

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.

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 ENG 122 <p><i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122 should take ENG 201 or HIS 265 as their second written communication course.</i></p>	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COM 115 	
Mathematics (4 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAT 120 	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHI 113 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 SOC 101 	
Physical and Life Sciences (8 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category. 	
Additional Requirements (24 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	CRJ 110	3
	CRJ 125	3
	CRJ 145	3
	Criminal Justice Electives – Complete two courses from the following (CRJ 230 is preferred for UCCS students): CRJ 127, CRJ 135, CRJ 205, CRJ 209, CRJ 230 , CRJ 231, CRJ 235, CRJ 236, CRJ 257, CRJ 268	6
	Directed Electives – Complete three courses from the following (POS 111 is preferred for UCCS students): ANT 201, CNG 258, COM 217, COM 225, POS 111 , POS 125, PSY 207, PSY 217, PSY 226, PSY 249, SOC 231	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.
- Only 6 elective credits are allowed in any combination of PED courses.
- 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 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).

Foreign Language Note – UCCS

UCCS admission requirements include 2 years of the same high school foreign language (or equivalent 2 semesters at Pikes Peak Community College). Students planning to attend UCCS who do not have the prerequisite foreign language requirement should consider enrolling in these courses in addition to the degree requirements. Students who do not meet this requirement will need to fulfill it upon transferring to UCCS. This admission requirement does not apply to those who graduated from high school prior to 1988, who have a GED, who graduated from a non-U.S. high school, or who can prove proficiency in a foreign language through the 2nd semester at college level. **Please check with the Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu) to see if this requirement applies to you.**

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	3		ENG 122	3
	CRJ 110	3		CRJ Elective (CRJ 230)	3
	GT-AH course (PHI 113)	3		MAT 120	4
	Directed Elective (POS 111)	3		GT-SS3 course (PSY 101)	3
	GT-HI course	3		SOC 101	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	CRJ 125	3		CRJ 145	3
	CRJ elective	3		Directed Elective	3
	Directed Elective	3		COM 115	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 3170 OR SOC 3170	4
	CJ 4043	3		CJ 3990 OR HUM 3990	3
	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		PAD 3210	3
	PAD 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 School of Public Affairs 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 at the community college.

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