



Crookston Campus

Criminal Justice B.S.

Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education

Academic Affairs

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2023
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 53 to 59
- This program requires summer terms.
- Degree: Bachelor of Science

The career-oriented bachelor of science in criminal justice degree at the University of Minnesota Crookston is designed for students interested in a professional career in the rapidly expanding criminal justice field. The program has an interdisciplinary criminal justice curriculum that provides students the opportunity to incorporate learning that is identified by employers as being critical to career success. The program provides high quality education in both academic and professional areas, offers unique training and internship experiences, a positive entry-level employment outlook among criminal justice agencies, and an academic platform to continue graduate training in fields such as political science, law, public administration, criminal justice/criminology, psychology, and social work.

Criminal justice majors choose either a law enforcement or corrections emphasis. Both emphases include elective credits that allow students to choose courses of specific interest. Students who complete the law enforcement emphasis and approved skills training will be eligible to take the state board exam to become a licensed police officer.

Program outcomes:

Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the criminal justice system, juvenile justice system, public administration/policy, criminal behavior, law, criminal justice issues, and criminology.

Identify the ethical issues inherent in criminal justice.

Demonstrate proficiencies in policing philosophies, including analyzing, understanding, and evaluating criminal evidence, investigation, and surveillance techniques.

Explain correctional philosophies and understand the historical and current dilemmas in corrections.

Discuss the concepts of due process of law, criminal procedure, defendant's rights, victim's rights, and constitutional rights.

Describe programs and services that are effective for combating crime.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)
- completely online (all program coursework can be completed online)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements. For more information, see the [graduation requirements](#).

Program Requirements

Students must complete 40 upper-division credits.

A maximum of two D grades are allowed for core courses required in the program, subplan/emphasis, and technology requirements. This includes grades earned at UMC or transferred in from another institution.

Criminal Justice Core

Take exactly 11 course(s) totaling exactly 35 credit(s) from the following:

- **CRJS 1500** - Introduction to Criminal Justice [HI/BEH/SSC, ETH/CIV RE] (4.0 cr)
- **CRJS 2100** - Crime and Criminology (3.0 cr)
- **CRJS 2400** - Introduction to Corrections (3.0 cr)
- **CRJS 2500** - Introduction to Policing (3.0 cr)
- **CRJS 3350** - Criminal Justice Administration (3.0 cr)
- **CRJS 3505** - Judicial Process (3.0 cr)



- [CRJS 3515](#) - Criminal Justice Ethics (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3525](#) - Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3530](#) - Criminal Justice Diversity (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3900](#) - Criminal Justice Field Placement (Internship) (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4540](#) - Criminal Law (4.0 cr)

Liberal Education

This program requires a minimum of 40 credits of liberal education and completion of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Take exactly 4 course(s) from the following:

The following are specific required liberal education courses.

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 13 credit(s) from the following:

- [COMP 1011](#) - Composition I [COMMUNICAT] (3.0 cr)
- [COMP 1013](#) - Composition II [COMMUNICAT] (3.0 cr)
- [POL 1001](#) - American Government [ETH/CIV RE] (4.0 cr)
- Choose one of the following:
 - [COMM 2002](#) - Interpersonal Communication [COMMUNICAT] (3.0 cr)
 - [COMM 1101](#) - Public Speaking [COMMUNICAT] (3.0 cr)

Recommended Liberal Education

The following are recommended liberal education courses.

Take 0 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [MATH 1150](#) - Introduction to Statistics [MATH THINK] (3.0 cr)
- [PSY 1001](#) - General Psychology [HI/BEH/SSC] (3.0 cr)
- [PSY 3604](#) - Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
- [SOC 1001](#) - Introduction to Sociology [HI/BEH/SSC, HUMAN DIV] (3.0 cr)

Technology

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

- CA 1xxx
- CA 2xxx
- [NATR 2630](#) - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Corrections

Students can complete the corrections emphasis to better prepare themselves in the field of adult and juvenile corrections.

The Criminal Justice BS with an emphasis in Corrections requires a minimum of 53 credits within the major.

Corrections Core

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 12 credit(s) from the following:

- [CRJS 3455](#) - Institutional Corrections (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3465](#) - Strategies in Correctional Rehabilitation (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3475](#) - Community Corrections (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4435](#) - Theories of Punishment (3.0 cr)

Corrections Electives

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [CRJS 1803](#) - Directed Studies (1.0 - 15.0 cr)
- [CRJS 2390](#) - Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 2550](#) - Traffic Law (2.0 cr)
- [CRJS 2560](#) - Emergency Medical Responder (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3350](#) - Criminal Justice Administration (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3520](#) - Natural Resource Law Enforcement Techniques (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3550](#) - Criminal Investigation (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3575](#) - Critical Issues in Policing (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3804](#) - Individual Studies (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4315](#) - Women and Crime (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4390](#) - Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4510](#) - Victimology (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4550](#) - Criminal Procedure (4.0 cr)
- [MGMT 3210](#) - Supervision and Leadership (3.0 cr)

Open Electives

Students must complete enough open elective credits to meet the 120 credit graduation requirement.



Law Enforcement

Students can complete the academic requirements needed for Peace Officer Standards & Training in order to become a law enforcement officer in Minnesota.

The Criminal Justice BS with an emphasis in Law Enforcement requires a minimum of 59 credits within the major.

Law Enforcement Core

Take exactly 18 credit(s) from the following:

- [CRJS 2550](#) - Traffic Law (2.0 cr)
- [CRJS 2560](#) - Emergency Medical Responder (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3550](#) - Criminal Investigation (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 3575](#) - Critical Issues in Policing (3.0 cr)
- [CRJS 4510](#) - Victimology (3.0 cr)
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Online

This sub-plan is optional and does not fulfill the sub-plan requirement for this program.

The online curriculum requirements are the same as on-campus curriculum requirements with the below exceptions:

*Technology Requirement

Take 3 credits from CA 1xxx or CA 2xxx
NATR 2630 is not available online

*The following courses are not available online under Corrections electives:

[CRJS 1803](#) Directed Studies
[CRJS 2390](#) Special Topics
[CRJS 2560](#) Emergency Medical Responder

*The following courses are not available online under Law Enforcement electives:

[CRJS 1803](#) Directed Studies
[CRJS 2390](#) Special Topics

*The following course is not available online, therefore, is not required under Law Enforcement core. This emphasis will require 3 fewer credits within the major (from 59 to 56 credits):

[CRJS 2560](#) Emergency Medical Responder (3 cr)