



Criminal Justice

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts

Grand View University offers students two programs to develop a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Both programs in the Criminal Justice major offered by Grand View University are designed to provide students an understanding of both the criminal justice system in America as well as some of the principal issues that are of concern to those who work in this field. Graduates are employed by law enforcement, corrections, and juvenile justice organizations.

Transfer students with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, or Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice will follow the Grand View 2+2 program, while incoming freshmen and transfer students without an associate's degree will follow the Grand View University program.

Grand View University Program

Requirements for the Major: 43-44 credits

Requirements for the Major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome Skills****

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	STAT 241 or PSYC 239	Principles of Statistics or Statistics for the Social Sciences	4 or 3				x x		
	SOCS 120	Careers in Criminal Justice	1						
	SOCS 155	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		x			x	
	SOCS 220	Corrections and Penology	3	x					
	SOCS 315	Social Problems	3	x	x				
	SOCS 318	Criminological Theory	3			x			
	SOCS 340	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	3						
	SOCS 347	Criminal Law and Procedures	3						
	POLS/SOCS 350	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	3	x	x		x		
	SOCS 360	Police and Society	3						
	SOCS 399	Internship	3	x	x				x
	SOCS 420	Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation	3			x			
	SOCS 455	Criminal Justice Capstone	3		x	x			x

Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills

Choose 6 credits from the following (options continue on next page):

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome Skills****

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	POLS 315	Introduction to Public Administration	3			x		x	x
	SOCS 215	Race and Ethnic Relations	3					x	
	SOCS 331	Crime and the Media	1						
	SOCS 334	Serial Killers	1						
	SOCS 335	Violence in the Workplace	1						
	PSYC/SOCS 362	Forensic Socio-Psychology	3			x			
	SOCS 363	Domestic Violence	1						

This information must be used in conjunction with the 2024-2025 Grand View University Catalog and does not reflect a student's official record of progress. Students are expected to use the Progress tool found on myGVU > Tools > My Academics > 'Plan and register for courses' to monitor and plan coursework. Other available resources include: Course Planning Documents (found on myGVU under Academics and Advising Resources) and the faculty and staff who work with academic requirements.

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	SOCS 364	Dysfunctional Family	1						
	SOCS 365	Divorce in America	1						
	SOCS 367	White Collar Crime	3						
	SOCS 375	Homeland Security and Terrorism	3						
	SOCS 380	Topics in Non-violence	3						
	SOCS 430	Special Topics	3						

These courses will be counted in computing the GPA for the major.

Grand View 2+2 Program

Requirements for the Major: 24-25 credits plus associate's degree in Criminal Justice

Transfer students with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, or Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice will follow the Grand View 2+2 program, while incoming freshmen and transfer students without an associate's degree in Criminal Justice will follow the Grand View University program.

Requirements for the Major:

Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome Skills****

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	STAT 241 or PSYC 239	Principles of Statistics or Statistics for the Social Sciences	4 or 3				x x		
	SOCS 220	Corrections and Penology	3	x					
	SOCS 318	Criminological Theory	3			x			
	SOCS 347	Criminal Law and Procedures	3						
	POLS/SOCS 350	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	3	x	x		x		
	SOCS 360	Police and Society	3						
	SOCS 420	Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation	3			x			
	SOCS 455	Criminal Justice Capstone	3		x	x			x

These courses will be counted in computing the GPA for the major.