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, 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 (CRJU)

CRJU: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, professionalization, prevention. (Formerly 3800:100)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:101)

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

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

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:120)

CRJU:202 Principles of Criminal Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU:100. This course examines the central principles of criminal law, including its history, philosophy, the elements of major crimes and criminal defenses. (Formerly 3800:102)

CRJU:203 Corrections (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU:100. Application and analysis of the goals, theories, practices, strategies, and law of institutional and community corrections. (Formerly 3800:103)

CRJU:205 Police Studies (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU:100. Provides a foundation for understanding police role, structure, and function in American society at the local, state, and federal levels. (Formerly 3800:105)

CRJU:220 Prior Learning Assessment (1 Credit)
Prerequisites: Admission to the BS in Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS in Criminal Intelligence Analysis, or AAS in Criminal Justice program, CRJU:100 and permission. Students with prior learning experiences that are not documented by academic or military transcript will construct a portfolio that provides evidence demonstrating the learning objectives for a specific course have been met. Qualified faculty will review the portfolio and make a determination if college credit will be awarded based on the evidence provided in the portfolio.

CRJU:222 Profiling Serial Killers (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 100. Introduction to the theories, analyses, and methodology used in profiling serial killers. Actual serial profiles and paradigms of crime scene analyses also examined. (Formerly 3800:224)

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

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

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:231)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:232)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:233)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:234)
CRJU:235 School Crime and Violence Prevention (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: CRJU 101, CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:235)

CRJU:240 Vice & Organized Crime (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: CRJU 100 and permission. An overview of organizations operating nationally and internationally in a variety of criminal activities with a particular emphasis on narcotics trafficking. (Formerly 3800:240)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:245)

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

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

CRJU:255 Introduction to Forensic Investigation (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:255)

CRJU:270 Community Corrections (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:270)

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

CRJU:286 Courtroom Communication (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:286)

CRJU:287 The Legal System and Psychology (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:287)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:292)

CRJU:296 Current Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:296)

CRJU:297 Independent Study: Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:297)

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

CRJU:302 Theory of Criminal Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:302)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:305)

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

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

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:386)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:398)

CRJU:401 Legal Research and Writing (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: [CRJU:100 and CRJU:202] or CRJU:307. This course covers the process, concepts, methods, and techniques used in legal research, legal writing, and legal analysis.

CRJU:404 Criminal Procedure (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: CRJU:100 and CRJU:202. A critical examination of the law governing the method by which persons who are accused of committing crimes are processed through the criminal justice system. Coverage focuses on the limits imposed by the U.S. Constitution on the procedures used in both state and federal criminal prosecutions.

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

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

CRJU:414 Evidence Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: CRJU:100 and CRJU:202. This course will examine the rules governing the admission, exclusion, and presentation of evidence in criminal proceedings. Topics to be covered in this course include history and development of evidence law; relevancy; categorical rules of exclusion; character and habit evidence; competency of witnesses; examination and impeachment of witnesses; opinion and expert testimony; presentation of evidence; privilege; the hearsay rule and its exceptions; presumptions and burdens of proof; and the scope of judicial notice.
CRJU:457 Crime Analysis Applications (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: CRJU 307 and CRJU 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. (Formerly 3800:457)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:465)

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:480)

CRJU:495 Professional Pathways in Criminal Justice (3-12 Credits)
Prerequisite: Admission to the Criminology and Criminal Justice or Criminal Intelligence Analysis program, sophomore or greater standing, and nine credit hours of CRJU courses. This course provides a cooperative and experiential learning opportunity with a criminal justice organization or community partner. Students will receive general instruction on entering career pathways in criminal justice and developing as a professional. Community partners will provide training, mentorship, and problem-solving opportunities in a specific career pathway.

CRJU: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. (Formerly 3800:497)

CRJU:498 Honors Research in Criminal Justice (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Admission to the Criminology and Criminal Justice or Criminal Intelligence Analysis program and approval of honors advisor. Individual research with a faculty advisor leading to the completion of a research project satisfying departmental and university requirements.