

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Degree Offered:

Bachelor of Arts.

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Career Possibilities:

The criminal justice major is designed to provide a broad-based liberal arts education for undergraduates interested in careers in criminal justice and criminal law. Increasingly, criminal justice agencies require bachelor's degrees for entry level and management positions. Possible career opportunities include federal, state, and local law enforcement, probation and parole officers, youth counselors, private investigators, criminal investigators, correctional officers, intelligence analysts, legal assistants, domestic violence counselors, victim-witness advocates and counselors, statistical research analysts, court administrators, customs officers, and border patrol agents.

Department Overview

The criminal justice major is an interdisciplinary field with emphasis on the social sciences. Criminal justice examines the scientific study of the structure and function of law enforcement, the courts and corrections. In other words, criminal justice examines decision-making processes, operations and justice-related issues.

Preparation for Graduate School

The criminal justice major provides preparation for professional and graduate studies in law, criminology, criminal justice, sociology, public administration, and other related fields.

Requirements for Admission to the Criminal Justice Major

In order to declare a major in criminal justice, the student must have passed CRMJ *101 Introduction to Criminal Justice with a grade of C or better and have an overall GPA of at least 2.25.

Requirements for Graduation from the Criminal Justice Major

This 39-credit major includes a core of 21 credits of criminal justice courses, a research methods course (3 credits), and 15 credits of upper level electives. At least 15 credits of upper level courses in the major must be completed at UW-Parkside. An internship is strongly recommended. GPA within the major upon graduation must be a minimum of 2.0.

A. Core Courses (21 credits)

CRMJ 101*	Introduction to Criminal Justice.	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 233	Criminology	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 234	Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Justice . . .	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 235	Police and Society	3 cr
CRMJ 316	Criminal Justice Procedures	3 cr
or		
POLS 351	Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure.	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 363	Corrections.	3 cr
CRMJ 380	Criminal Law	3 cr
	Strongly recommended, but not required:	
POLS 100	American Politics	3 cr
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr

B. Research Methods (3 credits)

CRMJ 200	Research Methods.	3 cr
	Or equivalent methods/statistics course approved by the criminal justice adviser.	

C. Upper Level Electives (15 credits)

Students may satisfy this requirement by completing any five of the following courses:

CRMJ 305	Domestic Violence	3 cr
CRMJ 325	Restorative Justice.	3 cr
CRMJ 335	Liability Issues in Criminal Justice . . .	3 cr
CRMJ 345	White Collar Crime	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 352	Law and Social Change.	3 cr
CRMJ 355	Forensic Evidence	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 365	Race, Crime and Law	3 cr
CRMJ/		
SOCA 368	Victimology	3 cr
CRMJ 375	Criminal Court Process	3 cr
CRMJ 290	Special Topics (** General Elective) . . .	3 cr
CRMJ 490	Special Topics	3 cr
CRMJ 494	Criminal Justice Internship	3 or 6 cr
CRMJ 499	Independent Study	1-4 cr
PHIL 320	Value Theory: Punishment	3 cr
PHIL 328	Ethics in the Criminal Justice System . . .	3 cr
POLS 310	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. . . .	3 cr
POLS 315	Diversity Law: Tribal Nations	3 cr
POLS 316	Diversity Law: African Americans.	3 cr

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

POLS 320	Constitutional Law: The Structure of Government.	3 cr
SOCA 310	Forensic Anthropology	3 cr
SOCA 359	Sociology of Law	3 cr

* General education requirement course/BOK

** General elective, not upper-division elective

Requirements for the Criminal Justice Minor

The minor in criminal justice consists of a minimum of 24-26 credits, distributed as follows:

Required Courses (12 credits)

CRMJ 101*	Introduction to Criminal Justice.	3 cr
and 9 credits from the following courses:		
CRMJ/ SOCA 233	Criminology	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 234	Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Justice . . .	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 235	Police and Society	3 cr
CRMJ 316	Criminal Justice procedures	3 cr
or		
POLS 351	Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure.	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 363	Corrections	3 cr
CRMJ 380	Criminal Law	3 cr

Upper Level Electives (9 credits)

CRMJ 305	Domestic Violence	3 cr
CRMJ 325	Restorative Justice	3 cr
CRMJ 335	Liability Issues in Criminal Justice	3 cr
CRMJ 345	White Collar Crime	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 352	Law and Social Change.	3 cr
CRMJ 355	Forensic Evidence	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 365	Race, Crime and Law	3 cr
CRMJ/ SOCA 368	Victimology	3 cr
CRMJ 375	Criminal Court Process	3 cr
CRMJ 0290	Special Topics (** General Elective) . . .	3 cr
CRMJ 490	Special Topics	3 cr
CRMJ 494	Criminal Justice Internship	3 or 6 cr
CRMJ 499	Independent Study	1-4 cr
PHIL 320	Value Theory: Punishment	3 cr
PHIL 328	Ethics in the Criminal Justice System . .	3 cr
POLS 310	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. . . .	3 cr
POLS 315	Diversity Law: Tribal Nations	3 cr
POLS 316	Diversity Law: African Americans	
POLS 320	Constitutional Law: The Structure of Government.	3 cr
SOCA 310	Forensic Anthropology	3 cr
SOCA 359	Sociology of Law	3 cr

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Research Methods/Statistics (3-5 credits)

CRMJ 200 Research Methods. 3 cr

Or equivalent methods/statistics course approved by the criminal justice adviser.

Courses in Criminal Justice (CRMJ)

101 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 cr

Prereq: None. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.

A study of the agencies and processes involved in the criminal justice system—the police, the prosecutor, the public defender, the courts, and corrections. An analysis of the roles and problems of criminal justice agencies in a democratic society, with an emphasis upon intercomponent relations and checks and balances.

