World Campus

Direct Admission to the Major

Incoming first-year students who meet the program admission requirements are admitted directly into the major. Admission restrictions may apply for change-of-major and/or change-of-campus students.

For more information about the admission process for this major, please send a request to the college, campus, or program contact (listed in the Contact tab).

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, a minimum of 120 credits is required (12 double-counted with M.A. Requirement):

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3-4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 3-4 credits of GQ courses.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3
credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

**Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

**Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

**Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

**Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

**Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

**Requirements for the Major**

At least 9 credits in Additional Courses and/or Supporting Courses must be at the 400 level.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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Criminal Justice, B.S. (Capital)

### Program Learning Objectives

- Interpret behavior and social circumstances from a criminological perspective.
- Apply empirical evidence to describe how the use of the broad discretionary powers of police is controlled and to evaluate innovations in policing.
- Apply law, procedure, and legal philosophy to criminal justice and judicial processes.
- Apply the goals of corrections and principles of behavior modification to offenders and offender populations.
- Employ social science methodology to address criminal justice problems.
- Demonstrate proficiency in written communication at a level appropriate to criminal justice professionals.
- Incorporate contemporary scholarly perspectives on ethics and social justice into decision-making.

### Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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### Suggested Academic Plan

**Criminal Justice, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus**

The course series listed below provides only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an Academic Requirements or What If report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

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- CRIMJ 201 - American Legal System (3)
- CRIMJ 221 - Issues in the American Criminal Justice System (3)
- CRIMJ 234 - Fundamental Techniques of Scientific Criminal Investigation (3)
- CRIMJ 241 - Computer Applications in Public Affairs (3)

and Select 6 credits from the following:

- CRIMJ 300H - Honors Seminar; Issues and Trends in Criminal Justice (3-6)
- CRIMJ 301H - (3-6)
- CRIMJ 304 - Security Administration (3)
- CRIMJ 310 - Forensic Science I (3)
- CRIMJ 345 - Criminal Justice and the Community (3)
- CRIMJ 389 - Gangs and Gang Behavior (3)
- CRIMJ 406 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
- CRIMJ 407 - Victimology (US) (3)
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- CRIMJ 439 - (PLSC 439) The Politics of Terrorism (3)
- CRIMJ 441 - (US) (CRIM 441) The Juvenile Justice System (3)
- CRIMJ 451 - (US) (CRIM 451) Race, Crime, and Justice (3)
- CRIMJ 453 - Women and the Criminal Justice System (US) (3)
- CRIMJ 455 - Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement (3)
- CRIMJ 460 - History and Function of Criminal Justice components (3)
- CRIMJ 462 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CRIMJ 467 - (SOC 467), CRIM 467) Law and Society (3)
- CRIMJ 469 - (HIST 469) Drugs and Drug Policy int he United States (3)
- CRIMJ 471 - Legal Rights, Duties, Liabilities of Criminal Justice Personnel (3)
- CRIMJ 473 - Criminal Procedure and Evidence in the Business Community (3)
- CRIMJ 482 - (CRIM 482) Seminar, Criminal Justice Agency Administration
- CRIMJ 489W - Victimology, Predatory Crime (3)
- CRIMJ 494 - Research Topics (3)
- CRIMJ 494H - Research Topics (3)
- CRIMJ 495 - Internship in Criminal Justice (3-12)
- CRIMJ 496 - Independent Studies (1-18)
- CRIMJ 497 - Special Topics (1-9)
- CRIMJ 499 - (IL) Foreign Studies

or Select 12 credits from the following:

- CRIMJ 300H - Honors Seminar; Issues and Trends in Criminal Justice (3-6)
- CRIMJ 301H - (3-6)
- CRIMJ 304 - Security Administration (3)

**University Requirements and General Education Notes:**

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

**Program Notes**

Internship credits do not count toward criminal justice electives, but can count toward "credits taken in consultation with adviser."
• CRIMJ 310 - Forensic Science I (3)
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• CRIMJ 389 - Gangs and Gang Behavior (3)
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• CRIMJ 497 - Special Topics (1-9)
• CRIMJ 499 - (IL) Foreign Studies

Career Paths
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in criminal justice professions are projected to grow through the year 2026. In addition, the 2017 Occupational Outlook Handbook reports that employment opportunities for substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors are expected to grow 20 percent through the year 2026, much faster than the national average for all occupations. Police officers have the highest rate of projected openings each year in the criminal justice field.

Careers
Penn State Harrisburg criminal justice graduates have pursued opportunities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Marshals’ Office, sheriffs’ departments, municipal and state police departments, security and loss prevention programs, court administration, legal aid/paralegal, delinquency prevention programs, juvenile court personnel, youth shelters and other juvenile residential institutions, victim advocate, and probation and parole offices.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/public-affairs/criminal-justice/bachelor-science-criminal-justice/)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies
While job opportunities are increasing, so is the level of qualified applicants, which makes the field much more competitive. Those interested in working at the federal level and those wishing to pursue supervisory and other upper-level positions in criminal justice are especially encouraged to obtain a graduate degree. Furthermore, a graduate degree in criminal justice, such as Penn State’s Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, is a great step for those interested in doctoral studies or a career in the legal system.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (https://harrisburg.psu.edu/public-affairs/criminal-justice/master-arts-criminal-justice/)

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