

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice bachelor's degree program is designed for undergraduate students with a strong interest in understanding how agencies and institutions function as part of the criminal justice system. Students will learn about different ideas of justice and come to understand the impact the justice system has on lives of individuals and communities through law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. In addition to understanding the historical context that shaped current agencies and institutions, students will have the opportunity to engage timely topics like constitutional rights, police use of force, collaboration with tribal nations, alternatives to incarceration, and the use of evidence-based practices. Graduates will be well positioned for careers in law enforcement, courts administration, policy analysis, law, and intelligence.

Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu/>) website.

Degree Requirements

The **BA in Criminal Justice** has the following degree requirements in addition to the statewide general education requirements:

- 120 (minimum) total credit hours
- 45 (minimum) upper-division credit hours (these may include the following)
- 16 BA requirement credit hours*
- 18 Criminal Justice core credits hours
- 12 concentration credit hours
- 3 capstone credit hours

*Students must demonstrate fourth-semester proficiency in a single non-English language, or third-semester proficiency in a first non-English language and first-semester proficiency in a second non-English language.

A 2.0 minimum grade-point average for all junior/senior courses (300+) in the major and concentration.

The following tables describe the specific courses to fulfill the above requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Criminal Justice Core Courses - 18 credit hours		
CRIM 300	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 310	Theoretical and Historical Foundations of Criminology	3
CRIM 320	Research Methods and Data Driven Decision Making in Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 330	Policing	3

CRIM 340	Courts and Sentencing	3
SOC 662	Corrections	3

Concentration (select one concentration area) - 12 credit hours

- Law and Society Concentration
- Law Enforcement Leadership Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Capstone - 3 credit hours		
CRIM 499	Capstone in Criminal Justice	3

Law and Society

Required

Code	Title	Hours
LWS 330	Introduction to Law & Society	3

Select three additional courses.

Code	Title	Hours
LWS 333	The Pursuit of Rights: Law, Democracy & Power	3
LWS 443	Theoretical Foundations of Law & Society	3
LWS 494	Topics in Law & Society: _____	3
SOC 306	Principles of Social Problems	3
SOC 324	Being Deviant in America	3
SOC 461	Competing Perspectives on Crime and Deviance	3
SOC 462	Violence and Society	3

Law Enforcement Leadership

Required:

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM/SPAA 400	Law Enforcement Leadership	3

Select three additional courses:

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 410	Racial Justice and the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 498	Internship in Law Enforcement	3
PUAD 401	Administration of Justice	3
PUAD 432	Conducting the People's Business Ethically	3
PUAD 435	Generating, Allocating and Managing Public Resources	3
PUAD 436	Managing People in Public Organizations	3
PUAD 441	Public Service Leadership	3
POLS 308	Topics in Social Justice: _____	3
SOC 306	Principles of Social Problems	3
SOC 324	Being Deviant in America	3
SOC 461	Competing Perspectives on Crime and Deviance	3
SOC 462	Violence and Society	3

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3

1st semester language (BA requirement)	5 Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	4
Elective	4 2nd semester language (BA requirement)	5
	15	15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3 Core 34: Social and Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3 4th semester language (BA requirement)	3
3rd semester language (BA Requirement)	3 Elective	5
Elective	3	
	15	15

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
CRIM 300	3 CRIM 330	3
CRIM 310	3 CRIM 340	3
CRIM 320	3 CRIM 400 or LWS 330	3
Elective	3 300+ Concentration Course	3
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
SOC 662	3 CRIM 499 (Capstone)	3
300+ Concentration Course	3 300+ Concentration Course	3
300+ Concentration Course	3 300+ Elective	3
300+ Elective	3 Elective	3
300+ Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Hours 120**Notes:**

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.