



## 2017-2018 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**Degree: Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Criminal Justice**

### **About This Major . . .**

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is designed to provide students interested in careers in the justice system with the knowledge, communication and critical thinking skills necessary for success in their field. Graduates secure positions in policing, courts, and corrections. Many also use this degree as the starting point in their pursuit of a law degree. Finally, the degree will assist students in their upward mobility in their area of employment.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/whatmajor.html>.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Discuss the history and practice of each segment of the Criminal Justice System: police, courts, and corrections.
2. Analyze ethical issues surrounding the practice of criminal justice in a diverse society.
3. Use knowledge of the nature and causes of crimes, typologies, and theories of offenders and victims in critiquing current crime prevention policies.
4. Practice quantitative and qualitative research methods including interpretation of statistical analyses.
5. Demonstrate proficient oral communication and writing skills that are formal and professional in nature.

### **Advising Process and DegreeWorks**

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

### **Graduation Process**

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.

### **INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU baccalaureate degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 120 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher.
- 40 upper-division credits (alternative credit limit applies to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 30 semester credit hours for a baccalaureate degree; A maximum of 15 of the 30 credits may be for cooperative education, internships, and practica.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

### **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area.
- Selective Admissions: All students intending to obtain a BA or BAS in Criminal Justice will initially be enrolled as pre-criminal justice majors. Students must earn a “C” or better in CRMJ 110 and CRMJ 201 prior to enrolling in any additional program specific courses. Core courses CRMJ 110, 201, 310, 320, and 328 must be completed with a “C” or better before students will be admitted into the BA/BAS major. Students must also complete MATH 110 (or higher), ENG 111, and STAT 215 – all with a “C” or better prior to acceptance as a Criminal Justice major. GPA within these subjects must be at least 2.5. Overall cumulative GPA after 45 credit hours (approximately 3 semesters) must be at least 2.5. Please see the Criminal Justice Student Handbook for more information. Transfer students will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**ESSENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS** (31 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

**English** (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

- ENGL 111 - English Composition (3)
- ENGL 112 - English Composition (3)

**Mathematics** (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours)

- MATH 110 - College Mathematics (3) or higher

**Humanities** (3 semester hours)

- Select one Humanities course (3)

**Social and Behavioral Sciences** (6 semester hours)

Recommended courses include POLS 101, PSYC 150, SOCO 260, or SOCO 264.

- Select one Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3)
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**Natural Sciences** (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

- Select one Natural Sciences course (3)
- Select one Natural Sciences course with a lab (4)

**History** (3 semester hours)

- Select one History course (3)

**Fine Arts** (3 semester hours)

- Select one Fine Arts course (3)

**OTHER LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

**Wellness Requirement** (2 semester hours)

- KINE 100 - Health and Wellness (1)
- Select one Activity course (1)

**Essential Learning Capstone** (4 semester hours)

Essential Learning Capstone must be taken after completion of the Essential Learning English and Mathematics requirements, and when a student has earned between 45 and 75 hours.

- ESSL 290 - Maverick Milestone (3)
- ESSL 200 - Essential Speech (1)

**FOUNDATION COURSES** (6 semester hours - must receive a grade of C or better in all courses)

Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language. FLAS 114 & 115 will NOT fulfill this requirement.

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REQUIREMENTS** (59-60 semester hours - must receive a grade of "C" or better in all core and restricted elective courses)

**Core Classes** (26 semester hours)

- CRMJ 110 - Orientation to Criminal Justice Inquiry (1)
- CRMJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- STAT 215 - Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences (4)
- CRMJ 302 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CRMJ 310 - The Police Process (3)
- CRMJ 315 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)
- CRMJ 320 - Corrections (3)
- CRMJ 328 - American Court Systems (3)
- CRMJ 370 - Criminology (3)

**Capstone** (3 semester hours)

- Select one of the following courses:
  - CRMJ 465 - Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
  - CRMJ 490 - Capstone: Comparative Criminal Justice (3)
  - CRMJ 499 - Internship (3)
  - SOCI 497 - Structured Research (3)

**Criminal Justice Electives** (12-13 semester hours)

Select at least one course from each subfield. Criminal Justice Electives taken beyond the required 12-13 semester hours can also satisfy the restricted elective requirement.

