Criminal Justice

Program Description
The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Criminal Justice focuses on the issues of law, crime, law enforcement, corrections and the criminal justice system. The program prepares students to assume entry level positions in various Criminal Justice occupations and eventually assume administrative responsibilities or conduct research in the field. An accelerated bachelor’s to master’s program is available for qualified students.

About This Major
College: College of Education and Professional Studies
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Required Hours for the Degree: 120
Minors Available: Criminal Justice; Forensic Studies; Juvenile Justice
Student Organizations: Alpha Phi Sigma; Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization
Website: uwf.edu/emeraldcoast
Fort Walton Beach Location Phone Number: 850.863.6565

Scholarships
The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a number of scholarship opportunities for its students. For more information, please visit uwf.edu/ceps/departments/criminology-and-criminal-justice/undergrad_majors/undergrad_scholarships.

Internships
The Criminal Justice Internship is a cooperative effort between the Criminal Justice program at the University of West Florida and public or private criminal justice agencies. The purpose of the internship is to give students the opportunity to apply their education to actual work situations. The student works under the supervision of the criminal justice professional. Students receive academic credit and pay the required credit hour fee as they would a regular course. For more information and requirements please visit uwf.edu/ceps/departments/criminology-and-criminal-justice/careers-and-internships/internships-.

Career Opportunities
• Correctional Officer
• Court Administrator
• Crime Analyst
• FBI Agent
• Intelligence Analyst
• Investigator
• Law Enforcement
• Loss Prevention
• Private Security
• Probation Officer
• Security Guard
• Graduate School

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Program Requirements
In addition to the university’s general requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Criminal Justice must meet the requirements listed below. A minimum grade of “C” is required for all core courses. A minimum GPA of 2.25 is required for admission into the major. Please refer to the UWF Academic Catalog for all requirements.*
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Criminal Justice Major
Total Hours: 42
- CCJ 3024: American Justice System
- CJI 3510: Courts
- CCJ 3014: Criminology
- CCJ 4700: Research Design in Criminal Justice
- CJC 4010: Corrections
- CJE 4110: Policing
- Choose one:
  - CCJ 4940: Criminal Justice Internship
  - CCJ 4502: Criminal Justice Seminar
- Major Electives: 21 semester hours of criminal justice 3000/4000 level elective course work beyond the Core Requirements are required.

Upper Division Electives
Students must complete sufficient 3000/4000 level electives to meet UWF’s requirement of 48 semester hours in the upper division or complete all departmental requirements at the 3000/4000 level, whichever is greater.

Major Related
Total Hours: 12
- Major-Related Electives: 12 semester hours of supporting course work, to include a minimum of 6 semester hours of 3000/4000 level courses, to be selected with and approved by the student’s advisor.

*Program requirements subject to change. Refer to the UWF Academic Catalog for official program requirements for the academic year admitted.

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