

# DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The department provides courses for students pursuing careers in law enforcement, corrections, and juvenile and adult courts. A bachelor of arts in criminal justice, an associate of science in law enforcement, and a minor in criminal justice are available through the department.

## Major in Criminal Justice

A major in criminal justice requires 30 credit hours, including CRJU 2300, 3303, 3304, 4300, and 4304. While the department will consider similar courses from other schools as substitutes for the core courses, the acceptance of those courses is solely at the department's discretion. Students majoring in criminal justice must complete at least 15 hours within the Department of Criminal Justice at UALR. Admission to the major requires completion of RHET 1311, RHET 1312 and GPA of 2.25 or better; transfer students must have at least 12 hours at UALR; however, students may be provisionally admitted to the major and advised within the department before fully

meeting requirements for admission to the major. For information regarding graduate study in criminal justice, see the *UALR Graduate Catalog*.

## Minor in Criminal Justice

A minor in criminal justice requires 18 credit hours, which must include CRJU 2300.

## Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement

This two-year associate degree program in law enforcement requires 62 hours, including CRJU 2300 and 3304. Students pursuing the AS in law enforcement must take at least nine of the required criminal justice hours within the Department of Criminal Justice at UALR. Twenty of the 62 hours must be at the 2000-level or higher. Credits earned for the associate degree may be applied to the bachelor of arts in criminal justice.

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## Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Degree Requirements<sup>1</sup>

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Core Requirements (44 hours)<sup>2</sup>

Second Language Proficiency<sup>3</sup>

Required Courses

**CRJU 2300 Introduction to Criminal Justice**  
**CRJU 3303 Survey of Corrections**  
**CRJU 3304 Police and Society**  
**CRJU 4300 Crime and Behavior**  
**CRJU 4304 Research Methods**  
**Upper-level CRJU courses (15 hours)**

2. See "Core Requirements for Bachelor Degrees" in the Policy section.
3. See "Second Language Requirement."

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## Associate of Science in Law Enforcement Degree Requirements<sup>4</sup>

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Core Curriculum (15 hours)

**MATH 1302 College Algebra, or**  
**MATH 1315 College Mathematics**  
**RHET 1311 Composition I**  
**RHET 1312 Composition II**  
**POLS 1310 American National Government**  
**SPCH 1300 Speech Communication**

Pattern Requirements (23 hours)

*One of the following courses*

**MCOM 2330 Mass Media and Society**  
**SOCI 2300 Introduction to Sociology**  
**PSYC 2300 Psychology and the Human Experience**

*Two of the following courses*

**ANTH 1415 Physical Anthropology**  
**ASTR1301 and 1101 Introduction to Astronomy, Lab**  
**BIOL 1400 Evolutionary and Environmental Biology**  
**BIOL 1401 Science of Biology**  
**CHEM 1409 Chemistry and Society**  
**ERSC 1302 and 1103 Physical Geology, Lab**  
**ERSC 1303 and 1103 Historical Geology, Lab**

*One of the following courses*

**ENGL 2337 World Literature**  
**ENGL 2338 World Literature Themes**  
**PHIL 2320 Ethics and Society**

*Proficiency in a second language or a 2000 level course*

**SPAN 1311, 1312 and 2311**  
**FREN 1311, 1312 and 2311 or**  
**GERM 1311, 1312 and 2311 or**  
**INTR 1320, 1321 and 2320 or**  
**CHIN 1311, 1312 and 2311**

Required Courses for Major (15 hours)

**CRJU 2300 Introduction to Criminal Justice**  
**CRJU 3304 Police and Society**  
**Three upper-level CRJU courses (9 hours)**  
**At least six hours must be taken with the department.**

Undesignated Electives (9 hours)

**Selected in consultation with the academic advisor**

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1. At least 15 hours must be taken within the department.
  4. See "Associate Degree Requirements" for a complete list of general requirements for associate degrees.

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## Courses in Criminal Justice (CRJU)

### **CRJU 2300 Introduction to Criminal Justice**

Basic understanding of legal and ethical foundations of criminal justice and the major components of the criminal justice system. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3105, 3205, 3305 Seminar in Criminal Justice**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A study of special problems, issues, or trends relating to the criminal justice system. May be repeated with a change of subject and with permission of the department chairperson. One, two, or three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3301 Criminal Evidence**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of the legal problems associated with the investigation of crime; the acquisition, preservation, presentation of evidence; principles of proof in criminal proceedings. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3302 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A study of the leading constitutional cases in the area of criminal justice with particular emphasis on cases dealing with search and seizure, the privilege against self-incrimination, assistance of counsel, and fair trial guarantees. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3303 Survey of Corrections**

Explores the operation of the correctional system within the context of society and within the criminal justice system, the integration of criminology, the courts and corrections, the relationship the correctional system has to society, its interaction with the other components within the criminal justice system, and its historical foundations. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3304 Police and Society**

