CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

The Criminal Justice program develops critical thinking, problem solving techniques, effective communications and the ability to use technology while examining crime and the methods used to prevent it, as well as investigate and punish those who violate the law. It provides a professional perspective of the Criminal Justice field, including policing, corrections and security administration.

- Corrections, Certificate (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/corrections-certificate/)
- Corrections, Minor (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/corrections-minor/)
- Criminal Intelligence Analysis, BS (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/criminal-intelligence-analysis-bs/)
- Criminal Justice Studies, AAS (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/criminal-justice-studies-aas/)
- Criminology & Criminal Justice, BS (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/criminology-criminal-justice-bs/)
- Forensic Psychology, Minor (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/forensic-psychology-minor/)
- Forensic Studies, Minor (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/forensic-studies-minor/)
- Forensic Study of Behaviors, Certificate (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/forensic-study-behaviors-certificate/)
- Law Enforcement, Minor (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/arts-sciences/criminal-justice-studies/law-enforcement-minor/)

Criminal Justice Studies (3800)

3800:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 Credits)
Overview of criminal justice system, its history, development and evolution within the United States including subsystems of police, courts, corrections. Constitutional limitations, current criminal justice practices human relations, professionalism, prevention.

3800:101 Introduction to Security Administration Technology (3 Credits)
Introduces fundamentals such as equipment, technology, design theories, management practices, trends, concerns, and issues in security administration.

3800:102 Principles of Criminal Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. This course examines the central principles of criminal law, including its history, philosophy, the elements of major crimes and criminal defenses.

3800:103 Introduction to Corrections (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Introduction to history and goals of institutional and community corrections.

3800:104 Evidence & Criminal Legal Process (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Study of evidence law, constitutional perspectives and law enforcement officer’s relationship thereto. Court procedures from arrest to incarceration.

3800:105 Introduction to Police Studies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Provides a foundation for understanding police role, structure, and function in American society at the local, state, and federal levels.

3800:106 Juvenile Justice Process (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Examination of juvenile justice system, functions of its various components; adolescent subculture, legislation, causative factors, prevention and treatment methodologies and programs.

3800:120 Crime Prevention: Theory, Practice, and Management (3 Credits)
Examines contemporary crime prevention and security strategies used in target hardening. Central theme is the use of community resources to prevent crime.

3800:224 Profiling Serial Killers (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Introduction to the theories, analyses, and methodology used in profiling serial killers. Actual serial profiles and paradigms of crime scene analyses also examined.

3800:225 The Police Experience (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3800:100 and permission. Academic refresher course of basic police academy. Completion (C or better) and 3800:100 qualifies a commissioned police officer to test out of certain courses (see adviser).

3800:226 Interviews, Interrogations, and Hostage Negotiations (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. An overview of the legal, theoretical, and applied aspects of conducting interviews, interrogations, and hostage negotiations within the field of law enforcement.

3800:231 Physical Security: Systems, Design, and Control (3 Credits)
Topics include: controlling and monitoring the access of persons and vehicles, prevention and detection of unauthorized intrusions and surveillance, and safeguarding Key assets.

3800:232 Legal Issues in Security Administration (3 Credits)
Survey of laws applicable to the security administration function including tort, labor, employment, unemployment, workers’ compensation, contract, insurance, cyber, criminal and constitutional law.

3800:233 Security Investigations: Principles and Practice (3 Credits)
Overview of investigative methods employed by the security manager. Students will examine legal and ethical duties and issues related to investigation.

3800:234 Computer and Information Security (3 Credits)
Examines practical applications of effective information security measures and legal, ethical and privacy issues concerning the storage and use of information in society.

3800:235 School Crime and Violence Prevention (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3800:101, 3800:120. Examines the nature and extent of crime and deviance in American schools. Particular focus is on the use of a systems approach to prevent crime.

3800:240 Vice & Organized Crime (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3800:100 and permission. An overview of organizations operating nationally and internationally in a variety of criminal activities with a particular emphasis on narcotics trafficking.
3800:245 Homeland Security: Principles and Practice (3 Credits)
Overview of fundamental homeland security concepts and issues such as: intelligence, critical infrastructure protection, hazards, strategy, policy, risk, organizational design and leadership.

