

West Virginia Northern Community College – Ohio University Plan

Criminal Justice Program Pathway

The Criminal Justice major is designed for students who have already completed an applied associate degree in a related area such as law enforcement, human services technology, corrections technology, or police administration. It offers students with technical education backgrounds an academic program to broaden their education, helping them qualify for careers in law enforcement administration, parole and probation, forensic science, adult and juvenile corrections, and police administration. This flexible online format allows you to pace your classes to fit your life and career.

Online Convenience. Ohio University Quality.

- Review study materials and submit assignments online.
- Learn from distinguished professors.
- Progress through the degree in consultation with an Ohio University academic advisor.

Admission Requirements

- Conferred associate of applied science (A.A.S) or technical-based associate degree from an accredited college or university in a technical area related to criminal justice, such as law enforcement, corrections technology, police administration, legal assisting, or human services.
- Combined 2.0 GPA from all prior college-level coursework.
- Official transcripts sent directly to OHIO University from all colleges and universities you have attended.
- To enter the Criminal Justice program, students must complete an online application from University College, regional campus, or eLearning advisors.

Application Information

Apply online <https://admissions.ohio.edu/apply/>

Students can complete this program through OHIO Online, regional campus, or Athens campus.

Submit all college-level transcripts to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Ohio University
Chubb Hall 120
1 Ohio University Drive
Athens, OH 45701

Ohio University Contact Information

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740.593.4100

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Degree Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice major, a student must complete all OHIO University graduation requirements: general education, College, major, and residency. Students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of OHIO University credit for residency, complete a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at OHIO University, complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours at the 3000 or 4000 level, and complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours for graduation (elective hours may be required) with a 2.0 GPA.

Ohio University BRICKS General Education Requirements

BRICKS is Ohio University's general education program, and requirements must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. BRICKS includes a minimum of 38 credit hours across five categories: Foundations, Pillars, Arches, Bridges, and Capstone. Courses used to satisfy BRICKS requirements may be completed through West Virginia Northern Community College or OHIO Online. The table below lists West Virginia Northern Community College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet BRICKS requirements. General education courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets.

OHIO BRICKS Requirement	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Numbers
FOUNDATIONS	Take one course from each listed category
Written Communication	ENG 101
Advanced Writing	ENG 102
Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 108, MATH 110, MATH 204, MATH 210, MATH 280
Intercultural Explorations	No current equivalencies
PILLARS	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Humanities: Texts and Contexts	HIST 100, HIST 101; PHIL 200
Humanities: Arts	ART 150, ART 256; MUS 105
Natural Sciences	BIO 110, BIO 113, BIO 117, BIO 218
Social or Behavioral Sciences	ECON 104, ECON 105; GEOG 205; HIST 110, HIST 111; POLS 102; PSYC 105; SOC 125
ARCHES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Constructed World	MATH 205, MATH 279
Natural World	ASTR 1250; PHYS 115
Connected World	[CRJ 104]; ECON 120; [PSYC 200]; PSYC 210; SOC 126, SOC 255
BRIDGES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 1 credit each)
Speaking and Listening	[SPCH 105]
Ethics and Reasoning	BA 100; [SPCH 105]
Diversity and Practice	[SPCH 105]
Learning and Doing	CRJ 235; HS 200
CAPSTONE	Minimum 2 credits (no current equivalencies)

BRICKS and Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution* prior to enrollment in a degree-seeking program at Ohio University will receive transfer credit equivalent to fulfilling Ohio University's BRICKS general education requirements in Foundations (excluding the Advanced Writing component, which requires completion of an equivalent course), Pillars, and Arches. Students who have not completed an approved degree will have their courses evaluated individually to determine appropriate general education requirement fulfillment. *Institutions must be accredited by regional accrediting commissions recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to qualify.



Criminal Justice Major Courses

At least 7 major courses must be completed at OHIO.

At least 50% of the Ohio University Criminal Justice major coursework must be completed at Ohio University.

General education requirement courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets.

Criminal Justice Core

Complete three of the following courses through West Virginia Northern Community College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
Criminal Justice	[SOC 2600]	[CRJ 104]
Criminology	SOC 3600	
Police and Society	SOC 3640	
American Constitutional Law	POLS 4010	
Civil Liberties	POLS 4040	
Social Psychology of Justice	[PSY 3520]	
Punishment and Society	SOC 3660	
Capstone: Police Legitimacy and Community Engagement	[T3 4955]	

Criminal Justice Course Requirements

Complete the following courses through West Virginia Northern Community College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
Legal and Social Issues (complete 6 credits)	IHS 4245, IHS 4246; LET 3600; POLS 3040, POLS 4160; SOC 3340, SOC 3325, SOC 3625, SOC 3675, SOC 3685, SOC 4620, SOC 4640, SOC 4660	
Statistical Reasoning (complete 3-4 credits)	LET 3555, [MATH 2500]; [PSY 2110]; ANTH/SOC 2500	
Research Methods (complete 3-4 credits)	LET 3550, PSY 2120, SOC 3500, [SW 3870]	
Ethical Reasoning and Understanding Communities (complete 9 credits)	[PHIL 1300]; [PSY 3440]; [SOC 3110], [SOC 3620], [SOC 3730]; SW 3293; TAS 3110	
Professional Communications (complete 9 credits)	[COMS 1030], COMS 2050, COMS 2060; LET 3500, LET 4520; [TAS 4110]	HS 101; SPCH 101, [SPCH 105]
Behavioral Theory (complete 3 credits)	[PSY 2410], [PSY 2510], [PSY 2710]; SOC 3400; LET 4510	[PSYC 200]

Additional Course Requirements

Complete a total of 30 hours at the 3000- or 4000-level through the West Virginia Northern Community College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	West Virginia Northern Community College Course Number
Electives	Work with an Academic Advisor for appropriate course selection	





Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related West Virginia Northern Community College equivalents as of the Last Updated date. All information is subject to change without notice. Students must complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours, are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning. Courses are subject to availability at each institution. It is suggested that students meet with an advisor to discuss course selection based on offered options.

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