

The BAAS Degree with Criminal Justice Concentration

The Criminal Justice Concentration provides students the background to pursue employment options in the criminal justice career field. The combination of such courses as law enforcement, political science, psychology, sociology, and social work prepares those already working in the field for career advancement. For those wishing to enter a criminal justice field, the degree offers the graduate the possibility of employment in such career fields as federal, state, and local law enforcement, institutional and community-based corrections, and criminal investigations.

Occupational Specialty - 24-39 semester hours, and any additional hours necessary to meet the 120-hour university requirement. Credits toward an area of coherent specialization may be earned from community colleges, this university and other senior institutions, workforce education, vocational or technical schools, armed forces schools, work experiences, and nontraditional learning experiences that can be equated to college credit. To qualify for work experience credit, a student must have 3 consecutive years of full-time employment within the last 6 years. A student may be awarded 2 hours of credit for each qualifying year of work experience related to the student's occupational specialty up to a maximum of 6 hours. Credit for nontraditional experiences is granted on the basis of evaluation by the Director and the BAAS staff utilizing the National Guide of the American Council on Education (ACE) and other appropriate publications. Documentation will be placed in the student's permanent file in the Office of the Registrar when the student has completed at least nine hours in the BAAS program.

Computer Science - 3 semester hours

[Academic Foundations and Core Curriculum - 42 semester hours](#)

The Criminal Justice Concentration - 36 advanced semester hours

- [BAAS 4113 - Capstone Project](#) 3

33 advanced semester hours chosen from the following:

- [BAAS 3113 - Internship Applied Arts and Sciences](#) 3
- Any CRJU advanced courses except [CRJU 4773](#), [4943](#), [4993](#)
- [ENGL 3203 - Technical Writing](#) 3
- [MCOM 4683 - Public Relations Principles](#) 3
- [PHIL 3533 - Special Topics in Philosophy](#) 3
- [POLS 3213 - Research Methods](#) 3
- [POLS 3233 - American Political Parties and Pressure Groups](#) 3
- [POLS 3443 - Municipal Government and Metropolitan Problems](#) 3
- [POLS 3933 - The Judicial System and Politics](#) 3
- [POLS 4043 - Congress](#) 3
- [POLS 4133 - Public Administration](#) 3
- [POLS 4163 - Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations](#) 3
- [POLS 4173 - Organizational Behavior and Decision Making](#) 3
- [POLS 4233 - American Constitutional Law](#) 3
- [POLS 4243 - Civil Rights and Civil Liberties](#) 3
- [POLS 4653 - International Political Economy](#) 3
- [POLS 4953 - Public Personnel Administration](#) 3
- [PSYC 3913 - Personal Relations and Interactions](#) 3
- [SOCL 3333 - Criminology](#) 3
- [SOCL 3433 - The Family](#) 3

- SOCL 3733 - Juvenile Delinquency 3
- SOCL 4133 - Racial and Ethnic Relations 3
- SOCL 4413 - Deviant Behavior 3
- SOCL 4633 - The Sociology of Family Violence 3
- SOCL 4703 - Disability and Society 3
- SOWK 3233 - Parenting: Family and Community 3
- SOWK 3953 - Human Diversity 3
- SOWK 4113 - Aging 3
- SOWK 4233 - Parenting 3
- SOWK 4323 - Introduction to Substance Abuse 3
- SOWK 4363 - Family Systems and Substance Abuse 3

Note:

The BAAS Criminal Justice Concentration student may submit a petition to the BAAS program for permission to apply appropriate additional courses to fulfill the above 36 semester hour curriculum.