ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: DuBois, Fayette, Hazleton, Schuylkill, Wilkes-Barre, Greater Allegheny

Program Description
The Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration of Justice provides students with a broadly based liberal education focused on the understanding and analysis of justice systems. Having grappled with the many dilemmas and controversies presented by the problems of administering justice in a complex society, graduates of this program are given the background to be educated, thoughtful, and intelligent citizens.

What is Administration of Justice?
As we continue the journey deeper into the twenty-first century, society is facing the serious social problem of effectively addressing crime in a rapidly changing world. Administration of Justice focuses on the inter-related components of the criminal justice system, public and private sector enforcement, legal systems, correctional treatment and community services. Students achieve a liberal arts education, including competency in foreign language. There is a focus on the development of critical thinking, written and verbal communication skills necessary to be successful leaders in this and related careers. Students engage in classroom instruction, individual study and possible field experience.

You Might Like This Program If...
- You enjoy communicating with others.
- You are an analytical thinker.
- You wish to individualize a concentration of coursework.
- You intend to become a practitioner in one of the traditional areas of criminal justice, such as law enforcement or corrections.
- You are looking for an exciting career where no two days are alike.
- You will seek employment in a human service field such as counseling, therapy or rehabilitation.
- You are considering graduate study in Administration of Justice, Public Administration, Legal Studies or other related fields.

Entrance to Major
In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:

1. attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
2. have third-semester classification (http://www.registrar.psu.edu/registration/semester_classification.cfm).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major)

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration of Justice, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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4-7 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-3 credits of GH courses; 4 credits of GQ courses.

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

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 (http://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). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

B.A. Degree Requirements

Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses. The Pennsylvania Court System

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student’s primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.

Requirements for the Major
A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44.

Code Title Credits

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
CRIMJ 12 Criminology
3
CRIMJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
CRIMJ 451 Race, Crime, and Justice
3
or CRIMJ 453 Women and the Criminal Justice System

Select 3-4 credits of the following:

BA 241 Legal Environment of Business
& BA 242 and Social and Ethical Environment of Business
or BA 243 Social, Legal, and Ethical Environment of Business

CRIMJ 465 Ethics in Criminal Justice

PHIL 3 Ethical Life

PHIL 103 Ethics

PHIL 105 Philosophy of Law

PHIL 106 or PHIL/ STS 107 Business Ethics
or Philosophy of Technology

STS 100 Science, Technology, and Culture

STS 101 or STS/ PHIL 107 Modern Science, Technology, and Human values

Select 18 credits with at least 9 credits in the 400 level of the following:

CRIMJ 13 Juvenile Delinquency
CRIMJ 113 Introduction to Law
CRIMJ 200 Introduction to Security and Loss Control
CRIMJ 210 Policing in America
CRIMJ 220 Courts and the Prosecution Process
CRIMJ 230 Corrections in America
CRIMJ 234 Fundamental Techniques of Scientific Criminal Investigation
CRIMJ 241 Computer Applications in Public Affairs/Criminal Justice
CRIMJ 296 Independent Studies
CRIMJ 297 Special Topics
CRIMJ 300
CRIMJ 304 Security Administration
CRIMJ 310 Forensic Science I
CRIMJ 345 Criminal Justice and the Community
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 412 Crime, Social Control, and the Legal System
CRIMJ 413 Advanced Criminological Theory
CRIMJ 414 Criminal Careers and the Organization of Crime
CRIMJ 415 Drug Control Policy in Comparative Perspective
CRIMJ 420 Criminal Law and Procedure
CRIMJ 421 Violent Crime in the United States
CRIMJ 422 Victimization
CRIMJ 423 Sexual and Domestic Violence
CRIMJ 424 Drugs, Crime, and Society