**Policing:**

- CRMJ 210 - Emergency Dispatching (4)
- FOAN 280 - Crime Scene Processing (2) and FOAN 280L - Crime Scene Processing Laboratory (1)
- CRMJ 335 - Community Policing (3)
- CRMJ 410 - Criminal Investigations (3)
- CRMJ 415 - Counter-Terrorism and Law Enforcement (3)
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**Courts:**

- CRMJ 301 - Criminal Procedure (3)
- CRMJ 405 - Civil Liability for Law Enforcement and Corrections (3)
- CRMJ 412 - Constitutional Law (3)
- CRMJ 420 - Criminal Law (3)
- CRMJ 425 - Trial, Evidence, and Legal Advocacy (3)
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**Corrections:**

- CRMJ 340 - Community Corrections (3)
- CRMJ 440 - Capital Punishment (3)
- CRMJ 480 - Inside-Out Prison Exchange (3)
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**Criminal Justice Theory:**

- CRMJ 311 - Victimology (3)
- CRMJ 325 - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (3)
- CRMJ 330 - Domestic Violence (3)
- CRMJ 360 - Crime & Deviance (3)
- CRMJ 375 - Women & Crime (3)
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**Restricted Electives** (18 semester hours)

18 Semester Hours chosen from the following courses (or additional Criminal Justice Electives above):

- FOAN 232 - Survey of Forensic Science (2) and FOAN 232L - Survey of Forensic Science Laboratory (1)
- FOAN 350 - Forensic Anthropology (3)
- EMDP 211 - Introduction to Emergency Management (3)
- POLS 236 - State and Local Government (3)
- CRMJ 395 - Independent Study (1-3)
- CRMJ 396 - Topics (1-3)
- CRMJ 495 - Independent Study (1-3)
- CRMJ 496 - Topics (1-3)
- CRMJ 499 - Internship (1-15)
- PADM 315 - Public Management (3)
- PSYC 320 - Social Psychology (3)
- PSYC 410 - Drugs and Human Behavior (3)
- PSYC 425 - Forensic Psychology (3)
- SOCO 316 - Social Inequality (3)
- SOCO 325 - Racial & Ethnic Relations (3)
- SOCO 400 - Classical Social Theory (3)

CRMJ 396 or 496 - Topics may be taken more than one time if the course has a different topic.

CRMJ 499 - Internship may only count as 1 to 3 credits toward the 18 restricted credits. If taken to meet the capstone requirement, must be 3 credits and cannot be used as a restricted elective.

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**GENERAL ELECTIVES** (All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. 17-18 semester hours; additional hours of upper division may be needed.)

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## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING

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### Freshman Year, Fall Semester: 15 credits

- ENGL 111 - English Composition (3)
- Essential Learning - Natural Science with Lab (4)
- Essential Learning - Natural Science (3)
- KINE 100 - Health and Wellness (1)
- CRMJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CRMJ 110 - Orientation to Criminal Justice Inquiry (1)

### Freshman Year, Spring Semester: 16 credits

- ENGL 112 - English Composition (3)
  - Essential Learning - Mathematics (3)
  - CRMJ 328 - American Court Systems (3)
  - CRMJ 310 - The Police Process (3)
  - CRMJ 320 - Corrections (3)
  - Activity Course Selection (1)
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### Sophomore Year, Fall Semester: 16 credits

- Foundation Course - Foreign Language (3)
- STAT 215 - Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences (4)
- Essential Learning - Social/Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Essential Learning - History (3)
- Essential Learning - Humanities (3)

### Sophomore Year, Spring Semester: 17 credits

- Foundation Course - Foreign Language (3)
  - Essential Learning - Fine Arts (3)
  - ESSL 290 - Maverick Milestone (3)
  - ESSL 200 - Essential Speech (1)
  - Essential Learning - Social/Behavioral Sciences (3)
  - CRMJ 315 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)
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### Junior Year, Fall Semester: 15 credits

- CRMJ 302 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)
- Criminal Justice Elective - Policing (3)
- Criminal Justice Elective - Courts (3)
- Criminal Justice Elective - Corrections (3)
- Criminal Justice Restricted Elective (3)

### Junior Year, Spring Semester: 15 credits

- CRMJ 370 - Criminology (3)
  - Criminal Justice Elective - Criminal Justice Theory (3)
  - General Elective (3)
  - Restricted Electives (2 courses) (6)
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### Senior Year, Fall Semester: 15 credits

- Restricted Elective (2 courses) (6)
- General Electives (3 courses) (9)

### Senior Year, Spring Semester: 12 credits

- Capstone Course (3)
  - Restricted Elective (3)
  - General Electives (2 courses) (6)
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