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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the School of Public Affairs at UCCS

Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
2. All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

MAJOR INFORMATION

Criminal Justice is a social science that attempts to identify and explain patterns of criminal behavior, as well as analyze society's ability to control crime and delinquency. It studies crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system. The Criminal Justice degree 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.

Major Requirements				
Criminal Justice Major (42 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<p>The Criminal Justice major requires a minimum of 42 credit hours of CJ course work, a minimum of 27 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) CJ course work, and a computer literacy course.</p> <p>All CJ core courses must have a grade of "C" or better. CJ elective courses must have a "C-" or better.</p> <p>NOTE: Option areas in CJ are listed in this guide but are not required. Option areas are 12-15 credit hours and will typically fulfill the required CJ electives as well as reduce general electives. See your advisor if you have any questions.</p>	CJ 1001	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
	CJ 2041	Crime Theory and Causes	3	
	CJ 3250	Violence in Society	3	
	CJ 4042	Corrections	3	
	CJ 4043	Law Enforcement	3	
	CJ 4044	Courts and Judicial Process	3	
	CJ 4121	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	
	CJ 4960	Criminal Justice Internship	4	
	SOC 3070	Social Research Methods	4	
	SOC 3170 OR CJ 3170	Social Statistics	4	
		Crime Prevention & Analysis	4	
	Electives	Complete an additional 9 hours of CJ courses to meet total and upper-division requirements.		9
	Option Areas			
	Forensic Studies	Complete 15 credit hours from the following: CJ 1002, 2030, 2032, 3050, 4029, 4033, 4034, 4050, 4175		15
	Law	Complete 12 credit hours from the following: CJ 3050, 3160, 3420, 3520, 4029, 4050, 4180, 4410, 4430, 4440, PSC 4470, 4480		12
Law Enforcement	Complete 12 credit hours from the following: CJ 3050, 3160, 3170, 3310, 3320, 4034, 4050, 4175, 4180, 4401, 4460		12	

General Education and Elective Requirements																					
Composition (6 hours)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1310 ENGL 1410 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio 																				
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.																				
CJ General Education (33 hours) • Courses may not be taken pass/fail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities – 9 credit hours which must include PHIL 1120 and either CJ 3990 or HUM3990. Social Sciences – 16 credit hours which must include PAD 3210, PAD 3268, PSC 1100, PSY 1000, and SOC 1110. Natural Sciences – 8 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course. 																				
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>																				
Compass Curriculum (3 hours) • Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and CJ General Education requirements • Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gateway</td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</td> <td>PHIL 1120 (included in CJ general education requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</td> <td>SOC 1110 (included in CJ general education requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Physical and Natural World</td> <td>See Degree Audit (included in CJ general education requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigate</td> <td>HUM 3990 or CJ 3990 (included in CJ general education requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summit</td> <td>CJ 4121 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CJ 3250 (included in major requirements) CJ 3990 or HUM 3990 (included in CJ general education requirement) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness</td> <td>PAD 3268 (included in CJ general education requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Component	Course	Gateway	GPS 1010	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	PHIL 1120 (included in CJ general education requirement)	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health	SOC 1110 (included in CJ general education requirement)	Explore – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit (included in CJ general education requirement)	Navigate	HUM 3990 or CJ 3990 (included in CJ general education requirement)	Summit	CJ 4121 (included in major requirements)	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> CJ 3250 (included in major requirements) CJ 3990 or HUM 3990 (included in CJ general education requirement) 	Inclusiveness	PAD 3268 (included in CJ general education requirement)	Sustainability	See Degree Audit
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General Electives (33 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.																				

Four-Year Degree Plan

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
		CJ 1001	3		CJ 2041	3
		GPS 1010	3		ID 1050	3
		PHIL 1120	3		PSC 1100	3
		PSY 1000	3		SOC 1110	4
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16	
Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		PAD 3268	3		PAD 3210	3
		COMM 2010, COMM 2100 or COMM 3190	3		CJ Elective	3
		CJ Elective	3		Humanities Elective	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	4		General Elective	3
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	TOTAL	13		TOTAL	15	
Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		SOC 3070	4		SOC 3170 or CJ 3170	3-4
		CJ 3250	3		CJ 4042	3
		CJ 4043	3		CJ 4044	3
		Upper-Division (UD) General Elective	3		CJ 3990 or HUM 3990	3
		General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15-16	
Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		CJ 4121	3		CJ Elective	3
		CJ 4960	4		UD General Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective w/ Lab	4		UD General Elective	3
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	TOTAL	14		TOTAL	15	