Forensic Science Emphasis Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	

Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Core Requirements (Track A & B) (18 hours)	
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330 Criminal Law	3
CJ 3500 Criminology	3
CJ 3700 Criminal Justice Management	3
CJ 4200 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 4990 Criminal Justice Seminar	3
Complete either Track A or B	
Additional Requirements Track A (31 hours)	
CJ 1400 Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 2150 Principles of Forensic Science	3
CJ 2350 Laws of Evidence	3
CJ 3100 Advanced Criminalistics	3
CJ 3400 Drugs and Crime	3
CHEM 1210 Chemical Principles I	4
CHEM 1220 Chemical Principles II	4
CHEM 1230 Chemical Principles I	1
CHEM 1240 Chemical Principles II Lab	1
Upper Division Credits in CJ, CHEM, or BIOL	6
Additional Requirements Track B (29 hours)	
CJ 1400 Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 2150 Principles of Forensic Science	3
CJ 2350 Laws of Evidence	3
CJ 3100 Advanced Criminalistics	3
CJ 3400 Drugs and Crime	3
BIOL 2010-2020 Human Physiology/Lab	4
BIOL 2110-2120 Microbiology Or BIOL 3060-3070 Genetics	4
Upper Division Credits in CJ, CHEM or BIOL	6
Free Electives (includes completing minor, & B.A./B.S. requirement)	35-37
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
General Education	20-21
Core Requirements (15 hours)	
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330 Criminal Law	3
CJ 1350 The Corrections Process	3
CJ 1400 Criminal Investigation	3

CJ 2350 Laws of Evidence	3
Select 9 hours from the following list of electives:	
CJ 2100 Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 2110 Introduction to Private Security	3
CJ 2150 Principles of Forensic Science	3
CJ 2200 History of Criminal Justice	3
Electives (19-20 hours)	
Electives should be recommended in consultation with an academic or faculty advisor	19-20
Total Credits	64

Paralegal/Legal Assistant Associate of Applied Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
General Education (must take BA 2350, & ISA 1050)	20-21
Required Paralegal Courses (32-34 hours)	
PLGL 1100 Introduction to Law	4
PLGL 1200 Legal Ethics for Paralegals	3
PLGL 1400 Legal Interview, Investigation Case Prep	4
PLGL 1500 Family Law	3
PLGL 1900 Civil Procedure	3
PLGL 2000 Legal Research and Writing	3
PLGL 2100 Estate Planning and Probate Law	3
PLGL 2400 Real Estate and Property Law	3
PLGL 2600 Business and Corporate Law	3
PLGL 2800 Law Office Management	2
PLGL 2890 Internship (Dept. consent)	1-3
Required Related Courses (12 hours)	
ISA 1300 Business English	3
CJ 1330 Criminal Law	3
CJ 2350 Laws of Evidence	3
COMM 2750 Interpersonal Communication	3
Total Credits	64-65

Political Science Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Required Courses	
POSC 1100	3
POSC Electives	18
No more than 9 credits of lower division political science courses may be counted toward the credit requirement for the minor.	
Total Credits	21

Criminal Justice Minor	
Course Number and Title	Credits
Core Requirements	
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3

CJ 1330 Criminal Law	3
CJ 3700 Criminal Justice Management	3
Students must choose the remaining 12 credit hours from the Criminal Justice offerings. Twelve of the 21 required credits must be upper division courses.	
Total Credits	21

Certificate of International Relations

ADMINISTRATION

G. Michael Stathis, Director
 The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice administers an interdisciplinary academic program in international relations which can serve as the basis for a specialized study of political science, or for a study of international relations by students with majors in other departments. The purpose of the certificate is to increase academic interest in the study of international affairs and to offer students valuable certification for future applications for graduate study or professional careers.

