

# Best Choices Guide

## Criminal Justice (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for PCC 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 35 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at PCC.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 or better, *including all remedial and repeated courses*. (Students with a transfer GPA between 2.0 and 2.39 will be considered for admission.) Each transfer course must have a grade of "C" or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses					
<b>Communication</b> (9 credit hours)	ENG 121	<i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122, should take ENG 201 as their second composition course.</i>				
	ENG 122					
	COM 115					
<b>Mathematics</b> (4 credit hours)	<b>Category GT-MA1</b>					
	<b>MAT 120</b>					
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities/Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (15 credit hours)  1. Select two courses from two different GT-AH areas. <b>PHI 113 is the preferred option to fulfill part of this requirement for UCCS students.</b>	<b>Category GT-AH1</b>					
	ART 110	ART 111	ART 112	ART 207	MUS 120	MUS 121
	MUS 122	MUS 125	THE 105	THE 211	THE 212	
	<b>Category GT-AH2</b>					
	HUM 115	HUM 121	HUM 122	HUM 123	LIT 115	LIT 201
	LIT 202	LIT 205	LIT 211	LIT 212	LIT 246	
	<b>Category GT-AH3</b>					
	PHI 111	PHI 112	<b>PHI 113</b>	PHI 114	PHI 115	PHI 214
	PHI 218	PHI 220				
	<b>Category GT-AH4</b>					
	FRE 211	FRE 212	GER 211	GER212	ITA 211	ITA 212
	SPA 211	SPA 212				
	2. Select one GT-HI course. <b>Do not take more than one GT-HI course for the AA.</b>	<b>Category GT-HI1</b>				
<i>HIS 101</i>		<i>HIS 102</i>	<i>HIS 111</i>	<i>HIS 112</i>	<i>HIS 121</i>	<i>HIS 122</i>
<i>HIS 225</i>		<i>HIS 244</i>	HIS 246	<i>HIS 247</i>		
3. Complete <b>SOC 101</b> and one course from the GT-SS3 list. <b>PSY 101 is the preferred option to fulfill this requirement for UCCS students.</b>	<b>Category GT-SS1</b>					
	ECO 201	ECO 202	ECO 245	POS 105	POS 111	POS 125
	<b>Category GT-SS2</b>					
	GEO 105	GEO 106				
	<b>Category GT-SS3</b>					
	ANT 101	ANT 107	ANT 215	ANT225	COM 220	ETH 200
	PSY 101	PSY 102	PSY 205	PSY 217	PSY 226	PSY 227
	PSY 235	PSY 238	PSY 240	PSY 249	PSY 265	SOC 101
	SOC 102	SOC 205	SOC 215	SOC 216	SOC 218	SOC 231
	SOC 237	WST 200				

<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b> (7 credit hours) Select two courses. At least one course <b>MUST</b> come from the GT-SC1 category. Note: Credits over 8 will be applied to the additional requirements below.	<b>Category GT-SC1</b> * SCI 155 and 156, if taken, must both be taken to fulfill this requirement.					
	ANT 111	AST 101	AST 102	BIO 105	BIO 111	BIO 112
	BIO 201	BIO 202	BIO 204	CHE 101	CHE 102	CHE 105
	CHE 111	CHE 112	ENV 101	GEO 112	GEY 111	GEY 112
	GEY 135	MET 150	PHY 105	PHY 107	PHY 111	PHY 112
	PHY 211	PHY 212	SCI 155*	SCI 156*		
	<b>Category GT-SC2</b>					
BIO 116	SCI 105					
<b>Additional Requirements</b> 25 credits recommended by UCCS for this degree plus remaining courses from the approved course list.	CRJ 110					3
	CRJ 125					3
	CRJ 145					3
	<b>Criminal Justice Electives</b> – Complete two courses from the following (NOTE: 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
	<b>Directed Electives</b> – Complete three courses from the following (NOTE: POS 111 is preferred for UCCS students): ANT 201, CNG 258, COM 217, COM 225, <b>POS 111</b> , POS 125, PSY 207, PSY 217, PSY 226, PSY 249, SOC 231					9
Complete 1 additional hour from the GT-SC1 list					1	

**NOTE:** Courses in italics will count towards the UCCS Writing Intensive Requirement.

### Other AA Requirements

1. 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 PCC.
2. Only 6 elective credits are allowed in any combination of PED courses.
3. Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at PCC, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the vice president for educational services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
4. 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](http://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 the 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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at college level. **Please check with the Transfer Advisor ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu)) to see if this requirement applies to you.**

### Advising at PCC

[Arts&Sciences@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Arts&Sciences@pueblocc.edu)

### Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website ([www.uccs.edu/transfer](http://www.uccs.edu/transfer)) has many additional resources for students transferring from PCC to UCCS.

## 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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

### 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			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	CJ 3100	4		CJ 3150	4
	CJ 3250	3		CJ 4042	3
	CJ 4043	3		HUM 3990 or CJ 3990	3
	Cultural Diversity Course	3		CJ Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

### 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	2
	General Elective (Inclusiveness)	3		UD General Elective (Sustainability)	3
	UD General Elective (Global Awareness)	3		UD General Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

#### UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice Major Requirements

1. 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).
2. The Criminal Justice major requires a minimum of 39 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)
3. The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the School of Public Affairs at UCCS.
4. 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 requirements by completing COM 115 at the community college. The Cultural Diversity requirement will be met by taking an approved course as a general elective at UCCS.
5. **The Criminal Justice program offers multiple specialization options. If you would like to pursue an option, please see an advisor immediately upon entering UCCS, as some of your courses will vary from the program above. For specific program information, visit [www.uccs.edu/spa](http://www.uccs.edu/spa).**

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