

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY, BS: CRIME ANALYSIS

Study in the field of criminal justice examines the component parts of criminal justice – police, courts, and corrections – and seeks to gain an understanding of the interdependencies among them. Courses emphasize the role of criminal justice agencies in society, particularly in relation to the impact of alternative criminal justice policies on society and social problems. The program prepares students as generalists in criminal justice and is well suited for those who want to pursue graduate work in criminal justice, law, public administration, and the social sciences.

Thousands of our graduates have gone on to careers with the public sector, private sector and non-profit organizations, including jobs such as FBI agent, intelligence analyst, police officer, evidence technician, border patrol agent, computer security expert, probation officer, customs inspector, and private investigator.

The Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology offers a specialization, a minor, and a post-baccalaureate certificate in Crime Analysis. Crime analysts gather crime and disorder data, identify and analyze patterns, trends and problems, develop recommendations based on their findings, and create and disseminate information that helps criminal justice agencies address crime and allocate resources.

A sequence of courses will lead to a specialization in this growing area. Preparation includes a foundation in criminal justice and research methods; specialized coursework in crime analysis, analysis-oriented technology, and data-driven policing; and field placement in an agency setting with practicing professionals.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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Total Credits		120

Preparatory Coursework

Based on individual placement results, some students may be required to complete preparatory coursework before enrolling in the courses listed here. This may include English language or composition preparation, developmental math, introductory chemistry, and/or student support courses for students participating in the First Year Bridge program.

General Education Requirements (GER)

UW-Milwaukee has General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#generaleducationtext>) that must be met in order to earn a bachelor's or associate degree. They include at minimum 30 credits (10 courses) in six categories that are designed to assure basic student competencies and provide a broad body of knowledge as a context for specialization.

Some degree requirements may fulfill GERs. Please review the requirements and consult with your academic advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Categories and Credits		
Civics and Perspectives (CP)		6
Communication and Literacy (CL)		6
Humanities and Arts (HA)		6
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)		3
Natural Science and Wellness (NSW/NSWL)		6
Social and Behavioral Science (SBS)		3
Total Credits		30

Major Requirements

Criminal justice intended majors spend their first two years building a liberal arts foundation and fulfilling proficiency requirements. First-year students and sophomores may begin to take courses offered in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare.

Students must complete at least 120 credits to obtain the degree. The major in criminal justice requires a minimum of 48 credits in required courses and electives. The Department requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including transfer work, to meet graduation requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
COMMUN 103 or COMMUN 105	Public Speaking Business and Professional Communication	3
CRM JST 110	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRM JST 271	Introduction to Policing	3
CRM JST 273	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRM JST 275	Introduction to Criminal Courts	3
CRM JST 305	Criminological Theory and Policy	3
CRM JST 310	Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice	3
CRM JST 662	Methods of Social Welfare Research	3
CRM JST 663	Criminal Justice Capstone Seminar	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology	
INFOST 370	Data Analysis and Visualization for the Information Professional	
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis	
PSYCH 210	Psychological Statistics	
BUS ADM 210	Statistical Modeling in Business Analytics	
KIN 270	Statistics in the Health Professions: Theory and Practice	
Criminal Justice Electives		
Select 18 credits ¹		18
Fieldwork		
Complete up to 6 credits ²		0-6
Total Credits		48

¹ SOC WRK 100 and SOC WRK 306 count as electives in the criminal justice major.

² Upon approval of the Criminal Justice Field Coordinator, the student may earn up to 6 credits of Criminal Justice electives for authorized

field placements with various criminal justice agencies including police departments, court-related agencies, and correctional institutions.

General Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Credits towards the degree not counted in other categories will apply to General Electives. Classes counting towards General Electives may include, but are not limited to:		
ENGLISH 100	Introduction to College Writing and Reading	4
ENGLISH 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research	3
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	3
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	3
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	3
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	3
Foreign Language credits		
Credits earned in HONORS 687 or HONORS 689 will not count towards the major.		

Degree Requirements

An overall GPA (including non-UWM college work) of 2.0 and a total of 120 credits are needed for graduation. To receive the bachelor's degree with a criminal justice major, the student must complete at least 30 degree credits at UWM. At least 50% of the credits required for the Criminal Justice major must be earned at UWM.

Specialization in Crime Analysis

The specialization in Crime Analysis is designed for students completing their major in Criminal Justice and consists of 18 credits, with the following courses (or equivalents) required:

Code	Title	Credits
INFOST 110	Introduction to Information Science and Technology	3
or INFOST 120	Information Technology Ethics	
CRM JST 480	Criminal Evidence and Investigation	3
CRM JST 510	Introduction to Crime Analysis	3
CRM JST 520	Analysis Oriented Technology: Spatial Data Analysis; Crime Mapping; ArcGIS	3
CRM JST 530	Data Driven Policing Strategies and Police Intelligence	3
CRM JST 311	Field Experience Practicum	3
Total Credits		18

Students must complete all coursework within the sequence. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken in residence at UWM.

Criminal Justice and Criminology BS Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the BS in Criminal Justice & Criminology Program will be able to:

1. Understand foundational theories of crime and punishment, history, roles, and responsibilities within law enforcement, corrections, and the court system.
2. Develop a comprehensive understanding of issues within the criminal justice system, critically assessing and analyzing problems to propose realistic solutions.
3. Apply criminological theories to predict and understand individual actions and criminal behavior.
4. Analyze challenges related to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the criminal justice system, identifying and addressing social justice issues.
5. Integrate ethical principles into decision-making, advocate for ethical and socially just practices, and propose solutions to current problems in criminal justice practice and policy.
6. Critically assess issues within the criminal justice system, demonstrating advanced critical thinking and analytical skills in the capstone competencies.
7. Identify, analyze, and propose solutions for current problems in criminal justice practice and policy, showcasing advanced critical thinking and analytical skills.
8. Communicate effectively in both written and spoken forms, adhering to disciplinary conventions such as the most up-to-date reference style used by the department.

Undergraduate Academic Advising

The Office of Student Services in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, located in the Northwest Quadrant Building D 3rd Floor, offers undergraduate student academic advising from professional advisors who are familiar with the Social Work and Criminal Justice & Criminology curriculum, College requirements, and university policies. Advisors can also provide information on scholarship opportunities, tutoring, and student organizations that align with a student's interests.

These advisors provide services such as new first-year student orientation, course selection, assistance with registration, and review of transfer credit. Students are assigned to a permanent professional advisor upon admittance into the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare and are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor at least once each semester. Please call (414) 229-4852 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Transfer Students

The Helen Bader School of Social Welfare welcomes students from other academic areas on the UWM campus and students transferring to UWM from other institutions. Students planning to transfer into either major from another institution should meet with an academic advisor as soon as they are admitted and the transfer credit evaluation process has been completed. During this meeting, the student and advisor will review transfer course equivalencies, discuss program requirements, and create an academic plan for coming semesters. Students may meet with their advisor in person or by phone. Please call (414) 229-4852 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a GPA of 3.500 or above in all major courses taken in residence at UWM. A minimum of 28 Social Work credits or 24 Criminal Justice credits completed in residence are needed to be considered for Honors in the Major.

High Honors in the Major

High Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a GPA of 3.750 or above in all major courses taken in residence at UWM. A minimum of 28 Social Work credits or 24 Criminal Justice credits completed in residence are needed to be considered for Honors in the Major.

College of Community Engagement and Professions Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

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