

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.S. (CAPITAL)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg, World Campus

Suggested Academic Plan

Criminal Justice, B.S. at Harrisburg Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 [†]	3 CRIMJ 12 [*]	3
Quantification (GQ)	3 CAS 100A or 100S [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15	13.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIMJ 100 [*]	3 CRIMJ 220 [*]	3
General Education Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	13.5	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIMJ 250W [*]	3 CRIMJ 260 or STAT 200 ^{**†}	3-4
CRIMJ 210 [*]	3 Select 3 credits of CRIMJ additional courses from list	6
CRIMJ 230 [*]	3 Select 3 credits in consultation with adviser	3
200-300-400 level from the following: AFRAS, BESC, PLSC, PUBPL, PSYCH, SOC	3 Elective	3
Select credits in consultation with adviser	3	
	15	15-16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Select CRIMJ additional courses from list	6 CRIMJ 450W [*]	3
300-400 level from the following: AFRAS, BESC, PLSC, PUBPL, PSYCH, SOC	3 CRIMJ 465 [*]	3
Select credits in consultation with adviser	6 Select credits in consultation with adviser	3
	Elective	7-8
	15	16-17

Total Credits 118-120

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

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General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Program Notes

Internship credits do not count toward criminal justice electives, but can count toward "credits taken in consultation with adviser."

Select 6 credits from the following:

- CRIMJ 200 - Introduction to Security and Loss Control
- CRIMJ 201 - American Legal System (3)
- CRIMJ 221 - Issues in the American Criminal Justice System (3)
- CRIMJ 234 - Fundamental Techniques of Scientific Criminal Investigation (3)
- CRIMJ 241 - Computer Applications in Public Affairs (3)

and Select 6 credits from the following:

- CRIMJ 300H - Honors Seminar; Issues and Trends in Criminal Justice (3-6)
- CRIMJ 301H - (3-6)
- CRIMJ 304 - Security Administration (3)
- CRIMJ 310 - Forensic Science I (3)
- CRIMJ 345 - Criminal Justice and the Community (3)
- CRIMJ 389 - Gangs and Gang Behavior (3)
- CRIMJ 406 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
- CRIMJ 407 - Victimology (US) (3)
- CRIMJ 408 - Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement (3)

- CRIMJ 410 - The Pennsylvania Court System (3)
- CRIMJ 412 - Crime, Social Control, and the Legal System (3)
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- CRIMJ 426 - Special Offender Types (3)
- CRIMJ 430 - Criminal Law (3)
- CRIMJ 431 - Offender and Prisoner Rights (3)
- CRIMJ 435 - Border Security (3)
- CRIMJ 439 - (PLSC 439) The Politics of Terrorism (3)
- CRIMJ 441 - (US) (CRIM 441) The Juvenile Justice System (3)
- CRIMJ 451 - (US) (CRIM 451) Race, Crime, and Justice (3)
- CRIMJ 453 - Women and the Criminal Justice System (US) (3)
- CRIMJ 455 - Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement (3)
- CRIMJ 460 - History and Function of Criminal Justice components (3)
- CRIMJ 462 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CRIMJ 467 - (SOC 467), CRIM 467 Law and Society (3)
- CRIMJ 469 - (HIST 469) Drugs and Drug Policy in the United States (3)
- CRIMJ 471 - Legal Rights, Duties, Liabilities of Criminal Justice Personnel (3)
- CRIMJ 473 - Criminal Procedure and Evidence in the Business Community (3)
- CRIMJ 482 - (CRIM 482) Seminar, Criminal Justice Agency Administration
- CRIMJ 489W - Victimology: Predatory Crime (3)
- CRIMJ 494 - Research Topics (3)
- CRIMJ 494H - Research Topics (3)
- CRIMJ 495 - Internship in Criminal Justice (3-12)
- CRIMJ 496 - Independent Studies (1-18)
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- CRIMJ 499 - (IL) Foreign Studies
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Criminal Justice, B.S. (3-Year Fast-Track with Dual Enrollment) at Harrisburg Campus

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Junior

Fall Credits

ENGL 15, 15S, 30T, or ESL 15 (GWS)[‡] 3

General Education Course 3

6

Senior

Fall Credits

CAS 100A or 100S (GWS)[‡] 3

General Education Course (Can be completed in one of the summer terms)^{*} 3

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9

First Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits Summer Credits

CRIMJ 12^{*} 3 CRIMJ 100^{*} 3 CRIMJ 220^{*} 3

Quantification (GQ) 3 General Education Course 3 General Education Course 3

General Education Course 3 General Education Course (GHW) 3

General Education Course 3 Elective 3

General Education Course 3 Select credits in consultation with adviser 3

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General Education Course 3 Elective 3

Elective 3 Select credits in consultation with adviser 3

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6-7

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Select credits in consultation with adviser 3 Elective 3

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