A major in criminal justice offers outstanding academic preparations for careers in law enforcement and corrections. The Department of Criminal Justice prepares students to contribute to the pressing social problems in the areas of crime prevention, protection and rehabilitation. A college degree is becoming necessary to advance in today’s criminal justice careers.

Within the major of criminal justice, we offer three options: Law Enforcement, Corrections and Criminology. The law enforcement option prepares students to enter law enforcement positions at the local, county, state and federal levels, in addition to private security. The law enforcement option has two tracks: a practical track and a theoretical track. The practical track includes basic law enforcement training for peace officers in Missouri. Students may elect to receive 24 hours of college credits in the practical track. The theoretical track prepares students for law enforcement careers and managerial positions, federal law enforcement positions that require specialized skills and/or graduate studies.

Criminal Justice students will...

- Learn from faculty with extensive professional experience and advanced academic degrees.
- Be exposed to a curriculum that prepares them for internships and employment in the criminal justice field.
- Be offered a responsive, challenging and flexible curriculum with a broad range of courses on various aspects of criminal justice, as well as a core courses designed to foster critical analytical thinking, inquiry and life-long learning.
- Demonstrate an ability to effectively communicate ideas in written and oral form.
- Be prepared to monitor cases and analyze records using computer technology.
- Be offered a balance of theory and practice, which prepares them for successful entry into a number of criminal justice careers.

Career Planning

Nearly 90% of students find jobs after graduation and/or go on to graduate studies.

### Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates / Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- The US Marshals Service
- Missouri Highway Patrol
- The Secret Service
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Private Security Firms
- Community Corrections Agencies
- State & Federal Probation and Parole
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Victim Assistance Projects
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- Law School at Southern Illinois University
- Graduate Schools at local and prestigious universities in the United States
- Graduates with practical track option can work in the public and private sector as police officers, security guard, loss prevention specialists, correctional officers or dispatchers.

### About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

### Special Options with Criminal Justice Major

- The theoretical and practical tracks are also available on the main campus.
- The theoretical track of study is available at the regional campuses (Kennett, Malden, and Sikeston).
- The practical track is not offered as an online program.
- The practical track is offered at the Law Enforcement Academies in Cape Girardeau and Kennett.
- Special program fees are required for the practical track, http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm.

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**Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students**

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<td>Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.</td>
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<td>Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.</td>
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<td>Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.</td>
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**Career Services**, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.
This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Option (Online)
Bachelor of Science (BS)

**Curriculum Checklist**

**Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement – 45-54 Hours**
- CJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 110 Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 125 Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CJ 220 Criminal Law (3)
- CJ 370 Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJ 400 Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution (3)
- CJ 425 Planning and Research (3)
- CJ 499 Issues in Justice Administration/Capstone (3)
- SO 242 Statistics for Social Scientists (3)
- SO 305 Race, Gender, Class and Crime (3)

**Law Enforcement Option – minor required**

**Track 1: Theoretical**
- CJ 310 Advanced Police Administration (3)
- CJ 330 Criminal Investigations (3)
- CJ 422 Criminal Procedures (3)
- PO 500 Policing in an Information Age (3)
- CJ XXX Elective—CJ course at 300-500 level (3)

**Track 2: Practical – not available online**

**University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):**
- UI 100 First Year Seminar (1)
- EN 1100 English Composition (3)

8 - These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semester.
S - These courses are typically offered in a summer session.
W - These courses are typically offered during the intersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one intersession course per semester.

**Free electives may be chosen from:**
- CJ 335 Police Operations (3)
- CJ 350 Criminalistics (3)
- CJ 375 Criminal Typology and Victimization (3)
- CJ 435 Seminar (3)
- CJ 471 Independent Study (1)
- CJ 472 Independent Study (2)
- CJ 473 Independent Study (3)
- CJ 491 Criminal Justice Internships (6)
- CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- CJ 535 Civil Law and Liability (3)
- CJ 834 Workshop—Field Experience in Corrections (3)
- CO 491 Corrections Internship (6)
- LE 491 Law Enforcement Internship (6)
- PO 500 Policing in an Information Age (3)

Note: Not all courses will be available online each semester.

**Sample Yearly Course Map**

**Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Option**

Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

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**Personalized Pathways:**

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a winter session between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiency (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP303), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.