CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.S. (CAPITAL)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg, World Campus

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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Additional Courses

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<td>Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences</td>
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Select 6 credits each from sequence A and B or 12 credits from sequence C:

### Sequence A
- CRIMJ 221 Issues in the American Criminal Justice System
- CRIMJ 234 Fundamental Techniques of Scientific Criminal Investigation
- CRIMJ 241 Computer Applications in Public Affairs/Criminal Justice

### Sequence B
- CRIMJ 300
- CRIMJ 304 Security Administration
- CRIMJ 389 Gangs and Gang Behavior
- CRIMJ 406 Sociology of Deviance
- CRIMJ 407 Victimology
- CRIMJ 408 Police Administration
- CRIMJ 410 The Pennsylvania Court System
- CRIMJ 413 Advanced Criminological Theory
- CRIMJ 414 Criminal Careers and the Organization of Crime
- CRIMJ 415 Drug Control Policy in Comparative Perspective
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- CRIMJ 423 Sexual and Domestic Violence
- CRIMJ 425 Organized Crime
- CRIMJ 426 Special Offender Types
- CRIMJ 430 Alternatives to Incarceration
- CRIMJ 431 Offender and Prisoner Rights
- CRIMJ 441 The Juvenile Justice System
- CRIMJ 453 Women and the Criminal Justice System
- CRIMJ 460 History and Function of Criminal Justice Components
- CRIMJ 462 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- CRIMJ 489W Victimology: Predatory Crime
- CRIMJ 495 Internship in Criminal Justice
- CRIMJ 496 Independent Studies
- CRIMJ 497 Special Topics

### Sequence C
- CRIMJ 300
- CRIMJ 304 Security Administration
- CRIMJ 389 Gangs and Gang Behavior
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- CRIMJ 441 The Juvenile Justice System

Select 6 credits: 3 credits at the 200 level and 3 credits at the 300 and 400 level or 6 credits at the 300 and 400 level from the following:
- AFRAS, BESC, PLSC, PUBPL, PSYCH, SOC

Select 15 credits in consultation with an academic adviser and in support of the student’s interests

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1. For information about specific courses in this area, contact the School of Public Affairs.