Criminal Justice (BA) Curriculum Worksheet (2026-2027)

This worksheet outlines the required courses for this major. Students are expected to be familiar with general education and major-specific requirements for their intended major as outlined in the Clemson Undergraduate Catalog. Additionally, students must satisfy any Tri-County prerequisites for the courses below. To complete Bridge program requirements (course listed in **BOLD**), students must earn 30 credits at Tri-County and a 2.5 GPA during their Bridge year (fall, spring, and optional summer, if needed). Students should consult the backside of this worksheet, the Undergraduate Catalog, and the Bridge Academic Guide for Clemson course equivalencies and alternative courses if students wish to enroll in other courses or if any of the following requirements have been met through dual enrollment or AP/IB credit. Advising worksheets are supplemental planning aids and are for informational purposes only.

SUGGESTED CORE COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall Semester

ENG 101 or ENG 103

Modern Language Req.[1]

Natural Science w/ lab[2]

HIS 201 or PSC 201[3]

Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.) Req.[2]

Total Hours: 16 – 17

Advising Notes:

Spring Semester

ENG 102 or Arts & Hum. (Lit.) Req.[4]

Modern Language Req.[1]

MAT 120

CRJ 101 or Social Sciences Req.[2]

SPC 200 or SPC 205

Total Hours: 15 – 16

Advising Notes:

Additional Course Options

CRJ 125

Elective Course (20 hrs.)[5]

[1] Two semesters (through 2020) in the same modern language are required for graduation.

[2] See the reverse side of this worksheet to fulfill this requirement.

[3] HIS 201 or PSC 201 are strongly recommended as they satisfy the REACH requirement for graduation. Students receiving AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit for these courses do not need to repeat them- Instead, they may enroll in any Social Science course.

[4] If ENG 101 + 102 is taken for the English composition requirement, ENG 102 should be taken instead of the A&H Literature requirement.

[5] Take up to 20 additional hours of courses listed in the Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide that will transfer to Clemson.

Any student with dual enrollment or AP/IB credit for the courses mentioned above should consult the Clemson Undergraduate Catalog & Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide for additional coursework that fulfills major and Bridge program requirements.

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Advising worksheets are supplemental planning aids. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the student's responsibility is to understand and meet degree requirements in the applicable Undergraduate Catalog. Contact Clemson advisor **Sisireia Simmons** (sisires@clemson.edu) for additional information about this worksheet.

General Education Requirements	Tri-County Courses	Clemson Equivalent Courses
Communication (6 total credits): *Developing and expressing ideas.*		
A. English Composition: 3 – 6 credits	**ENG 103 or ENG 101** + **ENG 102**	ENGL 1030 or ENGL 1999 + 1030
B. Oral Communication: 3 credits	SPC 200 or SPC 205	COMM 1500 or COMM 2500
	Students pursuing Army ROTC may satisfy the oral communication requirement by completing MLS 107 + MLS 108.	
Ways of Knowing (19 total credits): *Employing intellectual inquiry.*		
C. Arts & Hum. (Lit.): 3 credits	*Select one course from the following:* ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 205, ENG 206, ENG 208, ENG 209, or ENG 220	*Select one course from the following*: ENGL 2140, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2120, or ENGL 2150
D. Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.): 3 credits	*Select one course from the following:* ART 101, ART 107, HSS 205, MUS 105, PHI 101, PHI 105, or PHI 110	*Select one course from the following:* ART 2100, AAH 1010, STS 1010, MUSC 2100, PHIL 1010, PHIL 1020, or PHIL 1030
E. Mathematics: 3 credits	**MAT 120**	STAT 2300
F. Natural Science w/lab: 4 credits	*Select one course from the following:* **AST 101**, AST 102, BIO 101, CHM 106, CHM 110, or PHY 201	*Select one course from the following:* ASTR 1010/1030, ASTR 1020/1040, BIOL 1030/1050, CH 1050/1051, CH 1010/1011, or PHYS 2070/2090
G. Social Sciences: 6 credits **Note: The second Social Science course must be in a different discipline than the first.*	*Select two courses from the following:* ANT 101, ECO 210, ECO 211, HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 201*, HIS 202, PSC 201*, SOC 101, or SOC 205	*Select two courses from the following:* ANTH 2010, ECON 2120, ECON 2110, HIST 1720, HIST 1730, HIST 1010, HIST 1020, PSYC 2010, SOC 2010, or SOC 2020
Global Challenges (6 total credits): *Exploring global, local, regional, national, international, virtual, or philosophical challenges.*		
H. Global Challenges: 3 credits	*Select one course from the following:* BIO 209, GEO 102, HIS 122, PSC 220, or REL 201	*Select one course from the following:* ENSP 2000 + ENSP 2999, GEOG 1030, HIST 1220, POSC 1020, or REL 2010
	Students should complete 3 credits during Bridge. At Clemson, an additional 3 credits must be completed at the 3000 level or higher. Courses must be from two different fields unless interdisciplinary; transfer credit does not satisfy the upper-level requirement.	
Major Specific Requirements	**Tri-County Courses**	**Clemson Equivalent Courses**
I. Modern Language: 8–14 credits	Select one sequence from the following: SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201, and SPA 202 ASL 101, ASL 102	*Four semesters (through 2020) in the same modern language are required for graduation.*
J. Criminal Justice: 6 credits	CRJ 101 CRJ 125	JUST 2880 JUST 2890

