Criminal Justice, B.A.S.

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Applied Science

Nature of the Program

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree provides students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree with an opportunity to continue their education to the baccalaureate level. Students acquire additional skills, knowledge, and aptitude, thereby furthering their professional advancement and the prospect of enrolling into a Master's program.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Dr. Heidi B. Samuels - Ed.D. Educational Leadership
  Year @ PSC (2006)

PROFESSOR

- Dr. Heidi B. Samuels - Ed.D. Educational Leadership, MS Criminal Justice
  Year @ PSC (2006)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

- Danielle Lessard - ABD Ph.D. Criminal Justice
  Year @ PSC (2018)

Admissions

Graduates of the Criminal Justice A.A.S. degree are eligible to apply to this major. Other junior level students may be admitted and should work with a Criminal Justice adviser.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

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<td>&amp; ENGL 102</td>
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| F2A/F2B - Science & Technology | 4-6 |
| F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning | 3-4 |
| F4 - Society & Connections     | 3 |
| F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past  | 3 |
| F6 - The Arts & Creativity     | 3 |
| F7 - Global Studies & Diversity| 3 |
| F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree) | 9 |

Total Hours: 31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

- Applicable AAS Degree Hours: 60
- GEF Elective Requirements (2, 6, and 8): 9
ENGL 102  Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)  3  
STAT 111  Understanding Statistics (GEF 8)  3  
CJ 315  Criminal Evidence  3  
CJ 380  Victimology  3  
CJ 401  Research Methods in Criminal Justice  3  
CJ 455  Ethics/Criminal Justice System  3  
CJ 485  Senior Seminar-Capstone  3  

**BAS Track (Select one of the following tracks):**  18

**Track 1:**
Any 12 credit hours of criminal justice 300 or 400 level courses not used to meet another requirement.

Open Electives (6 credit hours)

**Track 2:**
Any 12 credit hours of BUSA or BTEC 300 or 400 level courses.

Open Electives (6 credit hours)

**Track 3:**
Any 12 credit hours of 300 or 400 level courses

Open Electives (6 credit hours)

**Track 4:**
Select four of the following:
- BUSA 310  Survey of Business Law
- BUSA 320  Survey of Management
- BUSA 330  Survey of Marketing
- BUSA 340  Survey of Finance
- BTEC 380  Business Ethics

Select two of the following:
- ACCT 201  Principles of Accounting 1
- ECON 201  Principles of Microeconomics
- or ECON 202  Principles of Macroeconomics

**Upper Level Major Elective (Select four of the following):**  12
- CJ 301  White Collar and Economic Crime (Fall Semester Only)
- CJ 316  Community Based Corrections (Fall Semester Only)
- CJ 324  Drugs, Crime and Society (Fall Semester Only)
- CJ 415  Forensic Techniques (Fall Semester Only)
- CJ 302  Terrorism (Spring Semester Only)
- CJ 325  The Role of Women in Criminal Justice (Spring Semester Only)
- CJ 461  Current Issues/Criminal Justice (Spring Semester Only)
- CJ 493  Special Topics (Hate Crime: A System's Approach - Spring Semester Only)

**Total Hours:**  120

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**Suggested Plan of Study**

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**BAS Track Elective**  
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**Open Elective**  
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**Upper Level Major Elective**  
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**GEF 6**  
3  
**GEF 8**  
3

**Total credit hours: 60**

**Major Learning Outcomes**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.S.**

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, the student will be able to:

1. Apply project management concepts in a capstone experience  
2. Demonstrate effective communication skills  
3. Use technology effectively to support professional level experience  
4. Apply ethical decision-making skills