



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As an academic discipline, Criminal Justice explores all aspects of crime and criminal behavior by relying on interdisciplinary study within the fields of sociology, psychology, economics, political science, statistics, anthropology, and criminology, to provide students with a well-rounded liberal arts education. The coursework will prepare students and professionals alike for graduate study or law school, and for careers in social work, corrections, victim advocacy, policing at the local, state and federal level, public policy, and much more! The program delivery works with any lifestyle and career demands. CU Denver’s School of Public Affairs (SPA) offers both a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master of Criminal Justice on campus, online, and occasionally in remote and hybrid formats. Highly-qualified, eligible undergraduate students are provided the unique opportunity to begin working on their Master of Criminal Justice degree as an undergraduate in our Pathways BA/MCJ program.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

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How to schedule an advising appointment:

Current undergraduate criminal justice students can schedule an advising appointment through Civitas. Prospective students, students wishing to change their major to criminal justice and criminal justice minor students should email SPA.Advising@ucdenver.edu for an advising appointment.

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver Criminal Justice students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours.
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA).
3. Complete all college and major requirements.
4. Residency: Complete a minimum of 30 hours in residence.
5. Terminal Residency: 21 out of the last 30 hours in residence.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Criminal Justice degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete 34-38 credit hours of **CU Denver Core Curriculum coursework**.
2. Complete 46-48 credit hours in general electives (which may include minor and concentration coursework).
3. Complete all CRJU major requirements, including CRJU 4939 Internship.
 - a. A letter grade of C- or better is considered a passing grade for all courses counted towards the CRJU major.
4. Complete a minimum 21 credit hours of upper-division CRJU (3000-level or above) coursework.
5. Complete a minimum of 21 credit hours of CRJU coursework in residence.
6. Complete a minimum 45 credit hours of upper-division (3000-level or above) coursework.

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework	36-38	View the CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements	6-16	
Additional Social Sciences	3	SPA students complete 3 Social Sciences from the Core.
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Foreign Language	5-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
Required CRJU Coursework	39	
CRJU 1000: Criminology & Criminal Justice: An Overview	3	
CRJU 2041: Criminological Theory	3	
CRJU 3100: Criminal Justice Research Methods	3	CRJU 3100 is a pre-requisite for CRJU 3150.
CRJU 3150: Statistics for Criminal Justice	3	
CRJU 4042: Corrections	3	
CRJU 4043: Law Enforcement	3	
CRJU 4044: Courts and Judicial Process	3	



CRJU 4939: Criminal Justice Internship	3-9	All students must work with CU Denver's Experiential Learning Center (ELC) to enroll and earn credit for their internship.
SOCY 1001: Understanding the Social World	3	
CRJU Major Electives	6	Students must select 6 additional 3000-level (or above) CRJU credit hours. For students completing the Law Enforcement Concentration, these credits will come from the concentration requirements.
Outside of CJ Major Electives	6	Students must select 6 credit hours from the pre-approved Outside of CJ Major Electives list.
Law Enforcement Concentration	12	<i>Students should work with their academic advisor to optimize course selection for the concentration.</i>
CRJU 4540 Evidence-Based Approaches in Law Enforcement	3	Required course for concentration.
Topic Area Electives (2 courses)	6	Reference your degree audit and the current catalog for the most updated and complete list of elective options.
Professional Skills Elective (1 course)	3	Reference your degree audit and the current catalog for the most updated and complete list of elective options
General Electives	15-27	Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with a CRJU degree. A minimum of 45 credits must be at 3000-level or above. The number of general electives vary depending on what each student needs to complete 120 credit and 45 credits of upper-division.

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. This plan assumes the student does not need to complete Foreign Language at CU Denver.

Year One	Semester 1	CRS
	CRJU 1000 (CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE)	3
	ENGL 1020	3
	SOCY 1001 (CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE)	3
	CU Denver Core ARTS	3
	First-Year Experience	1-3

Year Two	Semester 3	CRS
	CRJU 2041	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (non-lab)	3
	Foreign Language (if needed) / General Elective	3-5
	Minor / General Elective	3

Year Three	Semester 5	CRS
	CRJU 4043	3
	CRJU 3100	3
	CRJU 4939 ^{PE}	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
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Year Four	Semester 7	CRS
	CRJU Major Elective/ Law Enforcement Concentration	3
	CRJU 4044	3
	Outside of CJ Major Elective	3
	Law Enforcement Concentration Course	3
	Minor / General Elective	3-4

Semester 2	CRS
MATH 1010, MATH 1110 or MATH 2830	3-4
ENGL 2030	3
CU Denver Core HUMANITIES	3
CU Denver Core BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3
CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE	3

Semester 4	CRS
CRJU 4042	3
CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES	3
Foreign Language (if needed) / General Elective	3-5
CU Denver Core SCIENCE (lab)	4

Semester 6	CRS
CRJU 3150 ^{PE}	3
CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY	3
CRJU Major Elective/ Law Enforcement Concentration	3
Outside of CJ Major Elective	3
Minor / General Elective	3

Semester 8	CRS
Law Enforcement Concentration Course	3
Minor / General Elective	3
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^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended

The number of credits per semester will vary depending on course selection. Students must complete 120 credits minimum. This document is not an official record of degree requirements or degree progress. Students must consult their degree audit.