3800:251 Criminal Investigation (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. The course provides the student with fundamental investigative skills and the ability to manage a criminal case from initiation through conclusion.

3800:253 Basic Forensic Methods (3 Credits)
Introduction to the science, technology and application of forensic methods in the investigation of crime.

3800:255 Introduction to Forensic Investigation (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. This course is designed to introduce the student to the field of forensic science. The emphasis will be on skills and techniques of evidence evaluation.

3800:270 Community Corrections (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Examines the corrections component of the criminal justice system. Special focus on the development and use of probation, parole, and other alternative forms of sentencing.

3800:275 Legal Aspects of Corrections (3 Credits)
Examination of the influence of the legal system on corrections, especially United States Supreme Court decisions.

3800:286 Courtroom Communication (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Witnessing studies the trial process, emphasizing role of witnesses. Effective communication to juries, applicable evidentiary rules and preparation techniques are taught, preparing students for direct and cross-examination.

3800:287 The Legal System and Psychology (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. Examination of various areas where law and psychology interface, particularly in criminal cases by examining the expanding rule of psychology in justice system and the courtroom.

3800:292 Special Topic: Criminal Justice (1-4 Credits)
(May be repeated for a total of six credits). Prerequisite: Permission. Workshops and special programs in selected areas of criminal justice such as community relations, crime statistics, ethics, survival.

3800:296 Current Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. A variety of course topics on current subjects relative to law enforcement and the Criminal Justice System. May be repeated for up to 12 credits.

3800:297 Independent Study: Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100 and permission. Selected topics and special areas of study in Criminal Justice Technology under the supervision of a selected faculty member with whom specific arrangements have been made.

3800:298 Applied Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:100. This course deals with ethical considerations which confront justice practitioners and the legal ramifications of misconduct.

3800:302 Theory of Criminal Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:102. Criminal law is built on a number of core issues. This course examines the principles and doctrines that shape and limit criminal liability and punishment.

3800:305 Policing Administration and Management (3 Credits)
This course prepares students for promotion through the ranks of policing organizations, covering issues of interest to first-line supervisors and mid-level managers.

3800:307 Foundations of Crime Analysis (3 Credits)
Introduction to the profession of crime analysis. Provides an overview of crime analysis techniques.

3800:325 Information Privacy (3 Credits)
This course examines the origins, development and scope of individual control over, or government regulation of, personal information.

3800:386 Courtroom Proceedings and Testimony (3 Credits)
All criminal justice professionals will appear as a witness at some point in their career. This course examines the courtroom process and how to effectively prepare and present testimony before a judge or jury.

3800:398 Police Accountability and Risk Management (3 Credits)
This course focuses on building intelligent and resilient policing organizations that are structured to prevent officer misconduct, hold officers accountable when prevention efforts fail, and support both officer and community justice and wellness.

3800:405 Policing Theory and Strategy (3 Credits)
Students will use social science theory and methods to evaluate police officers, practices and organizations.

3800:407 Advanced Crime Analysis (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3800:307. Introduction to advanced concepts and techniques for all major types of crime analysis: tactical, strategic, operations, administrative, intelligence, and investigative.

3800:457 Crime Analysis Applications (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3800:307 and 3800:407. Students apply theories, strategies, techniques, and methods with the breadth and quality of work expected of crime analysis professionals. Students should complete all technology core requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Intelligence Analysis before attempting this course.

3800:465 Crisis & Trauma: Assessments & Interventions (3 Credits)
Introduction to the stressors and emotions of dealing with people in crisis situations. Intervention, assessment and prevention strategies to help people in traumatic situations.

3800:480 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
The exact topic for this course will vary each semester. It will cover relevant topics in policing, courts, corrections, or criminology.

3800:497 Independent Study and Research (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of Department. This course allows students to explore a topic of interest in criminal justice with the guidance of a faculty member.