

B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

College of Business and Public Management

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
Academic Foundations		
	First Year Experience requirement	4
	English Composition requirement	6-7
	Mathematics requirement	3-4
	Interdisciplinary requirement	3
	Diverse Communities requirement	3
	Ethics requirement	3
Distributed Disciplinary Foundations		
	Science requirement	6-8
	Behavioral & Social Science requirement	6
	Humanities requirement	6
	Arts requirement	3
ADDITIONAL BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
University Requirements		
	Writing Emphasis requirement	9
	Speaking Emphasis requirement	9
Degree Requirements		
	Capstone requirement	1-15
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
Core Courses ¹		
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 Research	3
CRJ 400	Criminal Procedure	3
Major Electives ¹		
	Select 27 semester hours	27
Capstone Requirement		
CRJ 490	Practicum (a 12-credit practicum offered only in the summer) ^{1,2}	12
Total Minimum Credits Required		120

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.

² This course fulfills the Capstone requirement.

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.

Code	Title	Credits
Criminal Justice Electives		
Choose from the following:		12
CRJ 500	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
CRJ 503	Criminal Behavior and the Law	
CRJ 505	Criminological Theory	
CRJ 506	Leadership/Management Strategies for CRJ Professionals	
CRJ 507	CRJ System: Contemporary 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 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 (<http://wcupa.edu/degreeprogressreport/>).

The following is a sample 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		
CRJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3
FYE 100X	First Year Experience	4
Science Gen Ed		3
Mathematics Gen Ed		3
Credits		16
Spring		
CRJ 210	Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3
WRT 200	Critical Writing and Research (or above)	3
Science Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
CRJ 220	Corrections	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS & INTERDISCIPLINARY)	3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Arts Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Free Elective		3
Credits		18
Spring		
CRJ 287	Policing in America	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Credits		9
Year Three		
Fall		
CRJ 300	Criminal Law	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS & DIVERSE COMMUNITIES)	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (SPEAKING EMPHASIS)	3
Free Elective		3
Credits		12
Spring		
CRJ 387	Elements of Criminal Justice Research	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS)	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (ETHICS)	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Free Elective		2
Credits		14

Summer		
CRJ 490	Practicum ¹	12
Credits		12
Year Four		
Fall		
CRJ 400	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Credits		12
Spring		
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
CRJ XXX	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		
CRJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
WRT 120	Effective Writing I	3
FYE 100X	First Year Experience	4
Science Gen Ed		3
Mathematics Gen Ed		3
Credits		16
Spring		
CRJ 210	Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3
WRT 200	Critical Writing and Research (or above)	3
Science Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
CRJ 220	Corrections	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS & DIVERSE COMMUNITIES)	3
Humanities Gen Ed		3
Behavioral & Social Science Gen Ed		3
Arts Gen Ed		3
Credits		15
Spring		
CRJ 287	Policing in America	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS & INTERDISCIPLINARY)	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Free Elective		3
Credits		15

Year Three		
Fall		
CRJ 300	Criminal Law	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (WRITING EMPHASIS)	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (SPEAKING EMPHASIS)	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		2
Credits		17
Spring		
CRJ 387	Elements of Criminal Justice Research	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective (ETHICS)	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
Speaking Emphasis Gen Ed		3
Free Elective		3
Credits		15
Summer		
CRJ 490	Practicum	12
Credits		12
Year Four		
Fall		
CRJ 400	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
CRJ XXX	CRJ Elective	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		120