



## 2018-2019 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Degree: Bachelor of Applied Science

Major: Criminal Justice

POST Academy

### About This Major . . .

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice is designed to provide students interested in careers in the justice system, and specifically in policing/law enforcement, with the knowledge, communication, and critical thinking skills necessary for success in their field. Graduates will be job ready and able to secure positions in various policing/law enforcement positions (e.g., police officer, deputy sheriff, parole officer, etc.). The degree combines the technical skills required within entry-level law enforcement positions with the academic rigor of the baccalaureate degree. The degree will also 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.
6. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills (driving, firearms, and arrest control) required for entry level policing.

### 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. 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 developing a suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfil 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 audits on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisors or academic department heads. 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 Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) 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.
- 33 upper-division credits.
- 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**

- To be admitted to the B.A.S. degree, certain prerequisites must be satisfied. Please see the Social and Behavioral Sciences department head or program faculty for complete requirements and application form.
- 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.
- Students are encouraged to attend the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA). Up to 31 credits can be transferred from other Colorado POST approved academies associated with accredited institutions of higher learning or through existing articulation agreements with Colorado Mesa University. Students wishing to transfer credit from all other academies (e.g., agency, private, or out-of-state academies) can earn up to 30 credit hours through the “Credit for Prior Learning” program: <https://www.coloradomesa.edu/academics/cpl.html>
- It is highly recommended that students complete all required coursework prior to enrolling in the POST Academy. Please see the criminal justice student handbook for more information.
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework
- 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area

**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: POLS 101, PSYC 150, SOCO 260, or SOCO 264.

- Select one Social and 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)
- KINA 127 - Physical Conditioning (Must be taken simultaneously with POST Academy) (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**

**Foreign Language Courses** (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better)

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

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**BAS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE POST ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS** (77-78 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course)

**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 Dispatch (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 - Counterterrorism (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 (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** (6 semester hours)

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

- 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 - Race and Ethnic Relations (3)
- SOCO 400 - Classical Social Theory (3)

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CRMJ 396 or 469 - 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 24 restricted credits. If taken to meet the capstone requirement, must be 3 credits and cannot be used as a restricted elective.

**POST Academy** (30 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better in all courses. Courses are taken as part of a state approved POST Academy.)

- CRMJ 101 - Basic Police Academy I (6)
- CRJW 102 - Basic Police Academy II (10)
- CRJW 105 - Basic Law (6)
- CRJW 106 - Arrest Control (3)
- CRJW 107 - Law Enforcement Driving (2)
- CRJW 108 - Firearms (3)

**Notes on Bachelor of Applied Science:** 36 semester hours taken as part of a state approved Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to include CRMJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) and CRMJ 310 Police Process (3) or other approved courses within an established AAS program. Credit hours that are applicable to requirements as listed for this degree will be applied accordingly. Student must complete all course requirements outlined for the degree.

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING

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### Freshman Year, Fall Semester: 15 credits

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

### Freshman Year, Spring Semester: 15 credits

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

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

### Sophomore Year, Spring Semester: 17 credits

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

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

### Junior Year, Spring Semester: 12 credits

- Capstone Course (3)
  - CRMJ 370 - Criminology (3)
  - Criminal Justice Elective - Criminal Justice Theory (3)
  - Restricted Elective (3)
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### Senior Year, Fall Semester: 31 credits

- CRMJ 101 - Basic Police Academy I (6)
- CRJW 102 - Basic Police Academy II (10)
- CRJW 105 - Basic Law (6)
- CRJW 106 - Arrest Control (3)
- CRJW 107 - Law Enforcement Driving (2)
- CRJW 108 - Firearms (3)
- KINA 127 - Physical Conditioning (1)

### Senior Year, Spring Semester: Open

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