

# **DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES HONORS PROGRAM**

The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences offers students an opportunity to demonstrate outstanding achievement in the study of criminal justice sciences by means of participation in the Departmental Honors Program. Qualified students are encouraged to inquire about admission in the Department Office.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Incoming freshmen who achieve composite scores measuring 28 or higher on their ACT tests and/or graduate in the upper ten percent of their high school class are invited to apply for the program if they declare their major to be Criminal Justice Sciences.

Continuing students, those who are already enrolled at Illinois State University as Criminal Justice Sciences majors, and transfer students, entering as Criminal Justice Science majors, can be admitted to the program if:

- a) they have completed CJS 101 or its equivalent;
- b) they have completed two other courses in the Department of Criminal Justice sciences required courses (i.e., 200, 201, 207, 300, 304)
- c) their over-all grade point average in the major is 3.3 or higher.

(fulfillment of the major requirements in the case of courses completed and grades earned elsewhere will be evaluated on an individual basis)

## **DEPARTMENTAL HONORS COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The student must complete:

- a) at least 3 hours credit of in-course honors;
- b) at least 3 hours of credit in CJS 299 Independent Honors Study or Honors-Undergraduate Research (IDS 285 or IDS 286) in the Criminal Justice Sciences Department; and
- c) additional 3 hours of in-course, honors independent study or honors-undergraduate research, equivalent with a grade of B or better

## **GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

Maintenance of an overall Criminal Justice Sciences grade point average of 3.3 and completion of the above requirements will allow the student to graduate with Department Honors.

Transcripts of students who successfully complete the honors program will show that they have earned Departmental Honors in Criminal Justice Sciences.