Bachelor of Arts
Criminal Justice

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Major Requirements

39 credit hours in the major to include the following courses:

- CJ 1001  Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 2041  Crime Theory and Causes
- CJ 3100  Criminal Justice Research Methods
- CJ 3150  Statistics for Criminal Justice
- CJ 3250  Violence in Society
- CJ 4042  Corrections
- CJ 4043  Law Enforcement
- CJ 4044  Courts and Judicial Process
- CJ 4121  Ethics in Criminal Justice
- CJ 4960  Criminal Justice Internship

Students may use their major elective course options to form a concentration or “option” area in one or more of the following areas:

- Forensic Studies Option (15 Credits)
- Law Option (12 Credits)
- Law Enforcement Option (12 Credits)

To view the courses accepted for each option area, please refer to the UCCS Academic Catalog at catalog.uccs.edu.

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Minor Requirements

18 credit hours for the minor to include two required courses:

- CJ 1001  Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 2041  Crime Theory and Causes

At least two of the following:

- CJ 3250  Violence in Society
- CJ 4042  Corrections
- CJ 4043  Law Enforcement
- CJ 4044  Courts and the Judicial Process
- CJ 4121  Ethics in Criminal Justice *

Plus two additional elective courses in Criminal Justice, one of which must be upper division.
*Permission of faculty required.

For application materials, contact
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The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice program utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to capture both the academic liberal arts emphasis and the professional and policy knowledge required to educate criminal justice professionals. Criminal Justice is a broad and increasingly interdisciplinary field. Students who complete the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree will:

- be able to draw on multiple disciplines and research traditions to identify and understand the social and behavioral contributors to crime and delinquency
- have a comprehensive understanding of the institutions in the criminal justice system and how politics and policy making affect these institutions
- have effective critical thinking and oral and written communication skills
- have a comprehensive knowledge of the ethical concerns of the criminal justice field
- understand how perceptions of the criminal justice system vary cross-culturally and how such differences influence policy and public perception.

Students who complete this degree may seek employment in law enforcement, corrections, courts and related areas. This employment can be within the public, nonprofit or for-profit sectors, providing multiple options for Criminal Justice graduates.