Online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Department of Criminal Justice
The College of Arts and Science

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Degrees Offered
Associate of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Mission
The mission of the Criminal Justice program is to provide a strong knowledge base in law enforcement, courts, and corrections in an effort to prepare students with practical and professional knowledge for employment in the criminal justice system.

Student Learning Outcomes
Students will:
1. Explain the major components of the criminal justice system including police, courts, and corrections;
2. Describe the importance of the criminal justice system to society;
3. Differentiate between the Classical School explanation of crime and the Positivist School explanations of crime including biological, psychological, and sociological theories;
4. Create and defend solutions to a criminal justice ethical dilemma using an ethical theory.

Description of Major
The criminal justice major is built upon a strong liberal arts base provided by the University’s core curriculum. Course work in the major include courses in law enforcement, corrections, and the courts. The major addresses the criminal justice system as a concept that demonstrates the connectedness and the interdependence of making laws, breaking laws, and reacting to the breaking of law. This process is referred to as justice, and its application as the criminal justice system. The criminal justice student acquires an understanding of the importance of the liberal arts to the justice system, a sound knowledge base of criminal justice, and an understanding of the philosophical foundation and the major theories of the cause of crime and the application of law.

Student Honor Society
Students who have excelled in criminal justice are eligible for membership in Alpha Phi Sigma, a national honor society. Membership is by invitation to those students who have demonstrated good character, maintained an overall GPA of 3.2 and a 3.2 in criminal justice course work, and completed at least three semesters or equivalent of full-time studies and a minimum of 12 hours in criminal justice. Students must also have the recommendation of the Alpha Phi Sigma adviser.

Pre-Law
There is no one way to prepare for law school or a legal career. The study of law requires a variety of skills, including proficient writing, critical reasoning, analytical reading, and self-discipline. Good legal practice requires an appreciation of history, social and political institutions, and, in general, a developed understanding of human nature. Those approaching a profession in law should possess an especially acute sense of values, since their actions will affect the lives of many people.

We do not believe that any particular major or set of courses uniquely provides these skills, sensitivities, and values. Thus, Ashland University does not offer a Pre-Law major or minor. We instead believe that a broad background in the liberal arts is the best way to prepare for the study of law, perhaps supplemented by some courses which introduce legal concepts. Students are encouraged to get in touch with one of the Pre-Law advisers through the Academic Advising office in order to further define their course of studies.

Degree Requirements
Assessment – Students will submit specified assignments during certain CJ classes as indicated on the course syllabi and assessment plan. These assignments will be analyzed to determine whether the student learning outcomes of the department have been met.

Bachelor of Science with a comprehensive major in Criminal Justice
The concentration requirement can be met through the completion of an 18-hour minor from another discipline, a second major from another area, or a collection of 18 hours from another area which supports the student’s interest. All concentrations must be approved by the chair of the Department of Criminal Justice/Sociology.

Course of Study
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<td>SOC 111 Principles of Sociology</td>
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CJ 270 Role of Police 3 CJ 130
CJ 242 Criminology 3 None
CJ 362 Criminal Law 3 CJ 130
CJ 450 Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 CJ 130, 362, and Jr. or Sr. Status
MATH 208 Elementary Statistics 3 MATH 100 or ACT 18 or SAT 480
SOC 460 Research Methods 3 MATH 208, SOC 111
Electives (choose 18 hours) 9 hours must be at the 300 level or above

CJ 200 Crim. Investigation I (3) CJ 130
CJ 235 Courts and Justice (3) CJ 130
CJ 240 Crim. Investigation II (3) CJ 130, 200
CJ 244 Juvenile Delinquency (3) None
CJ 275 Gangs and Cults (3) None
CJ 307 Victimology (3) None
CJ 332: Terrorism and Homeland Security (3) None
CJ 331 Topics in Criminal Justice (3) None
CJ 360 Read. in Crime & Justice (3) None
CJ 366 Criminal Procedure (3) None
CJ 403 Field Experience (3) None
CJ 415 Adv. Criminology & Profiling (3) None
SOC 202 Alcoholism & Sub. Abuse (3) None
SOC 301 Race, Ethnic, & Minority Issues (3) None

Concentration Area 18 CJ Chair Approval
63 hrs.

Plus Institutional Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

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