



# BA Criminology

## with minor in Sociology

### 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:

- o 37 credits hours (minimum) of professional core requirements
- o 12 credit hours of humanities and liberal arts electives
- o 6 credit hours of social science electives
- o 3 credit hours of research methods
- o 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



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## PROGRAM BENEFITS

Sociology and Criminology majors are trained to examine human behavior and social interaction. This perspective, known as the “sociological imagination,” applies across a broad range of fields because it encourages students to recognize how other individuals, groups, institutions, and international circumstances influence how people think, act, and behave. Students can thereafter pursue a wide variety of careers in fields such as public health, social policy, data analysis, urban planning, law, education, counseling, and social work.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### Prerequisite Core (43 Credits)

- Caribbean Legal Environment
- Introduction to Criminology I
- Introduction to Criminal Law
- Criminal Investigation
- Juvenile Justice
- Introduction to Corrections
- Professional Experience in Criminal Justice
- Professional Conduct, Ethics & Mediation
- Sociology, Society and Culture
- Criminal Justice Research Paper
- Education, Social Stratification and Mobility
- Population Studies, Poverty and Development
- Social Control, Crime and Deviance
- Introduction to Research Methods

### Professional Core Requirements (37 Credits)

- Criminology
- Foundations in Society
- Social Inequities in Society
- Forensic Science in Criminal Justice
- Sociological Research Methods I
- Family Violence
- Sociological Data Analysis
- Violence in Society
- Sociological Theory
- Presentation in Sociology and Criminology
- Law, Ethics and Criminal Justice Policy
- Overview of Crime Scene Analysis

\*Maximum of 60 credit hours transferable

\*Courses subject to change

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