



**Behavioral & Health Sciences
Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science
GPS/Online**

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The B.S. in Criminal Justice for Graduate and Professional Studies/Online students addresses the increased demand for college-educated criminal justice professionals. Over the past several decades, the push towards the professionalization of the police force and other organizations within our criminal justice system has led many students and practitioners to work towards a bachelor's degree.

The curriculum, which includes courses in theory, ethics, policy analysis, law enforcement, corrections, and law, is designed to enhance the critical thinking skills of students and to better prepare graduates for workplaces full of opportunities to exercise discretion.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program is highly recommended for current criminal justice practitioners who want to complete their degrees or students interested in careers in law enforcement, juvenile justice, the court system, the corrections system, and other social services.

Emphasis on Alternatives to Current Justice Practices

The criminal justice program places an emphasis on understanding many different forms of justice. There are alternatives to our primarily punitive current justice practices, such as restorative justice, that combine the elements of social control with the principles of Christianity and forgiveness. Instead of focusing on punishment only, restorative justice seeks to repair the harm that was done and restore the relationships of those involved. The idea of restorative justice comes from many ancient philosophies and teachings, one being Christianity. Micah 6:8, for example, tells us that the Lord requires us to “act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”

Those who fully understand the use of restorative justice practices have a better grasp of relationships and how to interact with people in respectful and restorative ways. Each criminal justice practitioner has the unique ability to affect each person he/she interacts with. She/he has the opportunity to be an agent of cultural transformation in Christ during each interaction. This program seeks to emphasize these opportunities and provide examples of ways that students can apply these principles to their work settings. Through the restorative justice component, the criminal justice program actively seeks to live out King's mission to build meaningful lives of achievement and cultural transformation in Christ.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between the three components of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the court system, and the correctional system.
2. Articulate the theoretical constructs of crime and victimization.
3. Develop effective communication skills.

4. Use ethical guidelines in professional decision-making.
5. Show competency in applying research methods in criminal justice research.

Introduction to Criminal Justice Requirement

Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJU 1500) is a required course in the Criminal Justice program. It is recommended that students take CRJU 1500 prior to entering the program. If a student intending to major in Criminal Justice has not completed this course prior to matriculation or prior to entering the Criminal Justice major, he/she is required to pass the course within the first two semesters of enrollment in the major. King offers the course online in “Quest” format (5 learning modules spread over the entire 15-week semester), so the course can be taken while enrolled in the three specified Criminal Justice courses for the major, during a semester.

Comprehensive Assessment

Upon completion of all criminal justice coursework, students will take a comprehensive examination to demonstrate competency in the field. The exam will be taken at the student’s assigned campus, online, or at an ETS testing center. Students must make a passing grade to meet this requirement. The passing grade is based on nationally-normed data and must be higher than two standard deviations below the mean for that academic year. If students do not receive a passing score, they have the opportunity to complete and pass either a program portfolio demonstrating their coursework during the program or to complete a departmental exam.

Technology Requirements

Students must have access to a computer, with minimum of Microsoft Office 2010 or later, wireless capability, and webcam required

Criminal Justice Major Requirements

CRJU 2900	
Special Topics in Criminal Justice	4 s.h.
CRJU 2610	
Criminal Procedure	4 s.h.
CRJU 2620	
Criminal Law	4 s.h.
CRJU 3000	
Juvenile Justice	4 s.h.
CRJU 3100	
American Systems of Corrections	4 s.h.
CRJU 3110	
American Policing	4 s.h.
CRJU 3330	
Research Methods in Criminal Justice	4 s.h.
CRJU 3440	
Applied Research Methods.....	4 s.h.
CRJU 3600	
Theories of Criminology	4 s.h.
CRJU 4200	
Ethics and Justice.....	4 s.h.
CRJU 4550	
Criminal Justice Policy	4 s.h.
CRJU 4600	
Alternatives to Justice: Restorative Justice.....	4 s.h.

CRJU 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment	<u>0</u> s.h.
Total	48 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits

General Education Minimum Requirements	
(must include CRJU 1500 <i>Introduction to Criminal Justice</i>).....	30 s.h.
Major Requirements.....	48 s.h.
Electives/Minor/2 nd Major	<u>46</u> s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science	124 s.h.