



# Pitt

Kenneth P. Dietrich  
School of Arts and Sciences

## Law, Criminal Justice, and Society Major

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Are you considering law school or graduate study in the social sciences after Pitt? Are you interested in pursuing a career in one of the many criminal justice professions or advocacy organizations? The Law, Criminal Justice, and Society (LCJS) major examines the workings of the criminal justice system in the broader context of society and the legal system. A core curriculum fosters comprehension and critical analysis of the legal system, criminological theory, criminal justice institutions, criminal law, and social inequality. Students also will complete six credits of professional skills and a capstone course on ethics in criminal justice. The LCJS major equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to pursue advanced degrees in law and social science, and to succeed as professionals and advocates in the justice-oriented professions and organizations that serve American society's diverse and dynamic communities. This major is offered jointly between the Dietrich School and the College of General Studies.

Students completing this major will:

- examine the major institutions of the criminal justice system, and situate the workings of these institutions in a broader legal, social, and historical context;
- develop knowledge and legal reasoning skills in criminal law;
- examine the law's conflicting role in securing social order and security, on the one hand, and in creating and reinforcing social inequality on the other; and,
- develop basic professional knowledge and demonstrate ethical reasoning in preparation for being positive and successful contributors to law and justice-oriented career fields as professionals and/or public policy advocates.

### Requirements for the Law, Criminal Justice, and Society major

#### Major Requirements

The LCJS major requires the completion of 36 credits, which are distributed as follows.

- Foundations (6 credits)
- Core Areas (15 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)
- Professional Skills (6 credits)
- Capstone (3 credits)

Except as noted, all courses listed below are 3-credit courses.

#### Foundations

Both of the following courses are required.

- LCJS 0100 / ADMJ 0100 Introduction to Law, Criminal Justice, and Society
- LCJS 0200 / LEGLST 0200 Race, Class, Gender, and the Law

#### Core

Select courses according to the guidelines stated. Course selections must comprise a total of at least 15 credits.

#### Theories of Crime

Choose one of the following courses.

- LCJS 1100 / ADMJ 0600 Criminology
- LCJS 1110 / ADMJ 1265 Criminological Theory

#### Criminal Law

Choose one of the following courses.

- LCJS 1200 / ADMJ 1400 / LEGLST 1140 Criminal Law
- LCJS 1210 / ADMJ 1410 / LEGLST 1141 Criminal Procedure

#### Power, Inequality, and Social Change

Choose two of the following courses.

- LCJS 1300 / LEGLST 1210 / PS 1213 Law and Politics
- LCJS 1310 / ADMJ 1220 Law and Deviance; or  
SOC 0471 Deviance and Social Control
- LCJS 1320 / LEGLST 1340 Civil Rights Law; or  
PS 1201 Constitution and Civil Liberties
- LCJS 1330 / LEGLST 1355 Emerging Issues in Legal and Social Policy
- LCJS 1340 / LEGLST 1155 Law and Social Change
- AFCNA 1522 Sex and Racism
- AFCNA 1535 Dimensions of Racism
- HIST 0671 African American History Since 1865
- HIST 1632 The Civil Rights Movement
- SOC 0432 Wealth and Power
- SOC 0434 Political Sociology
- URBNST 1612 Social Justice and the City

#### Criminal Justice Institutions

Choose one of the following courses.

- LCJS 1400 / ADMJ 0500 The System of Criminal Justice
- LCJS 1410 / ADMJ 1200 Law Enforcement and Policing
- LCJS 1420 / ADMJ 1300 Corrections
- LCJS 1430 / ADMJ 1225 The Juvenile Justice Process
- LCJS 1440 / ADMJ 1100 Criminal Investigations
- URBNST 0400 Crime, Punishment, Justice, Reintegration

#### Electives

Choose two courses from list A or one course from each list A and B. Please keep in mind that course selections must comprise a total of at least six credits.

