

SCHOOL OF JUSTICE STUDIES  
**POLICE STUDIES**

BACHELOR'S DEGREE / ASSOCIATE DEGREE / MINOR



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

At EKU, we offer you the chance to study at the only four-year police studies program in Kentucky, and one of the few in the country. Here you'll study under internationally renowned professors who write the books other colleges are using in their curriculums. You'll meet law enforcement professionals from around the country who will help prepare you for the reality associated with your chosen career.

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## 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

Private Investigator

State and Federal Courts

U.S. Military Services

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## BACHELOR'S DEGREE

**Total Curriculum Requirements:** 120 Hours  
**37 hrs** - Gen Ed. / Univ. Requirements  
**24 hrs** - Core Courses (Listed below)  
**24 hrs** - PLS Electives  
**6-9 hrs** - Supporting Courses  
**26-29 hrs** - Free Electives

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Total Curriculum Req:** 64 Hours  
**37 hrs** - Gen Ed. / Univ. Requirements  
**15 hrs** - Core Courses\*  
**12 hrs** - PLS Electives

## MINOR

**Total Curriculum Req:** 18 Hours  
**9 hrs** - Core Courses  
**CRJ 101, PLS 103, PLS 414**  
**9 hrs** - PLS Electives (Upper Division)

\*Indicates core course requirement in course descriptions below.

## 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 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.

### PLS 103 - Police Order Maintenance & Crime\*

Overview of police functions and responsibilities at the local, state and federal levels. Police operations are examined relative to effectiveness in crime control, delivery of services and maintenance of order.

### PLS 326 - Ethical Decisions and Police\*

Police conduct is examined relative to ethical and legal principles. Application of federal and state civil, criminal and administrative law including civil rights issues.

### PLS 414 - Social Forces and Policing Society\*

Examines the history and evolution of policing the United States with an emphasis on the political, social, cultural, legal and organizational forces that have molded that history. The roles and functions of police in America are examined in detail within the context of race, class and gender.

### PLS 415 - Contemporary Police Strategies\*

Review of contemporary police issues, programs, and strategies. Detailed analysis and evaluation of police practices, including impact on the relationship between the police and the community. Assessment of police reform measures and accountability mechanism.

## ELECTIVES

Choose from any of the electives listed below:

- PLS 103** Police, Order, Maintenance, and Crime
- PLS 216** Criminal Law
- PLS 220** Criminal Investigation
- PLS 315** Police Administration and Management
- PLS 316** Criminal Evidence
- PLS 326** Ethical Decisions and Police
- PLS 330** Topics in Police Studies
- PLS 349** Applied Learning in Police Administration
- PLS 375** Terrorism / Counterterrorism
- PLS 380** Police in Popular Media
- PLS 385** Police Related Violence
- PLS 401** Multi-Culturalism and Policing
- PLS 403** Homicide
- PLS 408** Policing and Technology
- PLS 410** Policing and Community
- PLS 414** Social Forces and Policing Society
- PLS 415** Contemporary Police Strategies
- PLS 416** Criminal Procedure
- PLS 420** Surveillance and Society

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

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



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