CRIMJ 221 Issues in the American Criminal Justice System
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STAT 200 Elementary Statistics
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CRIMJ 425 Organized Crime
CRIMJ 426 Special Offender Types
CRIMJ 430 Alternatives to Incarceration
CRIMJ 431 Offender and Prisoner Rights
CRIMJ 432 Crime and the American Court System
CRIMJ 435 Border Security
CRIMJ 439 The Politics of Terrorism
CRIMJ 441 The Juvenile Justice System
CRIMJ 450W Senior Seminar
CRIMJ 460 History and Function of Criminal Justice Components
CRIMJ 462 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CRIMJ 467 Law and Society
CRIMJ 469 Drugs and Drug Policy in the United States
CRIMJ 471 Legal Rights, Duties, Liabilities of Criminal Justice Personnel
CRIMJ 473 Criminal Procedure and Evidence in the Business Community
CRIMJ 482 Seminar, Criminal Justice Agency Administration
CRIMJ 489 Victimology: Predatory Crime
CRIMJ 497 Special Topics

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better
Select 6 credits, in consultation with adviser, from University-wide offerings according to student’s career plan

Program Learning Objectives

Greater Allegheny Campus
1. Know Structure: Demonstrate understanding around the history, structure and function of the three branches of criminal justice (Courts, Law Enforcement, Corrections).
2. Know Context: Demonstrate understanding around the relationship between culture, social class, race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality and criminal justice involvement.
3. Know and Use Theory: Demonstrate understanding of core theories in criminology and the sociology of deviance and their relevance to different types of offenses and offenders.
4. Think Critically: Demonstrate ability to solve criminal justice problems through an understanding of context, the identification of appropriate evidence, and appreciation of potential barriers and limitations.
5. Do Research: Demonstrate ability to formulate research questions, implement basic quantitative and qualitative research methods, collect and analyze limited data.
6. Communicate: Demonstrate ability to effectively communicate practical and theoretical criminal justice issues through papers, posters, and oral presentations.

Wilkes-Barre Campus
1. Students will be able to have a basic understanding of the nature of the three branches of the Criminal Justice System (Legal, Law Enforcement, Corrections).
2. Students will be able to have developed critical thinking skills to understand and to formulate solutions to problems relating to criminological issues.
3. The students will have developed a core of criminological knowledge and concepts which will help them understand the functioning of and issues relevant to the criminal justice system.
4. Students will be able to understand and apply theories of criminal and deviant behavior, and the behavior of law.
5. Students will be able to read and correctly interpret Criminal Justice research and data.
6. Students will be able to understand the relationship between culture, social class and criminal justice.
7. Students will be able to communicate criminological issues effectively and deliver written and/or oral presentations.
8. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and application skills regarding the fact that the criminal justice professional must operate in a climate of tolerance and respect where opposing viewpoints can be exchanged openly.

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 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Suggested Academic Plan
The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2019-20 academic year. To access previous years’ suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

DuBois Campus
The course series listed below provides only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may change 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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#### 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.

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**Fall**  | **Credits** | **Spring** | **Credits**
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STAT 200  | 4 | CRIMJ 221  | 3
World Language level 3  | 4 | BA Fields Course  | 3
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General Education Course  | 3 | BA Other Cultures Course  | 3
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**Fall**  | **Credits** | **Spring** | **Credits**
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**Career Paths**

This major helps students prepare for a variety of challenging careers through a combination of professional and individualized liberal arts coursework, emphasizing the underlying sociological aspects of criminal justice, in addition to options for graduate study and continued education.

**Careers**

Graduates in the Administration of Justice program find an array of career opportunities in federal, state, and local law enforcement and correction agencies, probation and parole services, community crime prevention and treatment services, and private sector security. Many opportunities are available in juvenile and drug rehabilitation counseling, recreation programs, forestry settings, and other sites. Career opportunities, which are expanding rapidly, offer a good salary, excellent job security, and extensive possibilities for advancement.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE PROGRAM (http://beaver.psu.edu/aoj-career-opportunities)

**Opportunities for Graduate Studies**

The degree also provides you with an excellent opportunity for graduate school, including masters or doctorate programs in law, criminology, human development, psychology, and the social sciences. Students also participate in original research, which provides experience designed to assist you in determining your career goals.

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