

Criminal Justice, B.A.S.

Degree Awarded

- Bachelor of Applied Science

Nature of Program

The Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree provides students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program with an opportunity to continue their education to the baccalaureate level, acquiring additional skills and furthering their professional advancement. This statewide degree program requires 39 credit hours of upper division course work and 30 credit hours in the Criminal Justice area of emphasis.

FACULTY

CHAIR

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Admissions Requirements

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

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

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills		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	
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

Suggested Plan of Study

Third Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3 CJ 380	3
CJ 315	3 STAT 111 (GEF 8)	3
BAS Track Elective	3 BAS Track Elective	3
Upper Level Major Elective	3 Upper Level Major Elective	3
GEF 2	3 Open Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
CJ 401	3 CJ 455	3
BAS Track Elective	3 CJ 485	3
Upper Level Major Elective	3 BAS Track Elective	3
Open Elective	3 Upper Level Major Elective	3

GEF 6	3 GEF 8	3
	15	15

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.S.

- Communicate clearly and effectively in both written and verbal formats.
- Preparation for viable employment in the criminal justice field.
- Work well with others and be understanding of personal differences.
- Demonstrate critical and analytical skills.
- Be proficient with the major academic elements of the Criminal Justice field