

# BSc Criminology

## ABOUT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

St. John's College is a private, Jesuit, Catholic tertiary institution in Belize City, Belize, whose mission is to educate Men and Women For and With Others. It is primarily an undergraduate, liberal arts institution that welcomes applications from men and women of character, ability, and motivation without prejudice to race, gender, religion, or socioeconomic status. Candidates must have earned diplomas or equivalent certification from a recognized tertiary institution and give evidence of capacity for continued personal growth and that of their community, sensitivity to the moral and spiritual dimensions of life, and the willingness to undertake rigorous academic work and personal development activities at the baccalaureate level.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

BA or BSc students are required to have a minimum of an Associate Degree or equivalent coursework from a recognized tertiary institution. Students who have not completed such minimum requirement will take foundation courses at the Associate Degree level to meet matriculation requirements for a baccalaureate program at St. John's College. Students will typically complete coursework over a two-year period for a minimum of 60 credit hours that will employ multiple modalities of instructional delivery. Coursework is scheduled from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to accommodate traditional and non-traditional students. A few specialized degree programs will require more than two years and more than 60 credit hours of coursework. All programs will consist of professional core and general core curricula that include the following:

- 48 credits hours (minimum) of professional core requirements
- 12 credit hours of humanities and liberal arts electives
- 6 credit hours of social science electives
- 3 credit hours of research methods
- 3 credit hours of research capstone, internship, or immersion experience

All students will also be required to complete 40 hours of community service OR participate in a 0-credit 'Living the Mission' course to be eligible for the SJC baccalaureate degree.

## COST OF PROGRAM

Estimated cost of program per semester:

- Tuition Cost: \$300 per credit hour
- Administrative Fee: \$250 per semester
- Other Special Fees will apply to particular programs (e.g. lab fees, online/hybrid course fees)

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete and submit the SJC application form at [sjconnect.sjc.edu.bz/sjc](http://sjconnect.sjc.edu.bz/sjc).
2. Obtain a copy of each of the following:
  - birth certificate
  - social security card
  - certified copy of your Associate Degree (stamped and signed by a Justice of the Peace)
3. Submit TWO letters of recommendation from professional contacts that reference your potential to successfully complete your intended program of study.
4. Submit a word-processed personal statement of your career goal/s and anticipated contribution to your Belizean community.
5. Submit sealed, official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.

Place all above in a manila envelope and submit to:

Office of Admissions and Enrollment

St. John's College

Princess Margaret Drive

Belize City



501-223-3731

[admissions@sjc.edu.bz](mailto:admissions@sjc.edu.bz)

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Application Portal:  
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## PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Criminology program introduces students to the causes, consequences, and controls of criminal behavior. The course focuses on the development and organization of criminal justice institutions, such as the police, courts, and corrections. The program encourages a commitment to social justice and the common good as students learn to critically analyze information, theorize social contexts, create new knowledge, and communicate with and for others. In addition to providing opportunities for academic research and analysis, students gain the knowledge base and skills for pursuing careers in criminology and related fields as well as non-profit organizations.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### Prerequisite Core (30 Credits)

- Caribbean Legal Environment
- Introduction to Criminology
- Introduction to Criminal Law
- Criminal Investigation
- Juvenile Justice
- Introduction to Corrections
- Professional Experience in Criminal Justice
- Professional Conduct, Ethics & Mediation
- Criminal Justice Research Paper
- Introduction to Research Methods

### Professional Core Requirements (48 Credits)

- Vulnerability and Security
- Introduction to Forensic Science
- Criminal Deviance
- Decision Making and Problem Solving in Criminology
- Crime Analysis
- Psychology of Crime
- International Security
- Criminal Profiling
- Family Violence
- Sexual Homicide
- National Security
- Victimology
- Computer Forensics and Cybercrime
- Youth Violence And Delinquency
- Violence in the Workplace
- Capstone Comprehensives, Criminology

\*Maximum of 60 credit hours transferable

\*Courses subject to change



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