



University College

The Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree through University College is a unique degree at Ohio University, in that it requires completion of a two-year related degree prior to admission to the major. The curriculum outlined below is a semester-by-semester plan of study for the BCJ major that includes the Associates in Law Enforcement Technology (LET) degree available at most of Ohio University's regional campuses but not to the main campus. Two tracks are available in the LET (Law Enforcement Track (LEM) and Corrections Management Track (CM)). Options are indicated, depending on which track is selected. Students may transfer to Ohio University with the associates completed elsewhere.

This degree is in adherence to section 333.71 of the Revised Code for the three-year baccalaureate degrees. Please review this document and the following endnotes to gain a better understanding of the program requirements.

The scheduling scenario below is intended to present an example pattern by which this major can be completed in three years. Those interested in pursuing this option need to work with an academic advisor to develop a specific plan to earn the 122-125 credit hours required for graduation.

Criminal Justice

Post-Secondary Coursework or Transfer/AP/IB Credit			
Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
Tier I Quantitative Skills: MATH 1200 College Algebra ²	3		PL 1 Math Placement
Tier 1 Freshman Composition	3		
Tier II Applied Science & Mathematics	3		
Tier II Cross-Cultural Perspectives: COMS 1100 Communication Among Cultures	3		
Tier II Fine Arts	3		
Tier II Humanities & Literature: PHIL 1300 Intro to Ethics	3		
Tier II Natural Sciences	3		
Tier II Social Sciences: SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology OR PSY 1010 Introduction to Psychology	3		
Total hours (minimum 15 ¹)	15 ³		

Semester 1: Fall

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology OR PSY 1010 Introduction to Psychology	3		
LET 1000 Introduction to Law Enforcement Technology	3		
LET 1050 Ethics & Legal Issues	3		
LET 1100 Police Roles in Crime and Delinquency	3		
LET 1200 Constitution & Criminal Law	3		
Total hours for semester	15		

Semester 2: Spring

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
LET 2150 Cybernetics	3		
LET 1450 Intro to Criminal Investigation OR LET 1350 Intro to Corrections	3		
LET 2000 Procedures, Rules, and Test of Evidence OR LET 1550 Management of a Correctional Crisis	3		LET 1200
LET 2450 Law Enforcement Admin. & Supervision OR LET 2050 Introduction to Legal Issues in Corrections	3		LET 1000
LET 2650 Introduction to Criminal Investigation OR LET 2250 Correctional Management & Supervision	3		
LET Activity Requirement: PED 1213 Fundamentals of Karate PED 1214 Fundamentals of Tae Kwan Do PED 1215 Fundamentals of Judo	1		
Total hours for semester	16		

Semester 3: Summer

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
COMS 1030 Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR COMS 1100 Communications Among Cultures	3		
CTCH 1250 Introduction to Computers OR OTEC Fundamentals of Information Technologies	3		
LET Technical Elective	3		
Total hours for semester	9		

Semester 4: Fall

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
LET 2908 Terrorism and Homeland Security OR POLS 1500 Themes in Global Politics	3		

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
SOC 2600 Criminal Justice (or other BCJ core class)	3		SOC 1000
MGT 2000 Management (or other area IV, group B class)	3		
Tier II	3		
Tier II	3		
Total hours for semester	15		

Semester 5: Spring

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
*Apply to graduate with LET this term			
SOC 3600 Criminology (or other BJC core class) OR SOC 3640 Police & Society OR SOC 3660 Punishment & Society	3	Yes	SOC 2600
Tier I Junior Composition	3	Yes	
Statistics (Area I, Group C)	3		MATH PL2 or MATH 1200
SOC 2000 Contemporary Social Problems	3		SOC 1000
LET Technical Elective	3		
LET Activity Requirement: PED 1213 Fundamentals of Karate PED 1214 Fundamentals of Tae Kwan Do PED 1215 Fundamentals of Judo	1		
Total hours for semester	16		

Semester 6: Summer

Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
*Apply to the BCJ major			
SOC 3600 Criminology (or other BJC core class) OR SOC 3640 Police & Society OR SOC 3660 Punishment & Society	3	Yes	SOC 2600
COMS 1030 Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR COMS 1100 Communication Among Cultures OR COMS 2050/2060 Group or Interpersonal Communication	3		
Tier II (if needed)	3		
Total hours for semester	9		

Semester 7: Fall			
Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
BCJ Research Methods Course (Area I, Group D) NOTE: Choosing an upper level course here will reduce (by three) the number of upper level elective hours needed next semester	3	Varies	Approved statistics course
SOC 4320 Political Sociology (or other Area II B Course)	3	Yes	Approved Statistics
SOC 4320 Political Sociology (or other Area II B Course)	3	Yes	
SOC 4650 Social Change OR COMS 4410 Communication in the Family	3	Yes	
Tier II	3		
Tier III	3	Yes	
Total hours for semester	15		

Semester 8: Spring			
Course Subject and Title (Or General Tier/Major Requirement)	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Pre-Requisite
SW 3263 Chemical Dependency (or other BJC area III-B course)	3	Yes	
COMS 3060 Interpersonal Conflict Management OR POLS 4880 Environmental & Public Policy Dispute Resolution (or other BCJ Area IV-A course)	3	Yes	
LPA 4840 Management Skills for Public Administration OR MGT 4300 Organizational Behavior	3	Yes	JR or SR
Upper Level Elective	3	Yes	
Upper Level Elective	3	Yes	
Total hours for semester	15		

¹All Tier I and Tier II courses can be taken at any time. Most of the general education courses (Tier courses at OU) readily transfer from institution to institution. Tier II courses that can also satisfy requirements in the major have been indicated.

²Courses in the BCJ major Area I, Group C (statistics) require a PL2 Math Placement or Math 1200, College Algebra, as a prerequisite, with the exception of LET 3555, Quantitative Applications in LET. This course requires any Tier I Math course as a prerequisite, and does not meet the Tier I Math requirement.

³The estimated number of hours transferred or taken as AP is a set of 15. Students with additional AP credits would be allowed to count them (as appropriate) to the 3-year degree pathway.

⁴Courses in the BCJ major Area I, Group C (statistics) require a PL2 Math Placement or Math 1200, College Algebra, as a prerequisite, with the exception of the LET 3555, Quantitative Applications in LET. This course requires any Tier I Math course as a prerequisite, and with the

exception of LET 3555, Quantitative Applications in LET. This course requires any Tier I Math course as a prerequisite, and does not meet the Tier I Math requirement.

⁵Courses in the BCJ major Area I, Group D, Research Methodism require a statistics course from the approved list, as a prerequisite, with the exception of LET 3555, Criminal Justice Research Methods and COMS 3420, Field Research Methods in Communication.