

CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology and Criminology
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Examples of Possible Careers*

First-line supervisors of correctional officers

- -7.8% decline
- 48,700 number of jobs
- \$60,910 potential earnings

First-line supervisors of police and detectives

- 5.2% faster than the average
- 126,100 number of jobs
- \$92,970 potential earnings

Public safety telecommunications

- 6.2% faster than the average
- 98,300 number of jobs
- \$43,290 potential earnings

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- Speak with an Advisor
 - Ashtabula Campus
 - East Liverpool Campus
 - Kent Campus
 - Salem Campus
 - Stark Campus
 - Trumbull Campus
 - Tuscarawas Campus
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - All concentrations: Kent Campus
 - All concentrations except Victimology and Justice and Human Relations: Stark Campus
 - General-Criminology and Justice Studies concentration only: Ashtabula Campus, East Liverpool Campus, Salem Campus, Trumbull Campus, Tuscarawas Campus

*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Justice Studies takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of crime, law and justice. Faculty members view crime, deviance and society's response from the fields of sociology, political science, psychology and traditional criminal justice viewpoints. The curriculum provides a firm understanding of the basic institutions of the criminal justice system. Students are also exposed to criminological theory and diversity courses, which help them understand the complex relationship between the individual, society and the criminal justice system. The program stresses effective writing and analytical skills. Students are afforded the opportunity to earn credit through internship placements.

Students select at least one concentration in consultation with a faculty advisor or the undergraduate coordinator. Consultations with faculty enable students to make informed choices about which combination of courses will maximize their preparation for future careers and graduate education.

Criminology and Justice Studies students may apply early to the M.A. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree programs. See the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program policy in the University Catalog for more information.

The Criminology and Justice Studies major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Corrections** concentration is for students interested in pursuing careers in institutional corrections for adults or juveniles, or in such community corrections fields as probation and parole.
- The **Criminology and Deviance** concentration is for students interested in understanding the origins and nature of deviance and crime, their patterns and societal responses; this concentration is appropriate for students preparing for graduate study in sociology, criminology, criminal justice, public policy or social work.
- The **General-Criminology and Justice Studies** concentration is for students who either choose not to pursue specializations within the major or wish to pursue an individualized program of study (through general electives), which does not align with the other concentrations.
- The **Justice and Human Relations** concentration is for students interested in such fields as social work, counseling, clinical psychology, victimology, victim advocacy, juvenile justice, public/community relations in criminal justice, community organizing, diversity or social justice. (Interdisciplinary training and/or specialized graduate training are necessary for careers in many of those fields.)
- The **Law and Society** concentration is for students interested in the social relevance of law and social influences on law; this concentration is appropriate preparation for law school or graduate study in the social sciences.

- The **Policing** concentration is for students intending careers in law enforcement and other occupations related to security and public safety.
- The **Victimology** concentration is relevant for students interested in the scholarly study of crime victims, their treatment in the justice systems and programs that serve victims. It is useful for those interested in victim advocacy.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campus to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Communicate orally and in writing
2. Develop skills through experience
3. Have substantive knowledge in specific areas of the discipline, namely law, law enforcement, corrections, courts and diversity
4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethics
5. Describe theoretical issues related to the causes of crime and development of justice practices
6. Find and explain research in the field
7. Develop critical thinking skills

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 12000	INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES	3
CRIM 26704	ISSUES IN LAW AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
CRIM 36702	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
or CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
CRIM 47211	COURT FUNCTIONS	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 32210	RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC) ¹	3
SOC 32220	DATA ANALYSIS ²	3
SOC 32221	DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY ²	1
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		35
Concentrations		

Choose from the following:	15
Corrections	
Criminology and Deviance	
General–Criminology and Justice Studies	
Justice and Human Relations	
Law and Society	
Policing	
Victimology	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

- ¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ² Students declared in both the Psychology major and Criminology and Justice Studies major may substitute PSYC 21621 in place of SOC 32220 and SOC 32221.
- ³ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Earth Sciences (ESCI), Geography (GEOG) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- ⁴ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Corrections Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 46705	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 46707	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS	3
CRIM 46708	TREATMENT METHODS	3
Concentration Elective, choose from the following:		
CRIM 34200	CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AND EVIDENCE	3
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
CRIM 46701	CRIME, JUSTICE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	3
CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR) ¹	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

¹ CRIM 46792 is recommended to fulfill concentration requirement, but is not required. Maximum 3 credit hours of CRIM 46792 may count toward the concentration.

