

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.S.

The **Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice** will prepare the student for a rewarding career in the criminal justice field in careers such as: police officer, investigator, crime scene technician, correctional officer, probation and parole officer, program specialist and evaluator, and other related fields, or for an advanced degree in criminal justice.

Milestone Course

These courses are the keys to graduation. Courses should be taken in the recommended semesters to stay on time for completion.

Career Planning

As you prepare for your last year before graduation, visit WVU Parkersburg's Career Services Office to write your resume, plan your job search, and learn how to have a successful interview. Students interested in furthering their education in a Master's degree program should meet with their advisor at the end of their third year, or 6th semester.

Capstone Course

The capstone is a semester-long project that prepares you for the workforce by perfecting your resume, assessing student learning outcomes, and preparing a portfolio of student work.

Students should average 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 per year, to graduate on time.

Total Degree Credits: 120

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) Elective		3
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) Elective		3
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr) Elective		3
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE	1
CJ 111	INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ¹	3
CJ 123	INTRO TO CORRECTIONS	3
Hours		16
Semester 2		
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) Elective		3
CJ Elective		3
CJ 112	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CJ 122	POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS	3
Free Elective		2
Hours		14
Semester 3		
CJ 212 or PHIL 150	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE or INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	3
Select one of the following:		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si) Elective		4
Free Elective		2
CJ 285	BASIC CJ RESEARCH METHODS ¹	3
Hours		15
Semester 4		
Psychology/Sociology Elective		3
CJ 291 or CJ 292	INTERNSHIP or CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR	3
SOC 232	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJ Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
Hours		15

Semester 5

Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si) Elective		4
MGMT 220	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT ¹	3
CJ 308	CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY	3
CJ-specific Elective		3
Free Elective Upper Division		2
	Hours	15

Semester 6

CJ Upper Division Elective		3
CJ 311	CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR	3
COMM 308	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		3
	Hours	15

Semester 7

CJ 307	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
Upper Level CJ Specific Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
ENGL 308 or ENGL 334	ADVANCED WRITING or SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL WRITING	3
MATH 211	~STATISTICS	3
	Hours	15

Semester 8

CJ 460	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAPSTONE ^{1,2}	3
CJ 313	CRIMINAL PROCEDURES	3
Upper Level CJ Specific Elective		3
Upper Level CJ Specific Elective		3
Upper Level Free Elective		3
	Hours	15
	Total Hours	120

¹ Milestone/Core Course² Capstone Course

Degree requires a total of 120 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 36]

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE ¹	1
	Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr)	6
	Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr)	6
	MATH 211 ~STATISTICS ²	
	Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si)	8
	Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)	6
	Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)	3
	People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)	6
Program Courses		
CJ 111	INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJ 112	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CJ 122	POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS	3
CJ 123	INTRO TO CORRECTIONS	3
CJ 285	BASIC CJ RESEARCH METHODS	3
SOC 232	CRIMINOLOGY	3

CJ 212	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
or PHIL 150	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	
CJ 292	CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR ³	3
or CJ 291	INTERNSHIP	
Psychology or Sociology Course ⁴		3
CJ 307	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
CJ 308	CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY	3
CJ 311	CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR	3
CJ 313	CRIMINAL PROCEDURES	3
COMM 308	NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION	3
MGMT 220	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	3
ENGL 308	ADVANCED WRITING	3
or ENGL 334	SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL WRITING	
CJ 460	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAPSTONE	3
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		3
CJ Electives ⁵		9
Upper Level CJ Elective ⁶		12
Free Upper Level Electives ⁸		5
Free Electives		4
Total Hours		120

¹ Institutional Graduation Requirement.

² MATH 211 ~STATISTICS required at BAS level, as this course meets program learning outcomes and assessment related to research methods. Also, this course is closest course related to graduate school admissions requirements for CJ and related fields.

³ Students choose either course, default course for most students is CJ 292 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

⁴ Students may choose any psychology or sociology course

⁵ Any non-required course with a CJ prefix, or any course on the approved CJ elective list.

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⁷ Students may choose any course from either course listing (P&TW or HC&I)

⁸ Any course at the 300 or 400 level