

# Criminal Justice

## **Degree Type**

Bachelor of Arts

## **Objective:**

The mission of the Criminal Justice major is to graduate individuals who are prepared to enter occupations or graduate study in the field with strong liberal arts skills (acquire information from a variety of sources; communicate clearly and effectively in written and oral formats; understand and work effectively with individuals from a variety of backgrounds; and think critically and make informed decisions). Students will be competent in the theories, models, and methods of investigation in criminology, and in the fields and practices within criminal justice. The major will serve students as part of a traditional four-year Christian liberal arts program. The major also serves graduates from a community college program in criminal justice and individuals who hold the BA degree in another field and wish to change professions.

**Administrator:** Chair, Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice

## **Learning Outcomes:**

1. Graduates with this major will demonstrate skills consistent with a liberal arts education, including the abilities to read and listen with understanding; learn independently; communicate clearly and effectively in written and oral formats; think critically; work effectively in teams; make thoughtful decisions; and show sensitivity to and skills working with diverse populations.
2. Graduates with this major will articulate the impact of a Christian, and specifically Wesleyan, understanding of human nature and society, justice, grace, and restoration on thinking and practice in criminal justice occupations.
3. Graduates with this major will have exposure to a variety of professionals in the field and engage in service learning in at least one work setting.
4. Graduates with this major will be prepared for entry-level work in a variety of occupations in the field of criminal justice or graduate training in the field.

**Requirements:** 46 credits of which 22 shall be numbered above 2999

**Required Courses:**

Item #	Title	Credits
CLTA3180	Race, Class and Gender	3
	COMM2030 or CRIM3400	3
COMM3200	Intercultural Communication	3
CRIM1500	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM2250	Law Enforcement and Community Policing	3
CRIM2960	Criminal Justice Practicum	1
CRIM3150	Corrections	3
	CRIM3200 or CRIM3550	3
CRIM3350	Criminal Law	3
CRIM4250	Criminal Court Systems	3
CRIM4360	Criminal Procedure	3
CRIM4960	Internship in Criminal Justice	3-15
	POLS1030 or POLS1010	3
	POLS4420 or POLS4410	3
PSYC1550	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC3455	Abnormal Psychology	3

Three credits of CRIM4960-Internship in Criminal Justice are required.

**Criminal Justice field test to be completed during the senior year.**

<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>46-58</b>
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