



**Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science
Behavioral & Health Sciences
Traditional**

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The B.S. in Criminal Justice is the study of the components of the criminal justice system and how they operate together. A Criminal Justice degree at King provides insight into the many ways the system creates policy and change: current research, experience, public opinion, and current events. This program provides a full array of courses designed to survey and learn about each aspect of the United States justice system and the theories and research behind each part. It provides a mix of courses that will be beneficial to those entering the field upon graduation and also to those beginning graduate or law school.

Our program prepares students to:

- Make connections between theory, research, and policy
- Understand and use restorative and other nontraditional practices in personal and work situations
- Focus on change and growth within our current justice system
- Fulfill the mission of King University to build meaningful lives of achievement and cultural transformation in Christ by recognizing and implementing the many avenues of justice

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 this 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.

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 portfolio demonstrating their successful completion of coursework during the program or 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

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| CRJU 1500 | |
| Introduction to Criminal Justice | 4 s.h. |
| CRJU 2620 | |
| Criminal Law | 4 s.h. |
| CRJU 3330 | |
| Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 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. |
| PSYC 3100 | |
| Statistics for the Social Sciences | 4 s.h. |
| <i>Choose from the following courses</i> | <i>12 s.h.</i> |
| CRJU 2500 | |
| Criminal Investigation for Forensic Science (4 s.h.) | |
| CRJU 2610 | |
| Criminal Procedure (4 s.h.) | |
| CRJU 2800 | |
| Serial and Mass Murder (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 4990 | |
| Comprehensive Assessment | <u>0</u> s.h. |
| Total for Criminal Justice Major | 44 s.h. |

Summary of Total Credits

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| Core Curriculum | 42 s.h. |
| Major Requirements..... | 44 s.h. |
| Electives/Minor/2 nd Major | <u>38</u> s.h. |
| Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice..... | 124 s.h. |