**Department of Criminal Justice**

**School of Social Sciences and Education**

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**Program Description**

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Criminal Justice at CSU Bakersfield is designed to provide the student with familiarity in the major components of the U.S. criminal justice system, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections organized on local, state, and federal levels.

**Mission Statement for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice is designed to empower students as critical thinkers, effective oral communicators, and competent writers on subject matters of crime and justice including: (1) the nature, extent, and causation of crime; (2) knowledge in research methods and statistical applications to promote an understanding of criminal behavior and to assess the effectiveness of criminal justice policies; (3) the role of criminal law in the regulation of human conduct and maintenance of stability in society; (4) the philosophy, theory, policies, practices, processes, and reform of the U.S. police agencies at the federal, state, and local levels; (5) the philosophy and goals of criminal punishment and to understand the structure, processes, and reform of the U.S. correctional agencies at the federal, state, and local level.

Graduates who have acquired these skills and knowledge and have been exposed to other relevant topics, such as juvenile delinquency, the role of women and victims in the justice process, ethical concerns for criminal justice practitioners, understanding of the appreciation for cultural and ethnic diversity, the connection between drugs and crime, and the dynamics of gangs and violence, are prepared for graduate study, law school, or challenging careers in the field of criminal justice. Students who graduate from the Criminal Justice program should be able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge as stated in the goals and objectives which can be found at the department’s website.

**Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**

**Total Units Required to Graduate 180-190 units**

**Major Requirements 76 units**

Prerequisites 15 units

Basic Core Courses 21 units

CRJU Systems & Area Courses 20 units

Theme and Elective Courses 20 units

**Minor Requirement** **20 units**

**Other University Requirements 52-92 units**

CSUB 101 2

American Institutions 5-10\*

Area A 15

Area B 10-15\*\*

Area C 10-15\*

Area D 5-15\*

Theme 1 5

Theme 2 0-5\*

Theme 3 0\*\*\*

GRE 0-5\*

GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-5\*\*\*\*

\*may be satisfied in lower-division prerequisite, major, minor, or other university requirement

\*\*B4 is lower-division prerequisite

\*\*\*satisfied with CRJU 310, a Basic core course

\*\*\*\*0 if student satisfactorily completes exam

**Additional Elective Units 0-32 units**

See http://www.csub.edu/schedules.shtml for current list of courses satisfying university-wide requirements.

**Note:** One (1) quarter unit of credit normally represents one-hour of in-class work and 2-3 hours of outside study per week.

**Requirements for the Major in Criminal Justice**

**Prerequisites to the major:**

CRJU 100, 200 or MATH 140 or PSYC 200, SOC 100 or PSYC 100

**Basic Core Courses:**

CRJU 250 (Pre: MATH 140 or PSYC 200), 310, 371, 490

**Criminal Justice systems and areas courses:**

1. **Required courses:**

CRJU 376, 378, 379

2. **Select one of the following:**

CRJU 380, 420, 430

3. **Theme and Elective Courses in Criminal Justice:**

a. Race and Gender in Criminal Justice (select one)

CRJU 325, 330

b. Drugs, Gangs and White Collar Crime (select one)

CRJU 340, 345, 350

c. Criminal Justice Electives (select two) CRJU 150, 210, 440, 477, 480, 494, 496, 497, 499

**Minor, Concentration, and Special Minor**

In addition to meeting the requirements for the major, the student must satisfactorily complete one of the three university required options listed below:

1. A special minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units, 15 of which must be upper division, approved by the student’s advisor and the AVP for Academic Programs, taken outside the major discipline.

2. A minor consisting of at least 20 quarter units within a minor program designed and approved by another discipline.

3. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas.

**Requirements for the Minor in Criminal Justice**

Four courses, including CRJU 100, or an approved equivalent, and three upper division Criminal Justice courses, as approved by the Department of Criminal Justice.