

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration



Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online & campus

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Get ready to serve your community – and your career. Our Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration gives you skills to prepare for administrative responsibilities in law enforcement, criminal courts and corrections. And courses are just 5 weeks long, so they won't get in the way of your busy life.

You'll learn how to:

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Innovation
- Research
- Operations

Projected job growth:

5%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration?

A BSCJA can prepare you to be a:

- Detective sergeant
- Police sergeant
- Sergeant
- Loss prevention manager

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for first-line supervisors of police and detectives is projected to be average between 2019 and 2029.

Information not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates

Committed to your career

When you enroll in a degree or certificate program, and even after you graduate, you'll have access to a supportive team, helpful tools and resources and alumni networking opportunities.

Count on our support

A built-in community: a team of people ready to help you succeed throughout your educational journey.

Tools and resources

Work on your career preparation when your life allows you to with the help of our PhoenixLink™ career portal that has career tools, resources and more, available to students and alumni 24/7/365.

Networking & mentorship

Through virtual job fairs and networking with the alumni community, we've made it easy to tap into the experience and connections of your peers and colleagues at the University.

[Learn more about career support](#)

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

120

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration program. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

42 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a criminal justice environment.

- CJA/316: SURVEY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CJA/326: ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CJA/336: DIVERSITY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CJA/346: THEORIES OF CRIMINOLOGY AND VICTIMOLOGY
- CJA/356: ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR AND MANAGEMENT
- CJA/376: INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION
- CJA/386: RESEARCH STATISTICS
- CJA/416: BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PLANNING
- CJA/426: GRANT WRITING AND FUNDING
- CJA/436: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CRISIS INTERVENTION
- CJA/446: CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ANALYSIS AND PROGRAM EVALUATION
- CJA/456: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND FUTURE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- CJA/476: CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROBLEM-SOLVING METHODS
- CJA/486: ADMINISTRATION CAPSTONE

36 General Education courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in criminal justice – they're useful in daily life.

- GEN/201: FOUNDATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS
- PSY/110: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
- ENG/110: ENGLISH COMPOSITION I
- HUM/115: CRITICAL THINKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE
- FP/100T: EVERYDAY ECONOMICS AND FINANCES
- ENG/210: ENGLISH COMPOSITION II
- SOC/110: TEAMWORK, COLLABORATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- SCI/220T: HUMAN NUTRITION
- HUM/186: MEDIA INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN CULTURE
- SCI/256: PEOPLE, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- MTH/215T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING I
- MTH/216T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING II
- MTH/217: STATISTICS I
- MTH/218: STATISTICS II

42 Elective courses

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in, whether they're related to your degree or not. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

- POL/115: AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
- CJS/201: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- SOC/100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
- CJS/225: CRITICAL THINKING IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- POL/215: STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL PROCESSES
- CJS/251: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEMS
- CJS/215: INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS
- PSY/250: PSYCHOLOGY OF PERSONALITY
- CJS/245: JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES
- REL/133: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS I
- REL/134: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS II
- CJA/305: CRIMINAL LAW
- CJA/315: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
- CJA/325: CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a BS in Criminal Justice Administration. Please note that on campus students are required to physically attend class one day a week, typically from 6-10 pm.

Depending on your location, this program may be offered as Blended. This means you'll start at a local campus* to complete your general education courses, and then transition to online learning for your core program courses.

*During COVID-19, while our campuses are temporarily closed, your local campus classes will be held virtually so you can get face-to-face learning at home.

What you'll learn

When you earn your on-campus or online BS in Criminal Justice Administration you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

You'll learn how to:

- Apply criminal justice knowledge to theory, research and statistics
- Analyze effective practices in criminal justice programs, public policies and organizational behavior
- Demonstrate ethical conduct and respect for diverse populations
- Analyze innovative services and strategies

Program Purpose Statement

The University's Criminal Justice programs are educational degree programs. For those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, corrections or as a peace officer with any particular local, state, federal, tribal or international agency, there are numerous additional qualifications (and often disqualifications), depending on the position. Before enrolling in a Criminal Justice program, potential students are highly encouraged to check with the relevant agency for a complete list of position requirements. The University makes no representations regarding whether any particular University program will qualify a graduate for any such position.