This course will examine the relationship between the police and the community from several different perspectives. We will start with an introduction to the history, practices and issues related to the law enforcement function in our society, followed by an overview of police functions and responsibilities at the local, state, and federal levels. Police operations will be examined relative to effectiveness in crime control, delivery of services, and maintenance of order. We will review contemporary policy issues, programs and strategies. Finally, we will examine existing programs, problems, and potential directions as well as successes and failures in policing. Primary emphasis will be placed on community policing and its impact on policing in the 21st century. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3306 Police Administration and Management**

Basic understanding of the part police play within society and within the criminal justice system. Explores the relationship the police have to society, their interaction with the other components within the criminal justice system, and their historical foundations. Discusses management strategies that have been employed over the past century in policing emphasizing the daily administration of a police agency. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3307 Criminal Law**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of criminal acts, elements of specific crimes, and defenses permitted in the United States legal system. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3309 Cybercrime**

Prerequisite: IFAS 2300 or consent of instructor. Designed to acquaint students with law enforcement's response to crimes committed using computers, networks, and the internet. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3310 Race/Ethnicity and Criminal Justice**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An exploration of the differing experiences of racial/ethnic groups as they come into contact with crime and the criminal justice system. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3311 Gangs**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An examination of the historical, cross-cultural, and current state of gang involvement. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3312 Victimology**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A review of the distribution and causes of crime from the point of view of the victim, as well as detailing the interface between victims and the legal and social service communities. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3313 Crime and Science: An Introduction to Forensic Science**

A general overview of the field of forensic science, the application of "science," and the scientific method to the law. Topics such as criminalistics, including firearms and toolmarks, trace evidence, fingerprints, toxicology, and biological evidence, such as serology and DNA. Forensic pathology, forensic odontology, forensic anthropology, and forensic psychology will be introduced. An experience oriented component will be provided by currently active forensic specialists. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3337 Juvenile Delinquency**

Juvenile delinquent behavior, problems, theory, cause, control and prevention. Cross listed with SOCI 3337. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3348 Internship I**

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Experience in law enforcement agencies, juvenile courts, probation and parole departments, other correctional institutions, delinquency control programs, and public or voluntary agencies. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3349 Internship II**

A continuation of CRJU 3348. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 3396 Psychology and the Criminal Process**

An exploration of the contributions of psychology to the practice of law, law enforcement, and other related areas, illustrated in terms of testimony and court procedures, psychopathology, correctional services, the development of laws, and social psychology. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4199, 4299 Criminal Justice Workshop**

Subjects vary. Sixteen hours of workshop time will equal one credit hour. One or two credit hours.

### **CRJU 4300 Crime and Behavior**

Enables students to identify and understand the major schools of thought in criminology and to integrate them into a comprehensive application to the real world. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4301 Judicial System and Process**

Prerequisites: CRJU 2300. A survey of state, local, and federal judicial systems and their interrelationships. Examines judicial structures, functions, and decision-making procedures. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as CRJU 5301. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4302 Law and Society**

Prerequisites: CRJU 2300. An examination of the origins and history of law in society, including the evolving roles of judges, juries, defense attorneys, and prosecutors. Examines the evolution of civil and criminal law, the adversary system, and the concept of justice. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as CRJU 5302. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4303 Readings in Criminal Justice**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A survey of the current literature on crime and law enforcement, with emphasis on special research reports and periodical and journal articles in criminal justice, law sociology, and related fields. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4304 Research Methods**

Instruction in reading and comprehension of reports and research within the criminal justice field, identifying the application of various research techniques and statistical methods, and producing a draft research proposal. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4305 Juvenile Law and Process**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An exploration of the philosophical basis, process, legal rights of juveniles, and roles of the major participants in the juvenile justice system. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4307 Drug Abuse**

A study of frequently abused drugs, with emphasis on the personal, social, and legal consequences of drug abuse and on the treatment of drug addiction. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4120, 4220, 4320 Independent Study**

Prerequisites: 15 hours of CRJU courses, senior standing with 3.00 GPA, consent of instructor. Advanced study and research. One, two, or three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4332 Corrections Psychology**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. A review of theoretical and applied issues in the practice of correctional psychology. Focus on relevant empirical studies and their application in a correctional context. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4333 Cooperative Education**

Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Experience in law enforcement agencies, juvenile courts, probation and parole departments, other correctional institutions, delinquency control programs, and public or voluntary agencies. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4351 Constitutional Law II**

Civil liberties, analysis of leading constitutional decisions focusing on human freedom and fundamental rights. Emphasis on religious liberty, freedom of expression, racial equality, privacy, criminal procedures and the dynamics of Supreme Court decision making. Cross listed with POLS 4351. Three credit hours.

### **CRJU 4380 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems**

Prerequisite: CRJU 2300. An analysis of the law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems of other nations, with emphasis on comparison with the United States system of criminal justice. Dual-listed in the *UALR Graduate Catalog* as CRJU 5380. Three credit hours.