Any student with dual enrollment or AP/IB credit for the courses mentioned above should consult the Clemson Undergraduate Catalog & Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide for additional coursework that fulfills major and Bridge program requirements.

Criminal Justice Engagement Opportunities

What co- and/or extracurricular activities should I get involved in at Clemson?

There are several *high impact* co and extracurricular options that consistently benefit students academically, professionally, and personally.

1. **Academic & Career Focused Involvement**
   a. Anthropology Club (cuanthroclub@gmail.com)
   b. Criminal Justice Club (cucj@clemson.edu)
   c. Sociology Club (cccoffm@clemson.edu)

2. **CBSHS Advisory Board**
   Each spring, undergraduate and graduate students may apply for board membership; those who successfully complete an initial term may continue serving throughout their time at Clemson. For more information, contact Associate Dean Denise Anderson at dander2@clemson.edu.

3. **SACJ Peer Mentoring**
   The SACJ's Peer Mentoring Program pairs incoming students with upperclass mentors, fostering a supportive academic and social community through small group and larger events. New students who did not receive an opt-in form, or those interested in becoming a mentor, should contact Holly Williams at hpeasgo@clemson.edu.

4. **Lambda Alpha**
   The National Anthropology Honor Society recognizes academic excellence in Anthropology. Open to qualified majors and minors, lifetime membership offers opportunities to publish in a peer reviewed journal and compete for student paper awards and graduate scholarships. For more information, contact Dr. David Markus (dmarkus@clemson.edu).

5. **Alpha Kappa Delta**
   The International Sociology Honor Society (AKD) promotes the study of humanity in service to society. Eligible undergraduates gain access to professional publications and student paper competitions. For more information, contact Dr. Sarah Winslow (swinslo@clemson.edu).

Are there any co- and/or extracurricular activities I should get involved in at Tri-County?

Any opportunity to connect with others at Tri County can help you expand your social capital and professional network. We recommend pursuing activities aligned with your major, as well as organizations that align with your hobbies, values, or personal interests.

Should I prepare for higher education (a Master's or Doctoral degree) in my field?

Yes—if pursuing graduate education aligns with your goals. We offer an accelerated 4+1 Master of Science in Social Sciences program for SACJ majors who have completed 90 credit hours and earned a minimum 3.4 GPA. This program does not require additional admissions testing or application fees, allowing motivated students to transition seamlessly into graduate study.

Are there any experiential learning opportunities I can participate in when I get to Clemson?

Yes—Clemson offers a range of experiential learning opportunities that allow you to apply what you learn in the classroom to real-world settings, including:

- Mock Trial and Moot Court – Build critical thinking, public speaking, and legal reasoning skills through competitive simulations.
- Creative Inquiry – Participate in faculty mentored research projects, with topics that vary by discipline and semester.
- Internships – Gain hands-on professional experience related to your career goals while strengthening your résumé.
- Study Abroad – Engage in global learning experiences that deepen your cultural understanding and provide international academic or experiential opportunities.

These experiences are excellent ways to explore interests, build transferable skills, and enhance both graduate school and career preparation. For more information on these experiential learning opportunities, visit the SACJ Student Engagement page.

What opportunities should I be looking into that will look good for my resume?

Focus on opportunities that align with your future career goals, such as internships, job shadowing, or clubs and organizations connected to your intended field—ideally pursued early in your academic career. Look for ways to take on leadership or peer mentor roles, even if they are not directly related to your major. Opportunities such as serving as an Orientation Ambassador or participating on student panels allow you to develop transferable skills while sharing your Clemson experience. Most importantly, stay open to new opportunities, even those outside your comfort zone, and challenge yourself to try something different.