

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE, B.A.S.)

Overview

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Criminal Justice prepares both entry-level and seasoned professionals in the theoretical foundations, knowledge, skills and practices of criminal justice administration inclusive of law enforcement, forensic investigation, courts, and corrections. This program enables students to develop rational decisions and informed responses to the daily challenges of law enforcement, courts and corrections operations. All students complete an applied learning requirement. In most cases students choose an [internship](#). The BAS in Criminal Justice is a 90 hour (3 year) program. Students should consider the educational requirements for their vocational or higher educational goals, prior to selecting the BAS in Criminal Justice. The BAS in Criminal Justice may not fulfil the requirements for some employers or degree programs.

Admission

Students wishing to file a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice may do so upon successful completion of CRJ 100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice) with a grade of C or [higher](#). For transfer coursework to qualify, the transferred course must meet current articulation requirements or be approved by the Chairperson of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies.

Dependent on if the student meets the above criteria will determine if they can declare the major or if they will be placed in a pre-admission status (pre-major). The advisor will assist with the coordination of this process.

Requirements

Students who choose this bachelor degree program will have no more than 6 years from admission or subsequent declaration to meet the requirements listed below. If certification, accreditation or statutory requirements change and additional requirements become effective during this time, the new requirements take precedence.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies		42
Students must complete General Studies courses (https://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies) ¹		
Major Requirements		48-51
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 110	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
CRJ 130	Introduction to Policing	3
CRJ 190	Criminal Investigation	3
CRJ 200	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ 260	Criminal Law	3
CRJ 300	Criminal Justice Communications	3
CRJ 305	Introduction to Theories of Crime	3

CRJ 325	Understanding Research in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 410	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 450 or CRJ 465	Independent Research/Project Internship	3
CRJ 470	Senior Seminar	3
LAT 420	Civil Rights Law	3

Select one of the following minors:²

Community and Institutional Supervision

Forensic Investigations

Law Enforcement

¹ Courses in general studies may also be required within the major. While the course(s) may satisfy both requirements, the credit hours will count only one time in the overall hours earned.

² Courses required for the minors may also be used in the major and/or general studies. While the course(s) may satisfy the requirement for each area, the credit hours will count only one time in the overall hours earned.

Program Graduation Requirements

1. No more than 2 courses with a grade of D permitted in major.
2. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 90 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 continuing education credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
6. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.