

Bachelor of Arts in

Criminal Justice

at Benedictine University in Peoria

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice program offered by Benedictine University at Illinois Central College (ICC) in Peoria provides a student with a well-rounded, liberal arts preparation to work in the areas of law enforcement, probation and parole, and the judicial system.

The program teaches students to be critical thinkers; to acquire, understand and synthesize knowledge pertaining to the criminal justice system; to learn research methodology and how it can be applied to questions of the correctional process and law creation, law enforcement and criminological theory; and to solve problems independently and cooperatively. Students also study the political, social and cultural forces that shape the criminal justice system.

A degree in Criminal Justice from Benedictine University in Peoria can open the door to a number of careers – lawyer, judge, police officer, crime scene investigator and youth counselor. Positions can be found on the local, state and federal levels and in the private sector.

The B.A. in Criminal Justice offered by Benedictine University in Peoria allows students to continue their education at a location convenient for them. Students can begin by taking classes at Illinois Central College, and upon completing certain prerequisites, can either concurrently or independently enroll at Benedictine University to begin their journey toward earning a degree from what *Forbes* magazine ranks as one of the top universities in the country.



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Curriculum

| Number | Title | Credits |
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| HUMN 210 | Cultural Heritage Seminar | 3 |
| HUMN 250 | Contemporary World | 3 |
| ANTH 200 | Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| CJUS 251 | Statistics II | 3 |
| CJUS 351 | Research Methods | 3 |
| CJUS 356 | Clinical Practicum/Lab | 3 |
| CJUS 395 | Senior Thesis | 3 |
| CJUS 390 | Field Placement | 3 |
| PLSC 230 or PLSC 231 | Constitutional Law I or II | 3 |
| PLSC 251 | Introduction to Public Policy | 3 |
| CJUS 300 | Criminal Justice elective at the 300 level | 3 |
| CJUS 326 | Introduction to Criminal Investigation | 3 |
| CJUS 233 | Police Systems | 3 |
| CJUS 294 | Criminal Procedure (or a 300-level CJUS elective if CRJ 226 has been completed at ICC) | 3 |
| CJUS 330 | Probation and Parole | 3 |
| CJUS 243 | Ethics in Policing | 3 |
| CJUS 331 | Organized Crime | 3 |
| CJUS 324 | White Collar Crime | 3 |
| CJUS 372 | Current Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Total | | 57 |

Students must have completed all requirements necessary for their associate degree at Illinois Central College, Benedictine University's skills and core requirements, several additional major courses and the above listed courses prior to graduation. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor regarding specific requirements and prerequisites.

Benedictine University is an independent Roman Catholic institution located in Lisle, Illinois just 25 miles west of Chicago. Founded in 1887, Benedictine provides 53 undergraduate majors, 13 graduate and four doctorate programs. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* recently ranked Benedictine University as the seventh fastest-growing campus among private nonprofit master's universities, and *Forbes* magazine named Benedictine among the top 20 percent of America's colleges for 2011. Benedictine University's Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program is listed by *Crain's Chicago Business* as the fourth largest in the Chicago area in 2011.



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