

BA in Criminal Justice

51 units

A minimum 2.0 grade-point average is required in all major courses, and students must pass all required courses with a C or higher. Students must earn at least 50% of major course credits at Azusa Pacific University to graduate with a degree in criminal justice. No more than 50% of required criminal justice courses can be lower-division.

No more than 10 percent of the criminal justice major (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/criminal-justice-major/>) credits may be completed through knowledge-based examinations (e.g., CLEP). All credit earned through examination will be clearly documented on the student's official transcript by specific course designations and numbers, including the source of the credit. Awarding blanket credit for criminal justice courses in a "block" is not allowed (e.g., "12 hours criminal justice credit").

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
MATH 130 or MATH 115	Introduction to Statistics ¹ Mathematics in Society	3
CJ 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice ²	3
CJ 220	Police and Society	3
CJ 240	Introduction to Corrections: Jails and Prisons	3
CJ 250	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 280	American Court System	3
CJ 310	Criminological Theories	3
CJ 340	Victimology	3
CJ 350	Race, Ethnicity and Crime	3
WRIT 262	Writing 2: Criminal Justice Research Methods ³	3
CJ 362	Writing 3: Criminal Justice Research Design ⁴	3
CJ 494	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice ⁵	3
Elective Courses		15
CJ 200	Criminal Justice, Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility ⁶	
CJ 251 or POLI 250	Criminal Law Introduction to Criminal Law	
CJ 255	The Criminalization of Youth	
CJ 351 or POLI 350	Criminal Procedure Constitutional Law: Fundamental Freedoms	
CJ 355	Gender and Crime	
CJ 395	Sex Crimes	
CJ 450	Forensic Psychology for Criminal Justice Professionals	
CJ 460	Criminal Justice Internship ⁷	
CJ 495	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	
POLI 380	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	
SOCW 410 or SOCW 411	Family Violence Intimate Relationship Violence: Assessment and Intervention	
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¹ Meets the General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement.

² Meets the General Education Social Sciences requirement.

³ Meets the General Education Writing 2 requirement.

⁴ Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.

⁵ Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied Learning requirement.

⁶ Meets the General Education Civic Knowledge and Engagement requirement.

⁷ Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied Learning requirement.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate comprehension of traditional and contemporary criminology theories.
2. Critique how major components of the criminal justice system respond to crime, criminals, and victims from theoretical and practical perspectives.
3. Employ data and methods of social science research to respond to contemporary criminal justice issues.
4. Illustrate ways in which race and ethnicity are linked to differential justice within criminal justice systems.
5. Students will be able to apply relevant Christian principles to the delivery of justice within the Criminal Justice system.