Criminology and Deviance Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
or CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	3
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		
CRIM 27311	VICTIMOLOGY	3
CRIM 36703	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY	3

CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR)	3
CRIM 47095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES	3
SOC 22778	SOCIAL PROBLEMS (DIVG) (KSS)	3
SOC 32570	INEQUALITY IN SOCIETIES (DIVD)	3
SOC 42577	SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY VIOLENCE	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

General–Criminology and Justice Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
or CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	3
Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM) Electives ¹		6-12
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		0-6
PHIL 31035	PHILOSOPHY AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
POL 30130	THE JUDICIAL PROCESS	3
POL 30301	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3
POL 40183	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (DIVD)	3
PSYC 30111	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 40111	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 40383	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC 32570	INEQUALITY IN SOCIETIES (DIVD)	3
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	3
SOC 42577	SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY VIOLENCE	3
Paralegal Studies (PLST) Courses ²		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		15

- ¹ A maximum 6 credit hours of the following courses may be used to fulfill the concentration electives: CRIM 45093, CRIM 45096, CRIM 46792 and/or CRIM 46798. CRIM 46792 is recommended to fulfill concentration requirement, but is not required.
- ² PLST 36792 may **not** be used as a concentration elective.

Justice and Human Relations Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
or CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 37511	IMMIGRATION: LAW, CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
or CRIM 47002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW	3
or PLST 28003	FAMILY LAW AND PROCEDURE	3
or POL 40183	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (DIVD)	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
CRIM 27311	VICTIMOLOGY	3
CRIM 32200	POLICE AND COMMUNITY	3
CRIM 32500	CRISIS INTERVENTION	3
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	3

CRIM 36703	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
CRIM 37511	IMMIGRATION: LAW, CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
CRIM 46701	CRIME, JUSTICE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
CRIM 46708	TREATMENT METHODS
CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR) ¹
CRIM 47002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW
CRIM 47095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES
PLST 28003	FAMILY LAW AND PROCEDURE
POL 40183	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (DIVD)
PSYC 40111	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 40383	INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
SOC 32570	INEQUALITY IN SOCIETIES (DIVD)
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

¹ CRIM 46792 is recommended to fulfill concentration requirement, but is not required. Maximum 3 credit hours of CRIM 46792 may count toward the concentration.

Law and Society Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
or CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	
Category One Concentration Electives, choose from the following: 6		
CRIM 34311	YOUTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRIM 36703	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY	
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 37511	IMMIGRATION: LAW, CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
PLST 28003	FAMILY LAW AND PROCEDURE	
Category Two Concentration Electives, choose from the following: 6		
CRIM 32200	POLICE AND COMMUNITY	
CRIM 33200	CRIMINAL LAW	
CRIM 33300	DEVELOPMENT OF JUSTICE IN AMERICA	
CRIM 33400	CRIME AND JUSTICE IN POPULAR CULTURE	
CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR) ¹	
CRIM 47095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES	
CRIM 47311	COMPARATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	
SOC 32762	DEVIANT BEHAVIOR	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

¹ CRIM 46792 is recommended to fulfill concentration requirement, but is not required. Maximum 3 credit hours of CRIM 46792 may count toward the concentration or major requirements.

Policing Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
CRIM 22301	THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS ¹	3
or CRIM 27311	VICTIMOLOGY	
or CRIM 32500	CRISIS INTERVENTION	
or CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR)	
CRIM 32200	POLICE AND COMMUNITY	3
CRIM 34200	CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AND EVIDENCE	3
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
or CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

¹ CRIM 46792 is recommended; however, maximum 3 credit hours of the course may count toward the concentration or major requirements.

Victimology Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
or CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	
CRIM 27311	VICTIMOLOGY	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following: 9		
CRIM 32500	CRISIS INTERVENTION	
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 37511	IMMIGRATION: LAW, CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 46701	CRIME, JUSTICE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
CRIM 46792	INTERNSHIP (ELR)	
CRIM 47002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW	
CRIM 47003	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE	

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Students must complete a minimum of 9 credit hours of upper-division courses in their declared concentration(s).

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	CRIM 12000 INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Foreign Language	4
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		14

Semester Two		
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
CRIM 26704	ISSUES IN LAW AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
Concentration Requirement		3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
Concentration Requirement		3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
CRIM 36702	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	3
or	or WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
CRIM 37411		
!	SOC 32210 RESEARCHING SOCIETY (ELR) (WIC)	3
General Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
!	SOC 32220 DATA ANALYSIS	3
!	SOC 32221 DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY	1
Concentration Requirements		9
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Seven		
CRIM 47211	COURT FUNCTIONS	3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
General Electives		14
Credit Hours		14
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120