

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.

Course	Title	Units
Major Core		
POLS 250	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
POLS 331W	Introduction to Research Methods (W)	4
POLS 332	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
POLS 399	Independent Study ¹	1
POLS 439W	Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (W)	3
Select one of the following: ²		3
POLS 363	Crime Prevention	
SOCI/POLS 384	Criminology	
Criminal Justice Disciplinary Electives		
Select 11 of the following:		33
ANTH 311	Survey of Forensic Science	
MCGS 350	Issues in Racial and Ethnic Equity	
PHHA 370	Drugs in Our Society	
POLS 257	Juvenile Justice Process	
POLS 258	Criminal Law	
POLS 259	Chico Police Service Learning Practicum	
POLS 260	Introduction to Public Administration	
POLS 312	Issues in Criminal Justice	

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 ³
PSYC 381	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 391	Psychology of Prejudice, Hate, and Violence
SOCI/MCGS 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
Total Units	50

¹ 1 unit of credit will be assigned for POLS 399 when enrolled in POLS 439W.

² The course not selected may be used as a disciplinary elective.

³ 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.

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.