

## **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, phychological 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 Climage 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 2021/2022 course catalog and is subject to change.



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