

Best Choices Guide

Criminal Justice (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Criminal Justice. It is based on the [best academic advising choices](#) for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 34 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 121/1021 ENG 122/1022 <p><i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i></p>	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COM 115/1150 	
Mathematics (4 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT 120/1240 	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHI 113/1013 Complete one additional GT-AH courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4) 	
History (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.) 	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSY 101/1001 SOC 101/1001 	
Physical and Life Sciences (8 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) <p>At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.</p>	
Additional Requirements (24 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	CRJ 110/1010	3
	CRJ 125/1025	3
	CRJ 145/1045	3
	CRJ 230/2030	
	PSC 111/1011	
	Criminal Justice Electives – Complete one CRJ course from the following: CRJ 127/1027, 135/1035, 205/2005, 209/2009, 230/2030, 231/2031, 235/2035, 236/2036, 257/2057, 268/2068	6
	Directed Electives – Complete two courses from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANT 212/2315 COM 217/2220, 225/2250 PSC 125/1025 PSY 207/2770, 217/2107, 226/2221, 249/2552 SOC 231/2031 	9

Other AA/AS Requirements

- A minimum of 60 credit hours in a prescribed program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a C average). At least 15 of these credit hours must be earned from CCCS.
- Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at CCCS, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the CCCS Vice President for Instructional Services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
- Courses numbered below 100/1000 do not apply towards degrees.

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit the Guaranteed Transfer and Guided Pathways page on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website (higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html).

Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website (www.uccs.edu/transfer) has many additional resources for students transferring from CCCS to UCCS.

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Four-Year Degree Plan – Criminal Justice

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	ENG 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	CRJ 110/1010	3		CRJ Elective (CRJ 230/2030)	3
	GT-AH course (PHI 113/1013)	3		MAT 120/1240	4
	Directed Elective (PSC 111/1011)	3		GT-SS3 course (PSY 101/1001)	3
	GT-HI course	3		SOC 101/1001	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	CRJ 125/1025	3		CRJ 145/1045	3
	CRJ elective	3		Directed Elective	3
	Directed Elective	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-AH course	3		GT-SC course	4
	GT-SC course	4			
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	13

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	CJ 3250	3		CJ 3150, CJ 3170, OR SOC 3170	4
	CJ 4043	3		CJ 3990 OR HUM 3990	3
	CJ 3100 OR SOC 3070	4		CJ 4042	3
	General Elective (<i>Cultural Diversity</i>)	3		General Elective	3
	Upper Division (UD) General Elective	3			
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	13

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	CJ 4044	3		CJ 4121	3
	CJ 4960	4		CJ 3210	3
	CJ 3268	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective (<i>Global Awareness</i>)	3		General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice Major Requirements

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The Criminal Justice major requires a minimum of 42 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 27 of the hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Public Service at UCCS.
- In addition to the requirements listed on this handout, students are required to complete one course in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness. The courses may be within the major, part of general education or electives. Criminal Justice majors will have met the Oral Communication requirement by completing COM 115/1150 at the community college.

Prospective Student Advising: Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu)