

# Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice offers an in-depth study of the institutions which form the United States justice system, the process by which laws are enforced, and the sanctions applied when laws are broken. Some of the topics covered in this program include criminal procedure, the adjudication process, ethical issues, forensic science, police administration, and current trends in criminal justice. The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice prepares graduates to apply ethical decision-making strategies across various topics through a Christ-centered Worldview. Upon completion of this degree,

- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the criminal justice system in the United States.
- Students will be able to apply critical thinking and analytical skills to solve contemporary problems.
- Students will be competent in research skills allowing for the critical reflection on the field of criminal justice, society, and self.

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## General Education Requirements (44 hrs.)

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### The Biblical World (6 hrs.)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs.
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs.

### The Cultural World (15 hrs.)

English Composition I and II	6 hrs.
World Literature I or II	3 hrs.
Humanities electives (choose two)	6 hrs.

*(Art appreciation, music appreciation, theater appreciation, philosophy, or speech communication)*

### The Social World (9 hrs.)

American History & Politics	3 hrs.
<i>(U.S. History Before 1865 or Since 1865 or Am. Govt.)</i>	
The West & Global Cultures	3 hrs.
<i>(Western Civilization I or II or World Geography)</i>	
General Psychology	3 hrs.

### The Natural World (14 hrs.)

Health and Physical Education	4 hrs.
<i>(one hour must be physical activity)</i>	
Natural science and mathematics	10 hrs.
<i>(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if Math ACT is 28 or higher.)</i>	

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## Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Free Electives (31–33 hrs.)

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Criminal Science majors are required to take 31–33 hours in areas outside of their major.

*Students may elect to take a minor (18–21 hrs.) as part of this block.*

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## Criminal Justice Major (45 hrs.)

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Sociology	3 hrs.
Principles of Criminal Justice	3 hrs.*
Ethics in Criminal Justice	3 hrs.*
Introduction to Forensic Science	3 hrs.
Criminal Procedure I	3 hrs.
3000 Level Criminal Justice Electives	15 hrs.
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\*Required for all 3000 and 4000 level criminal justice courses.

*Students may earn up to 15 semester credit hours based on approved credit earned from years of experience and/or continuing education in fields related to law enforcement, public safety, military investigative services, emergency services, etc. Documentation must be submitted by the student and evaluated by the director of Criminal Justice to determine the appropriate credit award.*

*Prior professional experience is calculated at a rate of one semester credit hour of credit given per every 120 hours of on-site, documented, work experience, with a total 360 contact hours equaling credit for one practicum course, or at a rate of one semester credit hour of credit given per every 45 hours of documented classroom and/or training hours.*

**Total Required Hours: 120 hrs.**