

Bachelor of Arts Degree*

Criminal Justice Major

Fall 2009 catalog year or later

Courses can be taken either semester each year (watch pre-requisites), except language should remain sequenced

Year One			
WRT 150 (Basic Skills)	4	MTH 110 (pre-requisite for Gen Ed Mathematical Science)	4
CJ 101 (Gen Ed S&BS & CJ Core)	3	Gen Ed Course (Choose: Art, P&L, HST, 2nd S&BS)	3
Gen Ed Course (Choose: Art, P&L, HST, 2nd S&BS)	3	Gen Ed Natural Science course (with lab)	4
Foreign Language 101 (BA Degree Cognate)	4	Foreign Language 102 (BA Degree Cognate)	4
(To ensure proper placement, contact the Modern Languages department for testing)			
	14		15
Year Two			
CJ 201 (CJ Core)	3	Choose One: CJ312, CJ330, CJ340 or CJ350 (CJ Core)	3
Gen Ed Course (Choose: Art, P&L, HST, 2nd S&BS or MTH SCI)	3	Choose One: CJ312, CJ330, CJ340 or CJ350 (CJ Core)	3
Gen Ed Course (Choose: Art, P&L, HST, 2nd S&BS or MTH SCI)	3	Gen Ed Natural Science course (non-lab)	3
Foreign Language 201 (BA Degree Cognate)	4	Gen Ed Course (Choose: Art, P&L, HST, 2nd S&BS or MTH SCI)	3
Minor or General Elective course	3	Minor or General Elective course	3
	16		15
Year Three			
Choose One: CJ312, CJ330, CJ340 or CJ350 (CJ Core)	3	CJ 305 (CJ Core)	3
Choose One: CJ312, CJ330, CJ340 or CJ350 (CJ Core)	3	CJ Major Elective***	3
Gen Ed Course (Choose: World Perspective or US Diversity)	3	Gen Ed Course (Choose: World Perspective or US Diversity)	3
Minor or General Elective course	3	Gen Ed Theme Course	3
Minor or General Elective course	3	Minor or General Elective course	3
	15		15
Year Four			
CJ 482 (CJ Core)	3	CJ 495 (Capstone - CJ Core)	3
CJ Major Elective***	3	CJ Major Elective***	3
Gen Ed Theme Course	3	CJ Major Elective***	3
Minor or General Elective course	3	Minor or General Elective course	3
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	15		15
			Degree Total** 120

*This is a GENERAL curriculum guide for a BA degree in Criminal Justice, it may not be applicable for every student and is not a replacement for meeting with an advisor. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor regularly to review their personalized academic plan.

** 120 credits are required for a degree from GVSU. It is often possible to count courses in more than one area. If this is done, any free space that is created must be filled with general elective or minor credit to reach the minimum of 120 credits for degree. In addition students must earn 58 credits at a 4-year institution and the final 30 credits must be earned at GVSU.

***Students must select 4 CJ Elective courses that are not already required in the core. These courses would typically relate to professional/career interest area for further development. An internship experience (CJ490) is strongly encouraged to fulfill one of these requirements. You should meet with an advisor to discuss your elective options. Students planning to apply to the GVSU Police Academy are required to complete CJ411, CJ465, and CJ490 as 3 of the 4 required electives. The Police Academy would be completed during the spring/summer semester after degree requirements are satisfied.

Students will have approximately 27 credits of general elective space to fill to achieve degree requirements. A minor is strongly encouraged as an option to complete these credits. Review all GVSU minor options in the GVSU undergraduate catalog at <http://catalog.gvsu.edu>

2 SWS courses with a grade of "C" or better are required. Look around the curriculum to find options in the general education or general electives.

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