

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BA

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## Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Criminal Justice at CSU Bakersfield is designed to provide the student with familiarity in the major components of the U.S. criminal justice system, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections organized on local, state, and federal levels.

## Mission Statement for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice is designed to empower students as critical thinkers, effective oral communicators, and competent writers on subject matters of crime and justice including:

1. the nature, extent, and causation of crime;
2. knowledge in research methods and statistical applications to promote an understanding of criminal behavior and to assess the effectiveness of criminal justice policies;
3. the role of criminal law in the regulation of human conduct and maintenance of stability in society;
4. the philosophy, theory, policies, practices, processes, and reform of the U.S. police agencies at the federal, state, and local levels;
5. the philosophy and goals of criminal punishment and to understand the structure, processes, and reform of the U.S. correctional agencies at the federal, state, and local level.

Graduates who have acquired these skills and knowledge and have been exposed to other relevant topics, such as juvenile delinquency, the role of women and victims in the justice process, ethical concerns for criminal justice practitioners, understanding of the appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity, the connection between drugs and crime, and the dynamics of gangs and violence, are prepared for graduate study, law school, or challenging careers in the field of criminal justice. Students who graduate from the Criminal Justice program should be able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge as stated in the goals and objectives which can be found at the department's website.

## Minor, Concentration, and Special Minor (optional)

Criminal Justice majors have the option to declare a minor. If a Criminal Justice major chooses to declare a minor, the student must satisfactorily complete one of the three options listed below:

1. A special minor consisting of at least 12 semester units, 9 of which must be upper division, approved by the student's advisor and the AVP for Academic Programs, taken outside the major discipline.
2. A minor consisting of at least 12 semester units within a minor program designed and approved by another discipline.
3. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas.

## Program Requirements Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	2
	Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills	9
	Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences	9
	Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities	6
	Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences <sup>1</sup>	0
	Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF)	3
	Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies	3
	American Institutions: Government and History	6
	Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR)	3
	Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) <sup>2</sup>	0-3
	Upper Division Thematic Area B and C	6
	General Education Capstone <sup>1</sup>	0
	<b>General Education Subtotal <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>47-50</b>
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Foundation</i>		
CRJU 1108	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 2100	Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 3150	Research Methods	3
<i>Theory and Legal Aspects</i>		
CRJU 3170	Theoretical Perspectives in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 4110	Advanced Criminal Law	3
CRJU 4600	Criminal Justice Policymaking	3
<i>Systems</i>		
CRJU 3250	Advanced Topics in Policing	3
CRJU 3260	Advanced Topics in Courts	3
CRJU 3270	Advanced Topics in Corrections	3
<i>Special Topics</i>		
CRJU 2210	Issues, Values and Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 3280	Advanced Topics in Juvenile Justice	3
<i>Capstone</i>		
CRJU 4908	Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
<b>Criminal Justice Elective Courses</b>		

<i>Multiculturalism and Diversity in Criminal Justice</i>	
Select two of the following:	6
CRJU 2300 Comparative Criminal Justice	
CRJU 3318 Women and the Criminal Justice System	
CRJU 3320 Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System	
CRJU 3660 Diversity and Global Learning in Criminal Justice	
<i>Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice</i>	
Select two of the following:	6
CRJU 2460 Cybercrime	
CRJU 3448 Drugs and Crime	
CRJU 3450 White Collar Crime	
CRJU 4340 Terrorism	
<i>Forensics and Field Exploration</i>	
Select two of the following:	6
CRJU 2500 Criminal Investigation	
CRJU 3500 Profiling Violence	
CRJU 4500 Correctional Counseling	
CRJU 4860 Internship in Criminal Justice	
<i>Criminal Justice Electives</i>	
Select two of the following:	6
CRJU 2600 Crime and the Media	
CRJU 2890 Experiential Prior Learning	
CRJU 3608 Gangs in America	
CRJU 3800 Community Service Learning in Criminal Justice	
CRJU 4400 Crime Mapping	
CRJU 4638 Victims and the Criminal Justice System	
CRJU 4770 Selected Topics	
CRJU 4800 Directed Research in Criminal Justice	
CRJU 4850 Individual Study	
<i>Major Subtotal</i>	60
<b>Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation</b>	<b>10-17</b>
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>117-127</b>

<sup>1</sup> Some major requirements may be used to satisfy GE. [CRJU 1108 Introduction to Criminal Justice counts toward the LD Area D requirement and Senior Seminar CRJU 4908 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice satisfies the GE capstone requirement]

<sup>2</sup> The GWAR may be satisfied by exam.

**Note:** One (1) semester unit of credit normally represents one-hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.