

B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

College of Business and Public Management

Curriculum

General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements>)

English Composition requirements	6
Mathematics requirement	3
Public Speaking requirement	3
Science requirements	6
Behavioral & Social Science requirements	6
Humanities requirements	6
Arts requirement	3
Diverse Communities requirement	3
Interdisciplinary requirement	3
Student Electives	9-21
Writing Emphasis requirements	9

Major Requirements¹

CRJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 210	Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3
CRJ 220	Corrections	3
CRJ 287	Policing in America	3
CRJ 300	Criminal Law	3
CRJ 387	Elements of Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 400	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 490	Practicum (a 12-credit practicum offered only in the summer)	12

Major Electives¹

Select 27 semester hours	27
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Total Minimum Credits Required	120
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¹ A minimum grade of C is required in all criminal justice courses. CRJ 300, CRJ 387, CRJ 400, and CRJ 490 must be taken at West Chester University and are not typically transferable from any other college or university.

Accelerated B.S. in Criminal Justice to M.S. in Criminal Justice Program

B.S. in Criminal justice students are required to take 21 credits of student electives. Students in the Accelerated B.S. to M.S. program can fulfill up to 12 of those 21 elective credits with graduate-level coursework.

Criminal Justice Electives

CRJ 500	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	12
CRJ 503	Criminal Behavior And The Law	
CRJ 505	Criminological Theory	
CRJ 506	Leadership/Management Strategies for CRJ Professionals	
CRJ 507	CRJ System: Contemporary and Ethical Issues	
CRJ 508	Research Design & Data Analysis ¹	
CRJ 509	Criminal Jurisprudence ²	
CRJ 515	Crime Mapping and Analysis	
CRJ 522	Corporate and Financial Crime	
CRJ 524	Juvenile Law	
CRJ 525	Restorative Justice	
CRJ 526	Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement	
CRJ 528	Advances in Law Enforcement Technology	
CRJ 530	Advanced Interviewing Skills for CRJ Professional	
CRJ 545	Criminal Profiling	

CRJ 546	Addiction
CRJ 555	Topical Seminar in Criminal Justice
CRJ 560	Applied Legal Studies
CRJ 565	Victimology: Theory, Research and Practice
CRJ 566	Contemporary Issues In Corrections
CRJ 570	Gender, Crime and Justice
CRJ 575	Bioterrorism, Bio-Crises & Public Health
CRJ 580	Cyber Crime
CRJ 582	Controversial Criminal Jurisprudence
CRJ 599	Independent Studies in Criminal Justice
CRJ 600	Proseminar ³

¹ CRJ 508 requires a prerequisite of CRJ 387.

² CRJ 509 requires a prerequisite of CRJ 400.

³ CRJ 600 requires a prerequisite of CRJ 508. CRJ 600 can only be taken once the student has matriculated in the graduate program.

Enrollment in CRJ 110 and CRJ 210 is open to all students. However, enrollment in most other criminal justice courses is limited to criminal justice majors, criminal justice minors, and to those students who have received special permission from the department chairperson. Also, a grade of C or better is required in CRJ 110 before any other CRJ course may be taken, with the only exception being CRJ 210. Admission to the program is competitive, and enrollment in such restricted courses is no assurance of admission into the major (nor is acceptance into the minor program assurance of future acceptance into the major). Students wishing to change their majors to criminal justice must apply to the department. Evaluation of applications is based on academic performance, writing ability, and other relevant data.

Students should generally have a GPA of at least 2.5 to apply for admission to the program. A 2.5 average or better must be earned in the aggregate of lower- and upper-division courses before graduation will be recommended.

NOTE: This program deviates from the Anticipated Time for Degree Completion outlined in the Academic Policies section of the catalog since the program requires the completion of requirements that can only be met in the summer.

Sample Course Plan

To track their individual degree progress, students are advised to access their Degree Progress Report (DPR) via myWCU regularly. For more information, visit wcupa.edu/DegreeProgressReport.

The following is a suggested course sequence for this program; course offerings and availability are not guaranteed. Students should consult their academic advisor with any questions.

B.S. in Criminal Justice (4-Year Plan)

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3
CRJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	Science General Education Course	3
	Behavioral/Social Science General Education Course	3
	Mathematics General Education Course	3
Credits		15
Spring		
WRT 200	Critical Writing and Research (or above)	3
SPK 208	Public Speaking	3
	or Business and Professional Speech	
	or SPK 230 Communication	
CRJ 210	Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3

Science General Education Course	3
Behavioral/Social Science General Education Course	3
Credits	15
Year Two	
Fall	
CRJ 220 Corrections	3
CRJ Elective	3
Humanities General Education Course	3
Diverse Communities General Education Course	3
Art General Education Course	3
Credits	15
Spring	
CRJ 287 Policing in America	3
CRJ Elective	3
Humanities General Education Course	3
Interdisciplinary General Education Course	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Credits	15
Year Three	
Fall	
CRJ 300 Criminal Law	3
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Credits	12
Spring	
CRJ 387 Elements of Criminal Justice	3
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Credits	12
Summer	
CRJ 490 Practicum ¹	12
Credits	12
Year Four	
Fall	
CRJ 400 Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ Elective	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Credits	12
Spring	
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Credits	12
Total Credits	120

¹ Students may take the Practicum in the summer after their senior year. Such students attend the May graduation ceremonies but are actually August graduates.

B.S. in Criminal Justice (Less than 4-Year Plan)

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3

CRJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Science General Education Course	3
Behavioral/Social Science General Education Course	3
Mathematics General Education Course	3
Credits	15
Spring	
WRT 200 Critical Writing and Research (or above)	3
SPK 208 Public Speaking	3
or or Business and Professional Speech	
SPK 230 Communication	
CRJ 210 Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3
Science General Education Course	3
Behavioral/Social Science General Education Course	3
Credits	15
Year Two	
Fall	
CRJ 220 Corrections	3
CRJ Elective	3
Humanities General Education Course	3
Diverse Communities General Education Course	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Art General Education Course	3
Credits	18
Spring	
CRJ 287 Policing in America	3
CRJ 300 Criminal Law	3
CRJ Elective	3
Humanities General Education Course	3
Interdisciplinary General Education Course	3
Credits	15
Year Three	
Fall	
CRJ 387 Elements of Criminal Justice	3
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Credits	15
Spring	
CRJ 400 Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Writing Emphasis Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Credits	15
Summer	
CRJ 490 Practicum	12
Credits	12
Year Four	
Fall	
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
CRJ Elective	3
Free Elective	3

Free Elective	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	120