

CERTIFICATE, ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The criminal justice program at CCU lays a groundwork of theory and knowledge that is indispensable for students entering the field. You learn from accomplished professors with real-world experience in the criminal justice system, incorporating practical application with a biblical worldview.

Along the way, this program can help open doors at the federal, state, and local levels—even the private sector—as students gain proficiency in areas ranging from law enforcement to forensics to information security. Whether you seek additional training or to move directly into a career, the criminal justice program at CCU equips you with the practical understanding and Christian foundation to succeed.

WHY YOU WANT TO CHOOSE CCU

Small class sizes mean a personal approach to teaching from professors who know you

Classes taught by professionals working in the criminal justice system, who can provide the up-to-date knowledge, real-life perspectives, and networking you need

One course at a time allows for in-depth study and fits around your busy schedule

Attend a school with a cutting-edge program aimed specifically at adult learners

Study in a field where you can apply your values and take pride in your job

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WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY
AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH
YOUR GOD."*

- MICAH 6:8



PROGRAM OPTIONS:
Certificate
Associate degree
Bachelor's degree

OFFERED AT:

- Colorado Springs Center
- Denver Tech Center
- Lakewood Center
- Northglenn Center
- Grand Junction Center
- Loveland Center
- Global Enrollment Center (online)

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CRJ 210A - Introduction to Criminal Justice

This course introduces students to the criminal justice system and its three main components: law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. It reviews what constitutes a criminal offense, how crime is measured, and theories of crime causation. Additionally, this course examines the issues and challenges facing today's criminal justice system and examines possible future directions.

CRJ 220A - Juvenile Justice

This course gives students an overview of American juvenile justice, in terms of both system and practice. It examines the juvenile offender, causes of juvenile crime, the juvenile court system, and juveniles in the adult court system. This course also looks at institutionalization, rehabilitation, the treatment of juveniles, and the future of juvenile justice in America.

CRJ 225A - Introduction to Policing

This course gives students an overview of the police and their mission. It examines the evolution of policing as well as methods, issues, and challenges to present day policing. The course also looks at technology in the service of law enforcement and explores the future of policing.

CRJ 310A - Criminology

This course introduces students to the study of crime and criminal behavior as well as to theories of crime causation. It reviews different types of crime and examines crime control policy.

CRJ 320A - Introduction to Corrections

This course provides an overview of the field of corrections. It reviews prisons and jails, correctional policies, agencies, prison life, and challenges facing corrections.

CRJ 330A - Criminal Courts

This course provides students with an overview of the criminal justice system and its processes. It examines the courtroom work group, the trial process, and challenges to the process. It also provides an overview of the juvenile court system.

CRJ 340A - Criminal Justice Ethics

This course looks at the ethical dilemmas and professional problems faced by criminal justice personnel. Students review various ethical perspectives and discuss the practical applicability of ethical ideals.

CRJ 410A - Criminal Law

This course provides students with a historical understanding of criminal law, an overview of general legal principles including possible defenses to a criminal charge, and an awareness of the fundamental nature of law.

CRJ 420A - Criminal Procedure

This course focuses on the constitutional rights of criminal defendants as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Students discuss Supreme Court decisions and identify their significance for the justice system.

CRJ 430A - Criminal Investigation

This course teaches students the fundamentals of criminal investigation by examining the processes involved in identifying and arresting criminal suspects, identifying the types of crimes and offenses, and in preparing for court.

CRJ 440A - Introduction to Homeland Security

This course addresses the overall elements involved in the functions of homeland security and critical infrastructure and asset protection as they relate to government, industry, and the community. The key functions of threat prevention, crisis response, and operations recovery are addressed from a variety of perspectives given that homeland security is a responsibility that is shared by government agencies.

CRJ 450A - Victimology

This course examines the causes of victimization and looks at theories associated with violent victimization. It analyzes the offender-victim relationship and presents ideas on preventing violence and responding to victimization.

CRJ 491A - Criminal Justice Research and Capstone

This course is designed as a capstone experience for Criminal Justice majors. Students examine the role of research in criminal justice and demonstrate an understanding of principles and theory which guide criminal justice practice in the United States.

BUS 452A - Organizational Behavior

This course examines how group behavior affects organizational effectiveness, decision making, and group conflicts; strategies for efficient group and task management; and is an introduction to effective written communication.

DEGREE QUICK FACTS:

CERTIFICATE

12 credit hours (4 courses) of concentrated study in subject area

Provides students with accredited college credits that can be used to complete a CCU bachelor's degree

ASSOCIATE

60 credit hours (18 in major, 39 in general education, 3 in electives)

Transfer up to 30 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution

May be completed in as little as 18 months, even with no prior coursework

BACHELOR

120 credit hours (39 in major, 48 in general education, 33 in electives)

Apply up to 90 credits from another accredited institution

Major coursework can be completed over four semesters



SAMPLE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE, ASSOCIATE, and BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

With a unique 3-tiered system, you can start by earning your certificate in criminal justice in a matter of weeks, then move to the associate and bachelor's degrees—you'll consistently gain rewards for your hard work. Or, you can enter the track at almost any point; with the possibility of transferring up to 90 credit hours into the program, your bachelor's degree might be closer than you think.

CERTIFICATE

12 Hours (Required Core)

- CRJ 210A - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ 220A - Juvenile Justice (3)
- CRJ 225A - Introduction to Policing (3)
- CRJ 310A - Criminology (3)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Graduation Requirements for Associate of Science in Criminal Justice Degree. Completion of 60 credit hours as specified in the course requirements listed above. (A maximum of 15 credit hours of 300/400 level courses.)

Major Core Requirements (18 credit hours)

Certificate Requirements Plus:*

- CRJ 320A - Introduction to Corrections (3)
- CRJ 330A - Criminal Courts (3)
- CRJ 340A - Criminal Justice Ethics (3)

General Education Core (39 credit hours)

- Integrative Studies (3)
- Communications (9)
- Humanities (6)
- History, Behavioral, and Social Sciences (9)
- Biblical Studies (3)
- Mathematics (3)
- Natural Science (3)
- Computer Science (3)

Foundations and Electives (3)

BACHELOR'S DEGREE:

Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Completion of 120 credit hours of courses, including all general education, major and elective coursework.

Required Major Core: Criminal Justice (39 credit hours)

Associate Degree Requirements Plus:*

- BUS 452A - Organizational Behavior (3)
- CRJ 340A - Criminal Justice Ethics (3)
- CRJ 410A - Criminal Law (3)
- CRJ 420A - Criminal Procedure (3)
- CRJ 430A - Criminal Investigation (3)
- CRJ 440A - Introduction to Homeland Security (3)
- CRJ 450A - Victimology (3)
- CRJ 491A - Criminal Justice Research and Capstone (3)

General Education Core (48 credit hours)*

Associate Degree Requirements Plus:

- Humanities (9 total credit hours—3 additional)
- History, Behavioral, and Social Sciences (12 total credit hours—3 additional)
- Biblical Studies (6 total credit hours—3 additional)

Foundations and Electives (33 credit hours)*

Round out your degree by choosing electives which could include:

- Leadership Studies
- Social Sciences
- Psychology
- Theology
- Or a variety of other courses

NOTES: _____



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN CCU!

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