**List A**

LCJS 1500 / ADMJ 1115 Criminalistics  
LCJS 1501 / ADMJ 1118 Criminalistics Lab (1-credit course)  
LCJS 1510 / LEGLST 1230 Psychology and the Law  
LCJS 1520 / ADMJ 1234 Cybercrime  
LCJS 1521 / ADMJ 1238 Cybersecurity, the Law, and Money Laundering  
LCJS 1530 / ADMJ 1235 Organized Crime  
LCJS 1531 / ADMJ 1236 International Organized Crime  
LCJS 1540 / ADMJ 1230 White Collar Crime  
LCJS 1550 / ADMJ 1242 Gender, Race, Class, and Criminal Justice  
LCJS 1560 / ADMJ 1350 Probation and Parole  
LCJS 1561 / ADMJ 1210 Juvenile Delinquency  
LCJS 1570 / ADMJ 1425 / PUBSRV 1425 Principles of Homeland Security  
LCJS 1571 / ADMJ 1245 Terrorism  
LCJS 1572 / ADMJ 1205 Introduction to Police Management  
LCJS 1580 / LEGLST 0080 The Legal System  
LCJS 1581 / LEGLST 1327 International Law  
LCJS 1582 / LEGLST 0020 Public Law and Moral Reasoning  
LCJS 1583 / LEGLST 1315 Sex, Law, and Marriage  
LCJS 1584 / LEGLST 1152 / PUBSRV 1300 Legal Issues in Public Service  
LCJS 1586 / LEGLST 1325 Consumer Law  
LCJS 1590 / ADMJ 1450 Special Topics in Law and Criminal Justice  
LCJS 1599 / ADMJ 1901 / LEGLST 1901 Independent Study  
ADMJ 1495 Comparative Justice in Ireland  
Any LCJS course not used to fulfill any other major requirement  
Any Pitt Prison Education Project (PPEP) course; offerings will vary

**List B**

ENGLIT 0365 Imagining Social Justice  
HIST 0600 United States History to 1877  
HIST 0601 United States 1865-Present  
HIST 0633 20th Century African American Women's History  
HIST 0670 African American History 1  
HIST 1062 Human Rights in World History  
HIST 1640 American Childhoods: Race, Gender and Citizenship  
HIST 1699 History of Black Pittsburgh  
PS 1261 American Public Policy  
PS 1675 Politics of Human Rights  
PSY 0205 Psychopathology  
PUBSRV 1305 Health, Law, and Ethics

PUBSRV 1455 Law, Ethics, and Public Policy in Mass Media  
URBNST 0080 Introduction to Urban Studies  
Any non-LCJS course not used to fulfill any other major requirement

**Professional Skills**

Choose at least one course from each category. Course selections must comprise a total of at least six credits.

**Research/Practical Skills Course**

ENGCOMP 0450 Research Writing  
LCJS 1600 / ADMJ 1900 Pre-Service Internship (can be taken for up to six credits; credits four through six can be applied to the Elective List A requirement)  
LCJS 1610 Data Analysis in Criminal Justice  
LCJS 1620 / LEGLST 1410 Introduction to Legal Research  
PS 0700 Research Methods in Political Science  
PSY 0036 Research Methods Lecture  
SOC 0230 Social Research Methods  
URBNST 1102 Introduction to GIS  
URBNST 1104 Applied GIS

**Professional or Public-Oriented Writing Course**

ENGCOMP 0401 Written Professional Communication: Topics in Diversity  
ENGCOMP 0410 Writing in the Legal Professions  
ENGCOMP 0420 Writing for the Public  
ENGCOMP 0521 Writing with Data  
ENGCOMP 0560 Writing Arguments  
ENGCOMP 0641 Writing for Change  
ENGCOMP 1099 Language of Policy and Power: Topics in Diversity  
ENGCOMP 1400 Grant Writing

**Capstone**

LCJS 1700 Ethics in Criminal Justice

**Grade Requirements**

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in courses for the LCJS major is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option**

Students may apply up to six credits of coursework taken on an S/NC basis to the LCJS major. Student may apply up to nine credits if three of those credits are earned as part of a Study Abroad course that applies toward the major.

**Writing (W) requirement**

Students must complete at least one W-course in the major. LCJS 1700 Ethics in Criminal Justice will fulfill this requirement.

**Questions about the major**

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**Checklist for the Law, Criminal Justice, and Society major**

**Foundations**

\_\_\_ LCJS 0100 \_\_\_ LCJS 0200

**Core**

**Theories of Crime**

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**Criminal Law**

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**Power, Inequality, and Social Change**

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**Criminal Justice Institutions**

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**Electives**

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**Professional Skills**

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**Capstone**

\_\_\_ LCJS 1700

**Transfer credits for Police Academy Certification**

Students may receive up to 15 transfer credits for completion of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Academy Act 120 or state police cadet training. Certification course work is equivalent to the Core Area requirements for Criminal Law (3 credits) and Criminal Justice Institutions (3 credits); two major electives (6 credits); and LCJS 1600 Pre-Service internship, which fulfills the Research/Practical Skills Course (3 credits) requirement in the Professional Skills area.