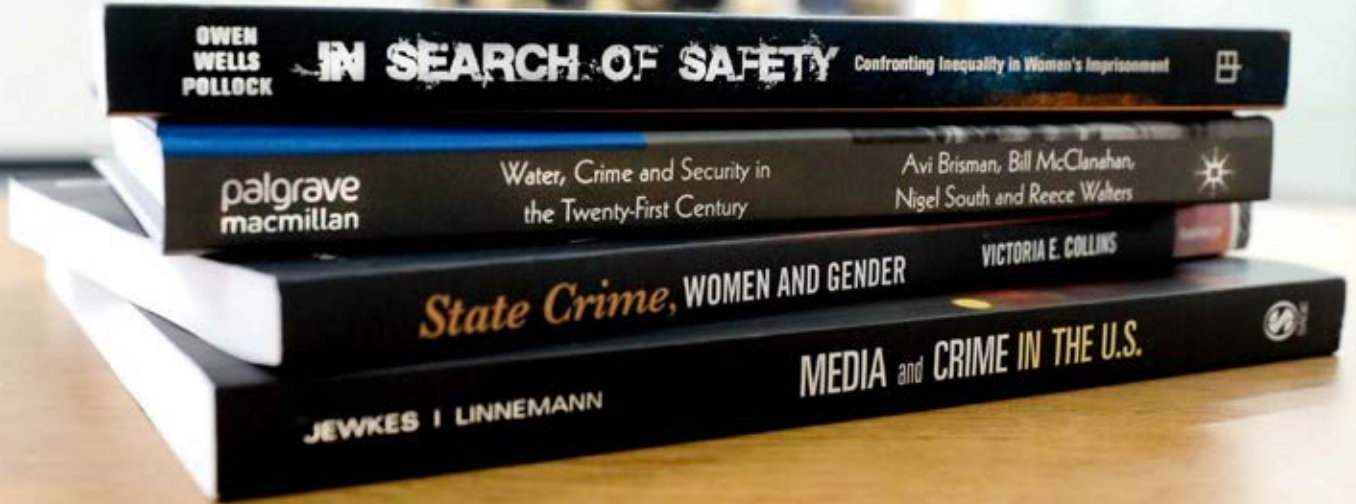


SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE / MINOR**



**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Eastern Kentucky University has been a national leader in criminal justice education for decades. The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice is based on a dynamic curriculum that is intended to help students understand the underlying cultural, economic, and political connections with social harm, crime and systems of social control. Our Criminal Justice students have the opportunity to study with highly accomplished faculty who have earned acclaim for their teaching and scholarship. Our Criminal Justice Program is designed to cultivate the critical thinking and reasoning skills needed to be successful in criminal justice careers or further educational pursuits.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

State and Local Law Enforcement  
(State Police, County Sheriff's Office, City Police)

Federal Law Enforcement  
(ATF, FBI, Secret Service, Park Service,  
Fish & Wildlife)

State and Local Corrections  
(Probation, Parole, Prisons, Jails)

Federal Corrections  
(Bureau of Prisons, Probation and Parole)

Bailiff

Corporate / Industrial Security Services

Crime Policy Analyst

Crime Scene Investigators

Criminologist

Customs Agent

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

Private Investigator

Rape Crisis, Battered Women Shelters,  
Drug Treatment

State and Federal Courts

U.S. Military Services

Victim Advocacy & Child Protective  
Services



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

**Total Curriculum Requirements:** 120 Hours  
**37 hrs** - General Education/University Requirements  
**15 hrs** - Core Courses (Listed below)  
**27 hrs** - CRJ Electives  
**9 hrs** - Supporting Courses  
**32 hrs** - Free Electives

## MINOR

**Total Curriculum Requirements:** 18 Hours  
**CRJ 101, 313, or 313S, 331, 388, 400**

## CORE COURSES

### CRJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

A general overview of the criminal justice system including a description of the major agencies; police, prosecution, courts, and corrections, and analysis of their interdependence in the criminal justice process.

### CRJ 313 - Criminal Justice Ethics

Examines the moral, legal and normative obligations of the state and criminal justice professionals. Surveys the philosophies and theories of ethics and deviance.

### CRJ 331 - Criminological Theory

Overview of crime and its control. Examines law making, law breaking, and the social response from theoretical perspectives including social, economic, cultural, symbolic, psychological and biological. Includes historical and contemporary developments.

### CRJ 388 - Research Methods

Overview of the research process, with emphasis on finding, using and evaluating criminal justice research. Examination of both quantitative and qualitative social science research methods and procedures appropriate to the study of crime policy and criminal justice.

### CRJ 400 - Criminal Justice Statistics

Analytical and statistical concepts and procedures relevant to crime and criminal justice data. Includes quantitative and qualitative techniques.

## ELECTIVE OPTIONS

- CRJ 204** Foundations of Corrections
- CRJ 301** Drugs, Crime, and Society
- CRJ 305** Domestic Violence
- CRJ 314** Law and Society
- CRJ 325** White Collar Crime/Crimes of the Powerful
- CRJ 340** Crime and Media
- CRJ 342** Victimology
- CRJ 344** Violence Against Women
- CRJ 350** International & Comparative Criminal Justice System
- CRJ 355** Rural Crime and Justice
- CRJ 375** Climate Change and Crime
- CRJ 401** Organized Crime
- CRJ 406** Critical Issues in Criminal Justice
- CRJ 411** Capital Punishment in the U.S.
- CRJ 412** Gender, Class and Race
- CRJ 422** Human Trafficking
- CRJ 423** Topical Seminar
- CRJ 424** Field Experience
- CRJ 430** Crime and Economy
- CRJ 440** Pathological Gambling and Crime
- CRJ 460** Independent Study
- CRJ 490** Senior Seminar

**Students may also choose elective courses from Police Studies (PLS) or Social Justice Studies (SJS) to meet the Criminal Justice elective requirement.**

Information based on EKU's 2020/2021 course catalog and is subject to change.



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