200 Criminal Justice Research Methods 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or POLS 100. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Methods, philosophy and sources of criminal justice research. Required for the major and minor in criminal justice.

233 Criminology 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor.

Freq: Yearly.

Examination of past and current theory and research. Crime as a consequence of social, economic, political and personal factors. Critique of approaches to prevention and correction. (Cross listed as SOCA 233.)

234 Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Justice 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor.

Freq: Yearly.

Conceptions of juvenile delinquency; the juvenile offender in the juvenile justice system; the philosophy, structure and function of juvenile courts; philosophy, development, and organization of diversion, detention and treatment of the juvenile offender. (Cross listed as SOCA 234.)

235 Police and Society 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor.

Freq: Yearly.

A study of the various levels, roles, and functions of law enforcement in America. The nature and responsibilities of law enforcement are discussed and evaluated, including police accountability and civil liability. Examines the racial, ethnic and gender issues in law enforcement. (Cross listed as SOCA 235.)

290 Special Topics in Criminal Justice 3 cr

Prereq: Consent of instructor. Freq: Occasionally.

Selected topics in criminal justice will be examined. (General elective only, not upper-division elective.)

305 Domestic Violence 3 cr

Prereq: CRMJ 101 or consent of instructor. Freq: Occasionally.

Examination of the criminal justice response to domestic violence, which includes child abuse, spousal abuse, elder abuse, date rape, and others. Students are expected to broaden their knowledge of the prevalence and extent of domestic violence and to explore strategies for treatment and prevention.

- 316 Criminal Justice Procedures**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor.
Freq: Spring.
 This course provides a selective analysis of the constitutional amendments most relevant to criminal justice process. Designed to complement criminal law and criminal court process, it offers a comprehensive explanation of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and 14th amendments; more commonly known as the criminal justice amendments. (Note: Students are also free to take POLS 351 Constitutional Law: Criminal Procedure to satisfy this requirement.)
- 325 Restorative Justice**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101* or consent of instructor. Freq: Spring.*
 This course examines the basic principles of restorative justice and its variants, such as transformative justice, peace-making criminology, and community justice systems. Restorative justice is contrasted with the dominant retributive/punitive model of justice. The position of the victim, offender, and the community within the context of restorative justice will also be explored and examined.
- 335 Liability Issues in Criminal Justice**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101* or consent of instructor. Freq: Spring*
 Liability Issues in criminal justice focuses on the constitutional and statutory rules governing liability for governmental actions resulting in harm to citizens under civil rights laws.
- 345 White Collar Crime**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101* or consent of instructor. Freq: Spring*
 This course covers a variety of issues in white collar and corporate crime including the kinds of offenses officially defined in the law as white collar crime. Criminological theories about white collar crime, including controversies over how it is defined, will be reviewed.
- 352 Law and Social Change**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly.
 This course will provide a broad theoretical background against which to explore policies in the system of law, in definition and enforcement of the law, and to follow those policies as they have been and are presently affected by social change. (Cross listed as SOCA 352.)
- 355 Forensic Evidence**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101* or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly*
 This course covers a variety of issues in forensic evidence including the types of scientific evidence frequently encountered in the courts. Particular emphasis on scientific evidence in criminal court proceedings and a few selected cases involving introduction of scientific evidence in the courts, will be reviewed.
- 363 Corrections**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly.
 Analysis of the organization of correctional agencies and the role of corrections in the criminal justice system. Review of theories, practices, systems, and treatment methods. (Cross listed as SOCA 363.)
- 365 Race, Crime and Law**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101*, jr standing.*
Freq: annually
 This course explores the intersections of race, crime and law in terms of the historical context, the present-day situation and future directions. From law enforcement to courts and corrections, this course focuses on the multiple perspectives from offender to victim to criminal justice practitioner. (Cross listed as SOCA 365.)
- 368 Victimology**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101, or SOCA 100 or 101 or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly.
 An examination of the causes and consequences of crime victimization. The history and recent re-emergence of the study of the victim, the types and circumstances of criminal victimization. The course addresses victims' rights and the victims' rights movement. (Cross listed as SOCA 368.)
- 375 Criminal Court Process**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or SOCA 100* or 101* or consent of instructor. Freq: Yearly*
 This course will cover the criminal court process from the formal charging of criminal cases through sentencing. It will involve an examination of the manner in which cases move through the criminal court system and also analyze the roles of the various participants in the criminal court process, as well as the political, social and ethical dilemmas they face as individuals and as part of the criminal court process.
- 380 Criminal Law**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 and POLS 200 or equivalent. Freq: Yearly.
 An analysis of substantive criminal law. Included are elements of crime; crimes against person, property and public morality; complicity; and inchoate crime.
- 490 Special Topics in Criminal Justice**3 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 and junior standing, or consent of instructor. Freq: Occasionally.
 Selected topics in criminal justice are offered and the content varies from semester to semester.
- 494 Criminal Justice Internship***3 -6 cr
Prereq: CRMJ 101 or POLS 100, junior standing, criminal justice major or minor. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.
 Students are required to fulfill a minimum of 104 hours in the field as part of the internship. Potential host agencies include police agencies, correctional and judicial placements, residential treatment facilities and a host of local, state and federal law enforcement placements.
- 499 Independent Study**1-4 cr
Prereq: Criminal justice major; junior standing, overall GPA of 2.75 or 3.0 within the major, and consent of instructor. Freq: Fall, Spring, Summer.
 Independent work on specific problems in criminal justice under faculty supervision. Eligible areas of study include topics that are not explored sufficiently in the existing curriculum.

* Only 3 credits of the 6 credits can be used to fulfill criminal justice upper-division elective credit.