

BA/MACJ 4+1 Option

Division of Social Sciences

McKendree University offers qualified students the opportunity to earn both a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in sociology and a Master of Arts (MA) in criminal justice in a total of five years. The BA/MACJ 4+1 option combines a foundational appreciation for how society influences individual behavior and an understanding of how societies are structured, along with the study of advanced topics in criminal justice.

Undergraduate students with strong academic performance (earned at least 60 credit hours and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0) may apply for admission to the BA/MACJ 4+1 MACJ option. Students may qualify for the BA/MACJ 4+1 option by following any of the sociology tracks.

Option Features

- Students spend up to four academic years in undergraduate-level study.
- During their senior year, students take a maximum of four graduate-level courses that meet both their undergraduate and graduate program requirements when they earn a grade of B- or better.
- At the end of the fourth year, the undergraduate degree is conferred.
- Following undergraduate degree confirmation, students may enroll in the graduate program full-time and complete the MACJ degree in the fifth year.

Students interested in the BA/MACJ 4+1 option are encouraged to consult with their undergraduate advisor as early as possible to select a sequence of courses that will satisfy both the requirements for their undergraduate major and this option.

Admission Requirements

Current McKendree students pursuing a degree in sociology, who have earned at least 60 credit hours, may formally apply to the BA/MACJ 4+1 option during their junior year. Admission to the BA/MACJ 4+1 option is a three-step process.

Step 1: Provisional Admission

- Earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Completed application submitted to the Director of the MACJ program early in the student's junior year at McKendree.

Step 2: Conversion from Provisional to Admitted Status

- Students admitted provisionally during their junior year will achieve admitted status to the BA/MACJ 4+1 option following the completion of their junior year, or a minimum of 90 credit hours, if they have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Admitted status will permit undergraduate senior-level students to take up to four select 600-level graduate courses during their senior year.
- The Director of the MACJ will work with the student's undergraduate advisor to develop a schedule of 600-level courses for the student to complete in the senior year.
- These 600-level graduate courses will count as undergraduate credit, meeting undergraduate sociology major requirements. Courses completed with a grade of B- or better will also count for graduate credit.

Step 3: Full MACJ Program Admission

- During the senior year, students will apply for admission to the MACJ program.
- Formal acceptance into the MACJ requires students to have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- Students will be notified by email regarding MACJ program admission and when 600-level course registration begins.

Transfer and international students interested in the BA/MACJ 4+1 option should contact the Director of the MACJ program for details.

COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

CRJ 600

ADVANCED STUDIES 
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Upper-level SOC elective

CRJ 604 CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY SOC 371 SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE

CRJ 610 POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 611 ETHICS, THE LAW, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 612 TERRORISM, SECURITY, AND THE MODERN WORLD		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 620 ADVANCED SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL LAW		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 621 ISSUES IN POLICING		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 622 CORRECTIONS AND CORRECTIONAL PRACTICES		Upper-level SOC elective	
CRJ 623 CLASS, RACE, AND GENDER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	SOC 340 SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY	<i>or</i>	SOC 350
<i>or</i> SOC 360 RACE AND ETHNIC			RELATIONS
CRJ 680 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE		Upper-level SOC elective	

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