Online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice 120 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements:
- All applicants must be out of high school at least four years or matriculate from institutions with an articulation agreement with ACU.*
- $50 application and processing fee.
- Official high school transcripts, and/or all colleges attended.
- ACT or SAT scores are NOT required.

* Students who have earned a GED must be at least 22 years of age.

Graduation Requirements:
Students must earn a “C” or higher in each major course and have a major GPA of 2.25.

Cost:
- Per Credit Hour - $395.
- A $300 resource fee will be administered per part of term.
- Total cost of degree program will vary depending on transfer credits.
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Major Requirements

**POLC 205 - Introduction to Criminal Justice**
An introduction to the concepts of criminal justice, the criminal justice system, deviance, crime, social control, law, justice, and constitutionalism, including the roles of the police, the courts, and corrections in the context of the American system of criminal justice.

**POLC 250 - Police Systems and Practices**
Introduction to the philosophy and history of law enforcement; US Constitutional limitations imposed on law enforcement in a democratic society; agencies within and levels of American policing and their functions; role and place of law enforcement in the total justice process; and current issues in policing.

**POLC 320 - Criminal Law**
The study of general criminal law and concepts from the Model Penal Code developed by the American Law Institute, and the role of court decisions.

**POLC 330 - Domestic Violence**

**POLC 365 - Search and Seizure**
Study or arrest, search, and seizure law with practical applications for criminal justice professionals.

**POLC 420 - Law Enforcement Leadership**
Study of leadership theories in policing, including case studies of senior leaders in the field.

**POLC 430 - Evidence and Procedure**
Evidence and procedure in U.S. legal system, including understanding of the court system and law enforcement functions.

**POLC 455 - Professionalism and Ethics in Criminal Justice**
Exploration of theories supporting ethical models and analyses and how they impact decision-making in a criminal justice profession. Emphasis on the application of professionalism and ethical assessments for faith-based decision-making.

**POLC 499 - Criminal Justice Internship**
A supervised on-the-job learning experience within an approved work setting relevant to academic and career goals. This course is available for variable credit. A capstone course.

**Supplement for the Major Requirements**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**POLS 225 - National Government**
The American political system.

**POLS 384 - American Judicial Process**
Explores the structure and function of the judicial branch of government as it exists in our society today.

**POLS 432 - Constitutional Law: Civil Rights**
Examines the civil rights and civil liberties of individuals in the United States. Topic areas include free speech, criminal procedures, cruel and unusual punishment, privacy, and equal protection issues.

**POLS 487 - Terrorism Studies**
Examines and critiques the major themes of the field of Terrorism Studies. Will seek to answer: how do liberal democracies resolve political violence without betraying the rights and liberties of their citizens?
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SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 388 - Crime and Delinquency
An overview of the extent, trend, and types of criminal and delinquent behavior as well as research findings and theories associated with it.

SOCI 415 - Social Research
An application of the scientific method to the study of social phenomena; consideration of basic methods of data gathering, analysis and reporting, including basic statistics. Students experience organizing, conducting, and evaluating research. A writing-intensive course.

ELECTIVES
22 hours of electives.

General Education/University Requirements

56 hours of general education and university requirements are needed to fulfill this degree. Specific courses will be determined based on a student’s incoming transfer credits.

Please see the ACU Catalog for full program details.