

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is designed to offer a level of academic study that provides you with a solid foundation in criminal justice and a broad liberal arts knowledge base. The baccalaureate program combines the professional skills of various specialized areas of criminal justice with research and analytical skills.

If you seek a practice-based program, the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice is designed to enhance your qualifications to help you pursue more challenging responsibilities in criminal justice agencies and corporations. Upon graduation, you may seek employment opportunities in various criminal justice environments such as law enforcement, courts, adult and juvenile corrections, corporate security, public safety, loss prevention, private protective services or investigations, or community-based programs and services. It should be noted that some positions may require additional academy training and experience.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

This program is available in ExcelTrack. Speak with your University representative for any limitations. For more information on ExcelTrack, see Learning Paths in the Approach to Learning (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) section of the Catalog.

Concentrations

The bachelor's degree program offers you the opportunity to personalize a degree with a concentration in business foundations, crime scene investigation, forensic psychology, homeland security, juvenile justice, or law enforcement.

Graduate Program Pathways

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree, consider a graduate program pathway (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/graduate-program-pathways/>).

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. **Criminological Theory:** Use biological, sociological, and psychological criminological theories to understand the reasons individuals commit criminal acts.
2. **Law:** Apply the principles of criminal law and civil liabilities to keep officers and agencies from committing criminal acts and violating civil liabilities.

3. **Research Methods:** Use scientific methods to make professional and logical decisions.
4. **Leadership:** Build relationships within the community by understanding organizational culture, community relations, and theories of behavior.
5. **Operations:** Use available resources to make sound operational decisions for the criminal justice agency.
6. **Technology:** Apply new technology to improve the operations within a criminal justice agency.
7. **Internationalism:** Understand and evaluate worldwide criminal justice systems and enterprises.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/>) and the Policy Information (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/>) section for general Purdue Global policies.


Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.


















You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course

Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS212	 Communicating Professionalism	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement ¹	5
100/200 Level	General Education Electives	10
Total Core Requirements		45
Major Requirements		
CJ100	 Preparing for a Career in Public Safety	5
CJ101	 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	5
CJ102	 Criminology I ²	5
CJ210	 Criminal Investigation	5
CJ212	 Crime Prevention ²	5
or CJ233	 Introduction to Forensic Psychology	
CJ216	 Computers, Technology, and Criminal Justice Information Systems ²	5
CJ227	 Criminal Procedure	5
CJ230	 Criminal Law for Criminal Justice ²	5
CJ340	 Applied Criminal Justice Ethics	6
CJ345	 Supervisory Practices in Criminal Justice	6
or CJ444	 Managing Criminal Justice Organizations	
CJ346	 Diversity and Inclusivity in Public Safety	6
CJ490	 Research Methods in Criminal Justice	6
300/400 Level	Major Electives (see below)	24
CJ499	Bachelor's Capstone in Criminal Justice	6
Total Major Requirements		94
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives		41
Total Open Elective Requirements		41
TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>).

² These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/>)




policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

Concentration Requirements





Concentration courses are completed within the major or open electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.


Business Foundations

Code	Title	Credits
AC112	Accounting Fundamentals for Management	5
MT140	 Introduction to Management	5
MT203	 Human Resource Management	5
MT219	 Marketing	5
TOTAL CREDITS		20


Crime Scene Investigation

Code	Title	Credits
CJ328	 Forensic Fingerprint Analysis	6
CJ345	 Supervisory Practices in Criminal Justice	6
CJ370	 Crime Scene Investigation II	6
CJ385	 Forensic Chemistry and Trace Evidence Analysis	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24




Forensic Psychology

Code	Title	Credits
CJ325	 Psychology for Law Enforcement	6
CJ440	Crisis Intervention	6
PS440	Psychopathology	6
300/400 Level	Criminal Justice Elective	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Homeland Security

Code	Title	Credits
CJ307	Crisis Management in Terrorist Attacks and Disasters	6
CJ355	 Homeland Security	6
CJ407	Crisis Negotiation	6
CJ440	Crisis Intervention	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Juvenile Justice

Code	Title	Credits
CJ150	 Juvenile Delinquency	5
CJ333	 Family and Domestic Violence	6
CJ420	 Juvenile Justice	6
CJ445	Juvenile Justice Case Management	6
PS440	Psychopathology	6
TOTAL CREDITS		29

Students will take CJ150 🌐 Juvenile Delinquency in place of an open elective. CJ150 🌐 Juvenile Delinquency is eligible for waiver for students with advanced start credit.

Law Enforcement

Code	Title	Credits
CJ333	🌐 Family and Domestic Violence	6
CJ355	🌐 Homeland Security	6
CJ370	🌐 Crime Scene Investigation II	6
CJ411	Drugs and Alcohol in the Criminal Justice System	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24