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Criminology and Criminal Justice
AA to BS – Fully Online

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The fully online Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice – Online degree program, offered in partnership with CPaCE, is tailored for students who seek to collaboratively investigate, understand, and solve social problems related to crime through the interdisciplinary and comparative study of crime and criminal behavior, as well as the policies and systems designed to control criminality. Graduates are well-prepared to become agents of positive change in the justice system through evaluation, research, ethical practice, and dedicated service. Graduates are also prepared to pursue advanced degrees in criminology & criminal justice, law, public affairs, and related fields. This program is a full-time, two-year, cohort-based program for fully qualified transfer students.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice – Online degree program, applicants must satisfy the minimum CSU Upper Division transfer requirements *and* demonstrate the following:

- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0
- Completion of all lower division General Education courses (including GE A1, A2, A3 & B4)
- Completion of the following lower-division courses:
  - CRJU 101 – Criminal Justice System in Society (with a C or higher)
  - Two of the following courses:
    - SOC 100 – Principles of Sociology
    - PSY 100 – General Psychology
    - POSC 100 – Introduction to American Government

University Graduation Requirements

Students admitted to the program will be required to comply with all CSULB graduation requirements for a bachelor's degree. Currently, the CSULB graduation requirements include the following:

- Earn the number of units for the degree
- Earn a minimum of 30 units in residence
- Earn a minimum of 40 upper-division units
- Complete the General Education (GE) pattern
- Satisfy major requirements
- Maintain minimum GPA requirements (for the University and major)
- Satisfy the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)
- Receive formal faculty approval from the major department

Degree Requirements

Take 61 units of criminology and criminal justice courses as follows (with a grade of "C" or better). Courses marked with an asterix (*****) are lower division courses that should be taken prior to admission. The following course requirements pertain to students in both the stateside BS, as well as those admitted to the fully **online Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice – Online** degree program. The students in the self-support program will progress in a lock-step fashion as a cohort. Thus, while the courses presented in this section would all satisfy degree requirements, in any one cohort, courses will be selected to meet these degree requirements.

Take 25 units of the following core courses:
- **CRJU 101 – Criminal Justice System in Society (3 units)*
- CRJU 300 - Research, Writing, and Reasoning for Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 units)
- CRJU 301 - Criminal Courts and Judicial Processes (3 units)
- CRJU 302 - Policing (3 units)
- CRJU 303 - Corrections: Theory, Policy, and Practice (3 units)
- [CRJU 304 - Criminological Theory](#) (3 units)
- CRJU 320 - Criminal Justice Research Methods (3 units)
- CRJU 325 - Statistics for Criminal Justice (4 units)
- CRJU 330 - Criminal Justice Ethics, Values, and Diversity (3 units)

Take 3 units of one of the following:
- CRJU 340 - Substantive Criminal Law (3 units)
- CRJU 350 - Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)

Take 15 units of any criminology and criminal justice-approved upper-division elective (i.e., course not in core)
- EMER 301 – Emergency Management & Planning (3 units)
- EMER 401 – Advanced Concepts & Integration in Emergency Management & Homeland Security (3 units)
- GEOG 471 – Geographic Information Science (GiSci) for Justice (3 units)
- CRJU 340 – Substantive Criminal Law (3 units)
- CRJU 350 – Constitutional Criminal Procedure (3 units)
- Any other 400 level CRJU course not used already for the major (3 units)
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Take 3 units of a Senior Integrative Experience (in one of the following two ways):
- CRJU 493 - Internship (3 units)
- CRJU 497 - Directed Research or Independent Study (3 units)

Take two of the following three cognate courses* (with a grade of "C" or better):

- *POSC 100 - Introduction to American Government (3 units)*
- *PSY 100 - General Psychology (3 units)*
- *SOC 100 - Principles of Sociology (3 units)*

Cognate Electives:

Take 2 courses in related disciplines (with a grade of "C" or better):

- AFRS/AIS/ASAM/CHLS 319: Racial & Ethnic Experience in the U.S. (3)
- AFRS 332: Civil Rights & the Law (3)
- AFRS 475: Racism & Sexism: An Analytical Approach (3)
- CDFS 319: Family Stress & Coping (3)
- CECS 278: Cyber Security Principles (3)
- CHLS 375: Latinas & the Prison System: A Comparative Perspective (3)
- CLSC 410: Law & Literature in the Classical World (3)
- GEOG 301: The Urban Scene (3)
- HIST 433: Crime, Law, and Punishment in the Middle Ages (3)
- HIST 487: Madness, Mental Health, and Psychiatry in America (3)
- PHIL 352: Philosophy of Law (3)
- PHIL 451: Liberty & Justice: Race, Ethnicity, & Gender in American Law (3)
- POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3)
- PSY 350: Psychology & Contemporary Social Issues (3)
- PSY 370: Abnormal Psychology (3)
- RGR 400: Crime & Punishment (3)
- SOC 335: Social Psychology (3)
- SOC 342: Critical Criminology (3)
- SOC 346: Race, Gender, & Class (3)
- SOC 423: Child Abuse & Prevention (3)
- SOC 436: Racism, Power, & Inequality (3)
- SOC 449: Sociology of Human Rights and Social Justice (3)
- WGSS 317: Queer Law (3)
- WGSS 370: Masculinities (3)
- WGSS 430: Women & Violence (3)

Additional Requirements:

In addition to the major requirements, CSULB requires students to complete two upper-division GE courses (in areas C and D) which will be satisfied in this program by offering cognate courses that are GE certified.

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