

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As an academic discipline, Criminal Justice explores all aspects of crime and criminal behavior by relying on interdisciplinary study within the fields of sociology, psychology, economics, political science, statistics, anthropology, and criminology, to provide students with a well-rounded liberal arts education. The course work will prepare students and professionals alike for graduate study or law school, and for careers in social work, corrections, victim advocacy, policing at the local, state and federal level, public policy, and much more! The program delivery works with any lifestyle and career demands. CU Denver’s School of Public Affairs (SPA) offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice entirely online, on campus, or a combination of on campus and online. Highly-qualified, eligible undergraduate students are provided the unique opportunity to begin working on their Master of Criminal Justice degree as an undergraduate in our BA/MCJ Pathways program.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

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How to schedule an advising appointment:

Current undergraduate criminal justice students can schedule an advising appointment through Navigate. Prospective students, students wishing to change their major to criminal justice and criminal justice minor students should email SPA.Advising@ucdenver.edu for an advising appointment.

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver Criminal Justice students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete all college and major requirements
4. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 hours in residence at CU Denver
5. Terminal Residency: 21 out of the last 30 hours in residence at CU Denver

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in their department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Criminal Justice degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete 36-38 credit hours of CU Denver Core Curriculum coursework.
2. Complete 46-48 credit hours in general electives (which may include minor coursework)
3. Complete all CRJU major requirements, including CRJU 4939 Internship
 - a. A letter grade of C- or better is required for all courses counted towards the CRJU major
4. Complete a minimum 21 credit hours of upper-division CRJU (3000-level or above) coursework
5. Complete a minimum of 21 credit hours of CRJU coursework in-residence at CU Denver
6. Complete a minimum 45 credit hours of upper-division (3000-level or above) coursework

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework	34-38	CU Denver Core Curriculum
School of Public Affairs Graduation Requirements	6-16	
Additional Social Sciences	3	SPA students must complete 3 Social Science courses from the Core
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Foreign Language	0-10	Through second semester proficiency. May be fulfilled via high school coursework or foreign language proficiency.
Required CRJU Coursework	39-45	
CRJU 1000: Criminology & Criminal Justice: An Overview	3	This course also fulfills a SPA Social Science Core course
CRJU 2041: Criminological Theory	3	
CRJU 3100: Criminal Justice Research Methods	3	CRJU 3100 is a pre-requisite for CRJU 3150
CRJU 3150: Statistics for Criminal Justice	3	
CRJU 4042: Corrections	3	
CRJU 4043: Law Enforcement	3	
CRJU 4044: Courts and Judicial Process	3	
CRJU 4939: Criminal Justice Internship	3-9	All students must work with CU Denver’s Experiential Learning Center (ELC) to enroll and earn credit for their internship
SOCY 1001: Introduction to Sociology	3	This course also fulfills a SPA Social Science Core course

Courses (continued)	Credits	Notes
CRJU Major Electives	6	Students must select 6 additional 3000-level (or above) CRJU credit hours. Your academic advisor will email you an updated list of course offerings each semester.
Outside of CJ Major Electives	6	Students must select 6 credit hours from the pre-approved Outside of CJ Major Electives list.
General Electives	23-48	Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits to graduate with a CRJU degree. A minimum of 45 credits must be at 3000-level or above. The number of general electives will <i>vary greatly</i> depending on what each student needs in order to complete 120 credits, 45 of which must be upper-division. The credits listed here are intended to give students a general idea but are not a minimum or maximum amount. Students will work with their academic advisor to determine how many general electives they need.

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and must meet with the faculty advisor in their department to confirm degree requirements. Students must earn 120 credits minimum.

Year One	Semester 1	CRS
	CRJU 1000 (CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE)	3
	ENGL 1020	3
	SOCY 1001 (CU Denver Core SOCIAL SCIENCE)	3
	MATH 1010 or MATH 2830	4
	First-Year Experience course	3

Semester 2	CRS
CU Denver Core ARTS	3
ENGL 2030	3
CU Denver Core HUMANITIES	3
CU Denver Core BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3
CU Denver Core additional SOCIAL SCIENCE	3

Year Two	Semester 3	CRS
	CRJU 2041	3
	CU Denver Core SCIENCE (non-lab)	3
	Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
	Minor / General Elective	3
General elective (if needed)	3	

Semester 4	CRS
CRJU 4042	3
CU Denver Core INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES	3
Foreign Language / General Elective	3-5
CU Denver Core SCIENCE (with lab)	4
General elective (if needed)	3

Year Three	Semester 5	CRS
	CRJU 4043	3
	CRJU 3100	3
	CRJU Major Elective	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
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Semester 6	CRS
CRJU 3150 ^{PE} (must complete CRJU 3100 with a C- or better)	3
CU Denver Core CULTURAL DIVERSITY	3
CRJU Major Elective	3
Outside of CJ Major Elective	3
Minor / General Elective	3

Year Four	Semester 7	CRS
	CRJU 4939	3
	CRJU 4044	3
	Outside of CJ Major Elective	3
	Minor / General Elective	3
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Semester 8	CRS
Minor / General Elective	3
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Major Course Available ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended