
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

General: 120 minimum total hours, including 45 hours of upper-level courses (3000-4000 level), and 30 hours in residence

First-Year Colloquium (0-3 hours)

Required of full-time freshmen entering college for the first time and transfer students with less than 12 hours of credit. (See page 36 for details)

Core (35 hours)

See "General Education Requirements."

Second Language Proficiency (0-9 hours)

Completion of 2000-level second language course or demonstrate equivalent proficiency. (See page 25 for details)

Major (30 hours)

Required Courses (15 hours)

CRJU 2300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (also counts toward the core)
CRJU 3303 Survey of Corrections
CRJU 3304 Police and Society
CRJU 4300 Crime and Behavior
CRJU 4304 Research Methods

Electives (Select 15 hours)

CRJU 3301 Criminal Evidence
CRJU 3302 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
CRJU 3105, 3205, 3305 Seminar in Criminal Justice
CRJU 3306 Police Administration and Management
CRJU 3307 Criminal Law
CRJU 3309 Cybercrime
CRJU 3310 Race/Ethnicity and Criminal Justice
CRJU 3311 Gangs
CRJU 3312 Victimology
CRJU 3313 Crime and Science: An Introduction to Forensic Science
CRJU 3314 Statistics in Criminal Justice
CRJU 3315 Sex Crimes
CRJU 3337 Juvenile Delinquency
CRJU 3338 Criminological Theory
CRJU 3348 Internship I
CRJU 3349 Internship II
CRJU 3396 Psychology and the Criminal Process
CRJU 4199, 4299 Criminal Justice Workshop
CRJU 4301 Judicial System and Process
CRJU 4302 Law and Society
CRJU 4303 Readings in Criminal Justice
CRJU 4305 Juvenile Law and Process
CRJU 4307 Drug Abuse
CRJU 4309 Crime Prevention
CRJU 4310 Terrorism
CRJU 4311 Security Management
CRJU 4313 Information Security
CRJU 4120, 4220, 4320 Independent Study
CRJU 4332 Corrections Psychology
CRJU 4333 Cooperative Education
CRJU 4351 Constitutional Law II
CRJU 4380 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

Minor (no minor required)

Unrestricted General Electives

Remaining hours, if any, to reach 120 minimum total hours, 45 hours of upper-level courses (3000-4000 level), and/or 30 hours in residence.

UALR Undergraduate Catalog

Courses in Criminal Justice (CRJU)

CRJU 2300 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Basic understanding of legal and ethical foundations of criminal justice and the major components of the criminal justice system. Three credit hours. (ACTS Course Number CRJU 1023)

CRJU 3105, 3205, 3305 Seminar in Criminal Justice

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A study of special problems, issues, or trends relating to the criminal justice system. May be repeated with a change of subject and with permission of the department chairperson. One, two, or three credit hours.

CRJU 3301 Criminal Evidence

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of the legal problems associated with the investigation of crime; the acquisition, preservation, presentation of evidence; principles of proof in criminal proceedings. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3302 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A study of the leading constitutional cases in the area of criminal justice with particular emphasis on cases dealing with search and seizure, the privilege against self-incrimination, assistance of counsel, and fair trial guarantees. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3303 Survey of Corrections

Explores the operation of the correctional system within the context of society and within the criminal justice system, the integration of criminology, the courts and corrections, the relationship the correctional system has to society, its interaction with the other components within the criminal justice system, and its historical foundations. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3304 Police and Society

This course will examine the relationship between the police and the community from several different perspectives. We will start with an introduction to the history, practices and issues related to the law enforcement function in our society, followed by an overview of police functions and responsibilities at the local, state, and federal levels. Police operations will be examined relative to effectiveness in crime control, delivery of services, and maintenance of order. We will review contemporary policy issues, programs and strategies. Finally, we will examine existing programs, problems, and potential directions as well as successes and failures in policing. Primary emphasis will be placed on community policing and its impact on policing in the 21st century. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3306 Police Administration and Management

Basic understanding of the part police play within society and within the criminal justice system. Explores the relationship the police have to society, their interaction with the other components within the criminal justice system, and their historical foundations. Discusses management strategies that have been employed over the past century in policing emphasizing the daily administration of a police agency. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3307 Criminal Law

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of criminal acts, elements of specific crimes, and defenses permitted in the United States legal system. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3309 Cybercrime

Prerequisite: IFAS 2300 or consent of instructor. Designed to acquaint students with law enforcement's response to crimes committed using computers, networks, and the Internet. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3310 Race/Ethnicity and Criminal Justice

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An exploration of the differing experiences of racial/ethnic groups as they come into contact with crime and the criminal justice system. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3311 Gangs

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An examination of the historical, cross-cultural, and current state of gang involvement. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3312 Victimology

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A review of the distribution and causes of crime from the point of view of the victim, as well as detailing the interface between victims and the legal and social service communities. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3313 Crime and Science: An Introduction to Forensic Science

A general overview of the field of forensic science, the application of "science," and the scientific method to the law. Topics such as criminalistics, including firearms and toolmarks, trace evidence, fingerprints, toxicology, and biological evidence, such as serology and DNA. Forensic pathology, forensic odontology, forensic anthropology, and forensic psychology will be introduced. An experience oriented component will be provided by currently active forensic specialists. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3314 Statistics in Criminal Justice

This course is an introduction to data analysis in criminology and criminal justice. The primary goal of the course is to introduce students to the statistics and the problems that are commonly encountered in crime research. Emphasis will be placed on the application of quantitative measures to the study of prevention, interdiction, and suppression of criminal behavior. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3315 Sex Crimes

