# CRIMINAL JUSTICE BA

## More Information

### Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

### E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice explores the institutions involved in the administration of justice (e.g., policing, corrections) as well as a multidisciplinary examination into the social and psychological issues associated with criminal behavior and crime control. Students who are interested in why individuals commit crime, how governments respond to behaviors they deem undesirable, and the effects of the criminal justice system's actions on different communities will find the criminal justice major a perfect academic home. Graduates pursue careers in various aspects of public safety, private enterprise, social welfare, and law and graduate school.

## Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

## Course Requirements for the Major: 50 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

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<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<td>POLS 250</td>
<td>Introduction to Criminal Justice</td>
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<td>POLS 331W</td>
<td>Introduction to Research Methods (W)</td>
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<td>POLS 332</td>
<td>Criminal Justice Ethics</td>
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<td>POLS 399</td>
<td>Independent Study</td>
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<td>POLS 439W</td>
<td>Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (W)</td>
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<td>POLS 363</td>
<td>Crime Prevention</td>
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<td>SOCI/POLS 384</td>
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<td><strong>Total Units</strong></td>
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The course not selected may be used as a disciplinary elective.

Must be taken for 3 units and may only be counted once.

## Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

POLS 345 War, Conflict, and Security
POLS 352 Policing in America
POLS 353 Corrections
POLS 354 Community Corrections
POLS 363 Crime Prevention
POLS 364 Restorative Justice
POLS 365W Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice (W)
POLS 410 International Law
POLS 414 Politics of Terrorism
POLS 415 Comparative Criminal Justice
POLS 416 Pop Culture and Criminal Justice
POLS 421 Applied Research Methods
POLS 435 Black Political Thought
POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
POLS/PHIL 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law
POLS 450 Criminal Procedure
POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS/MCGS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 464 Administrative Law
POLS 476 Police Administration and Management
POLS 489E Internship in Criminal Justice
PSYC 381 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 391 Psychology of Prejudice, Hate, and Violence
SOCI 350 The Sociology of Racial Inequality
SOCI 380 Sociology of Deviant Behavior
SOCI/POLS 384 Criminology
SOCI 484 Youth, Crime, and Delinquency
SOCI 486 Sociology of Law
SOCI 487 Sociology of Gangs
SWRK 170 Social Welfare Institutions: A Response to Power and Scarcity

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General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/) and the Class Schedule (http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

One of the following GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) courses is recommended to support the student in the Criminal Justice major:

MATH 105 Introduction to Statistics or MATH 185 Data Analytics for Social Good.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

• POLS 439W Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.