The program requires the successful completion of eight courses, six of which must be chosen from the political science curriculum. Certification is conferred upon graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Requirements

1. Students must submit a program of study with the department or the program director at least two semesters prior to graduation.
2. Students must complete eight courses from the list established for the certificate program. At least six of these courses must be political science courses including three core courses: POSC 2100-Introduction to International Relations, POSC 2200 – Comparative Politics, and POSC 4600-Theories of International Relations.
3. All requests for course substitutions must obtain prior approval from the program director.
4. Students must complete their courses with an overall 3.0 grade point average in the program.
5. Students must submit, to the program director, the Final Approval Form which lists courses taken for the certificate along with a current transcript the semester before they intend to graduate.
6. All courses must be completed with at least a "C".
7. The Certificate of International Relations is granted to students who meet Southern Utah University's requirements for graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Certificate of Public Administration

Advising and Admission

Rodney D. Decker, Director
 The department is authorized to grant an Undergraduate Certificate in Public Administration (UCPA). Students should consult a faculty member in the Public Administration area for advisement.

The undergraduate certificate is an interdisciplinary approach in several related areas that is designed to assist students to be considered for entry-level administrative positions in government. Admission requirements include graduation from an accredited high school with at least a 2.89 GPA or completion of 20 credit hours of college or university work with a GPA of at least 2.5; regular enrollment as an undergraduate student; and a letter of intent from the prospective student.

When admitted, the student meets with the program director to develop a program outline. The program director advises students throughout their programs.

Requirements

The student must complete the program's course requirements and the bachelor's degree. Total program units required vary between 36 and 41 credits, depending on courses taken. The student is expected to maintain a GPA of a least 2.5 throughout the program. Many program courses also fill major and/or minor requirements. For course requirements, contact the program director, CN 225.

Required Courses:

American Government Systems
POSC 1100 and POSC 3030

Economics: ECON 1010 and ECON 2100

Communications Competency: ENGL 2110.

Constitutional Area: (One of the following)
POSC 3120, POSC 3520.

Quantitative Skills: (Two of the following)
PSY 3010, SOC 4810, Math 1040, Math 1050

Public Administration: POSC 3410.

Practical Experience: For pre-service students, (one of the following) POSC 4890, PSY 4890, SOC 4890

The internship may be satisfied by a student's previous or current work experience, provided that it is approved by the director. The work experience or the internship must include at least 135 hours completed in a supervised administrative, para-administrative, or technical capacity.

Functional Specialization

The student is expected to take at least two courses from at least one of the functional specialties as outlined in the following list of course offerings. An appropriate class in a functional specialty may be substituted with approval of the undergraduate certificate director.

Developmental Administration: BA 3180, COMM 2350, PSY 3820

*Environmental Administration: BIOL 2130, BIOL 3650,
ECON 4900, NR 3000, RM 3600.*

*Governmental Accounting: ACCT 2010, ACCT 2020, BE 1400
MANG 4200.*

*Organizational Analysis: BA 4100, COMM 3850, MANG
3240, PSY 3370, SOC 3000, SOC 3350.*

*Public Financial Administration: ECON 3010, ECON 3020,
ECON 3840, ECON 3850, FIN 3250, MANG 4200.*

*Tribal Government Administration: COMM 2150, HIST
3010, SOC 3400.*

Students Interested in Attending Law School

Although Southern Utah University does not have a formal Pre-Law program, we have an excellent track record of placing students in some of the finest law schools in the United States. Dean Rod Decker in CN 225N should be contacted for guidance during the student's undergraduate education.

Typically, students entering law school are Political Science majors. However, Criminal Justice majors also do well in law careers.

Notable law schools consider the student's overall GPA in addition to each student's LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) score when considering granting admission. Good grades throughout one's undergraduate career are essential.

For further information, please contact Dean Rod Decker at (435) 586-7898, Carl Franklin, J.D., (435) 586-5410 or any of the department professors.

Internships

Internships are available for Political Science, Criminal Justice, and

Paralegal students. Internships are done through various local, state, and federal government agencies and well as law firms. To apply for an internship, please contact Lamar Jordan, department chair (435) 865-8347.