This course will take an in-depth look at sex offenders and sex crimes. Students will explore possible causes of sex crimes, treatment options for sex offenders, victimization issues and types of sex offenders. Current research involving special topics as they relate to sex offenses will also be addressed in this course. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3318 History and Globalization of the Drug Trade

A comprehensive understanding of the global drug trade. Specifically, this course utilizes economic models of trade, historical and cultural perspectives on the global drug trade, and criminal justice theories to provide students with a multi-dimensional understanding of the global drug trade. Further, this course, with a focus on infusing historical perspectives, economic models, and criminal correlates, explores how globalization of the drug trade affects metropolitan cities across the United States. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3337 Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile delinquent behavior, problems, theory, cause, control and prevention. Cross listed with SOCI 3337. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3338 Criminological Theory

This course will provide the student with a comprehensive examination of criminological theory. The course surveys the major schools of thought related to crime causation and particular theories about crime and delinquency, places these theories in historical context, and reviews the primary assumptions of these theories and conclusions reached in criminological research. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3348 Internship I

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Experience in law enforcement agencies, juvenile courts, probation and parole departments, other correctional institutions, delinquency control programs, and public or voluntary agencies. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3390 Neighborhood Studies

Little Rock, like other cities, is made up of multiple neighborhoods, each with unique culture and history. This course emphasizes community engagement through active study of UALR's University District/ Promise Neighborhood communities, using the disciplinary tools of art, criminal justice, and history. After studying neighborhoods through the lenses of these disciplines, students will engage in service learning with Promise Neighborhood Advisory Board members to address neighborhood issues.

CRJU 3349 Internship II

A continuation of CRJU 3348. Three credit hours.

CRJU 3396 Psychology and the Criminal Process

An exploration of the contributions of psychology to the practice of law, law enforcement, and other related areas, illustrated in terms of testimony and court procedures, psychopathology, correctional services, the development of laws, and social psychology. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4199, 4299 Criminal Justice Workshop

Subjects vary. Sixteen hours of workshop time will equal one credit hour. One or two credit hours.

CRJU 4300 Crime and Behavior

Enables students to identify and understand the major schools of thought in criminology and to integrate them into a comprehensive application to the real world. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4301 Judicial System and Process

Prerequisites: CRJU 2300. A survey of state, local, and federal judicial systems and their interrelationships. Examines judicial structures, functions, and decision-making procedures. Dual-listed in the UALR Graduate Catalog as CRJU 5301. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4302 Law and Society

Prerequisites: CRJU 2300. An examination of the origins and history of law in society, including the evolving roles of judges, juries, defense attorneys, and prosecutors. Examines the evolution of civil and criminal law, the adversary system, and the concept of justice. Dual-listed in the UALR Graduate Catalog as CRJU 5302. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4303 Readings in Criminal Justice

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A survey of the current literature on crime and law enforcement, with emphasis on special research reports and periodical and journal articles in criminal justice, law sociology, and related fields. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4304 Research Methods

Instruction in reading and comprehension of reports and research within the criminal justice field, identifying the application of various research techniques and statistical methods, and producing a draft research proposal. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4305 Juvenile Law and Process

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An exploration of the philosophical basis, process, legal rights of juveniles, and roles of the major participants in the juvenile justice system. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4307 Drug Abuse

A study of frequently abused drugs, with emphasis on the personal, social, and legal consequences of drug abuse and on the treatment of drug addiction. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4309 Crime Prevention

This course provides an overview of the fundamental concept of crime prevention, beginning with a review of crime statistics and crime causation theories and their relevance in the prevention of crime. The course will review current crime prevention strategies as they relate to crime prevention efforts and explore physical environments that positively influence human behavior. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4310 Terrorism

This course provides an overview of terrorism as a political weapon, definitions of terrorism, an examination of the causes of terrorism, precepts of domestic and international terrorism, and the religious foundations of terrorism. The course will review current active terrorist groups, their organizational structures, philosophies and networks. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4311 Security Management

This course is an examination of the principles and issues of organizational security management. The course will examine the historical development of public and private security and its form and practice in modern society. Students will examine the fundamental challenges embodied in various aspects of security such as personnel, facility, and information security. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4312 Homeland Security

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of homeland security in both the public and private sector at the national, regional, state, and local level. Students will explore the practical, legal, policy, and theoretical aspects of counterterrorism and counterintelligence as they relate to defending the US against foreign and domestic attacks.

CRJU 4313 Information Security

This course is an examination of the administrative aspects of information security management and is designed to develop knowledge and skills for protection of information and information systems within organizations. Students will be exposed to a wide spectrum of security activities, methods, methodologies, and procedures. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4120, 4220, 4320 Independent Study

Prerequisites: 15 hours of CRJU courses, senior standing with 3.00 GPA, consent of instructor. Advanced study and research. One, two, or three credit hours.

CRJU 4332 Corrections Psychology

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A review of theoretical and applied issues in the practice of correctional psychology. Focus on relevant empirical studies and their application in a correctional context. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4333 Cooperative Education

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Experience in law enforcement agencies, juvenile courts, probation and parole departments, other correctional institutions, delinquency control programs, and public or voluntary agencies. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4351 Constitutional Law II

Civil liberties, analysis of leading constitutional decisions focusing on human freedom and fundamental rights. Emphasis on religious liberty, freedom of expression, racial equality, privacy, criminal procedures and the dynamics of Supreme Court decision making. Cross listed with POLS 4351. Three credit hours.

CRJU 4380 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of the law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems of other nations, with emphasis on comparison with the United States system of criminal justice. Dual-listed in the UALR Graduate Catalog as CRJU 5380. Three credit hours.