



# OHIO VALLEY UNIVERSITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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## WHAT IS CRIMINAL JUSTICE?

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice offered by the School of Behavioral Sciences is a natural fulfillment of the mission of Ohio Valley University, and it addresses in considerable depth each of the desired learning outcomes for the university. By nature, the program is multidisciplinary. As such, coursework includes topics from a variety of areas including law, law enforcement, psychology, and sociology. This major prepares students for entrance into careers such as probation or parole officers, law enforcement officers, detectives, private investigators, and paralegals. Student may also use this degree to prepare themselves for graduate studies in the behavioral sciences or entrance into law school.



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### Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Students majoring in criminal justice must meet the following requirements:

1. Satisfy the General Institutional Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree.
2. Satisfy the requirements of the General Education program, which includes the following:
  - Bible Course Requirement
  - Writing Competency Requirements
  - Diversity Requirement
  - Work-Ready Requirement
3. Receive formal admission to the criminal justice program, preferably during the second semester of the sophomore year; the application is part of CRJ 299.
4. Meet the following grade requirements:
  - Earn at least a 2.5 GPA on all major-related coursework.
  - Earn a C or higher in major-related coursework required for graduation.
  - Complete Criminal Justice Senior Seminar (CRJ 451) with a minimum grade of B
5. Complete 48 credit hours, distributed as follows:
  - \* 36 credit hours of criminal justice courses:
    - \* The following courses, worth 21 credit hours, are required:
      - CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 220 Criminal Law (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 240 Laws of Evidence (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 299 Criminal Justice Program Admission (0 credit hours)
      - CRJ 320 Criminal Procedures (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 334 Constitutional Law (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 371 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 390 Criminological Theories (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 451 Senior Seminar (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 498 Criminal Justice Program Senior Assessment (0 credit hours)
    - \* Select 9 credit hours from the following; at least 6 credit hours must be upper-division courses (numbered at the 300- or 400-level):
      - CRJ 150 Police Operations (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 200 Police Administration and Supervision (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 230 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigations (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 250 Introduction to Corrections (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 260 Police Report Writing (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 290 Probation and Parole (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 292-95 Criminal Justice Special Topics (1-6 credit hours)
      - CRJ 330 Principles of Private Security (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 345 Forensic Psychology (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 365 Organized Crime (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 370 Court Systems in the United States (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 410 Victimology (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 430 Financial Crimes (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 440 Civil Rights and Liberties (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 445 American Public Policy and Crime (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 450 Law Enforcement in American Society (3 credit hours)
      - CRJ 490-91 Criminal Justice Guided Research (1-6 credit hours)
      - CRJ 492-95 Criminal Justice Special Topics (1-6 credits)
  - \* 12 credit hours of psychology and sociology (some courses also fulfill general education requirements):
    - \* The following courses, worth 9 credit hours, are required:
      - PSY 229 Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)
      - SOC 381 Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 credit hours)
      - SOC 382 Conflict Mediation (3 credit hours)
    - \* Select one of the following 3-credit-hour courses:
      - PSY 320 Abnormal Psychology (3 credit hours)
      - PSY 360 Social Psychology (3 credit hours)
6. A minor area of study is recommended. The following minors are recommended: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Bible, Communication, History, Human Services, Information Technology, Psychology, Sociology, Wellness, and Youth and Family Ministry.



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Feeling overwhelmed with mapping out your future courses? No need! When you arrive on campus, you will be assigned your very own ACADEMIC ADVISOR. They know exactly how to help you & what you need.

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