

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, B.S.

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: Beaver, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre

Degree Requirements

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

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	14-18
Requirements for the Major	64-65

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.

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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CRIMJ 12	Criminology	3
CRIMJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIMJ 221	Issues in the American Criminal Justice System	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CRIMJ 451	Race, Crime, and Justice	3
or CRIMJ 453	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
Select 3-4 credits of the following: ¹		3-4
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	Business Ethics	
or PHIL/STS 107	Philosophy of Technology	
STS 100	Science, Technology, and Culture	
STS 101	Modern Science, Technology, and Human values	

or STS/ PHIL 107		
Select 18 credits with at least 9 credits in the 400 level of the following:		18
CRIMJ 13	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIMJ 113	Introduction to Law	
CRIMJ 200		
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		
CRIMJ 296	Independent Studies	
CRIMJ 297	Special Topics	
CRIMJ 300		
CRIMJ 304	Security Administration	
CRIMJ 310		
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		
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		
CRIMJ 462	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	
CRIMJ 467	Law and Society	
CRIMJ 469	Drugs and Drug Policy in the United States	
CRIMJ 471		
CRIMJ 473	Criminal Procedure and Evidence in the Business Community	
CRIMJ 482	Seminar, Criminal Justice Agency Administration	
CRIMJ 489W		
CRIMJ 497	Special Topics	
<i>Emphasis</i>		

Select an emphasis 15

Field Research:	
CRIMJ 240W	Field Research in the Criminal Justice
CRIMJ 290	Introduction to Internship Experience
CRIMJ 494	Research Topics
CRIMJ 495	Internship in Criminal Justice
Research and Policy Analysis:	
Select 15 credits with at least 6 at the 400 level of the following:	
AMST 491W	American Studies Perspectives
CRIMJ 424W	Drugs and Crime
Any CMPSC	
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy
LER 100	
LST 370	
PLSC 2	
PLSC 419	The Bureaucratic State
PLSC 490	Policy Making and Evaluation
SOC 409	Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America
SOC 419	Race and Public Policy
SOC 422	World Population Diversity
SOC 423	Social Demography

Supporting Courses and Related Areas*Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 12 credits, in consultation with adviser, from University-wide offerings according to student's career plan 12

¹ Some of the courses in this category may have prerequisites that are not included in the major.

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 (<https://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 and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits

- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.