

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR FAST TRACK (BA or BS)

The Criminal Justice Fast Track: Earn your Criminal Justice Bachelor's degree in 3 years

Have you considered graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in $\frac{3}{4}$ the time it usually takes? The GVSU School of Criminal Justice offers the career fast track for criminal justice majors. This program works for all criminal justice students, including those who plan to attend the GVSU Police Academy.

COURSEWORK

The coursework is the same as a traditional 4-year Bachelor's program. What is different about the CJ Fast Track program is that students attend GVSU year-round.

All students are eligible for the Fast Track. It works for both BA & BS degrees in Criminal Justice.

This program requires some spring/summer commitments; all of the opportunities and benefits (e.g. internships and course selections) of the four-year program can be accomplished in three years. If a student should decide to switch back to the 4-year program, no credit hours are lost. The student simply returns to a traditional 4-year plan for graduation.

Why Participate in the Fast Track?

This 3-Year Fast Track Program allows students to:

- Decrease college-related debt
- Enter the workforce one year earlier
- Reduce college-related financial obligations: Save money on your last year rent and college-related expenses
- Take advantage of summer courses
- Demonstrate to employers effective time management and a drive and determination to succeed
- Be eligible for the Grand Finish Scholarship

HOW IT WORKS

The Fast Track requires students to take courses year-round for at least two years. Some sample schedule/completion plans for the 3-year program, based on the 120 credit hours needed to graduate, are found below:

Sample Schedules:

Option 1

3 Year/2 Summer Plan			
Year 1	15 Credits	15 Credits	15 Credits
Year 2	15 Credits	15 Credits	15 Credits
Year 3	15 Credits	15 Credits	

Option 2

3 Year/3 Summer Plan			
Year 1	15 Credits	15 Credits	12 Credits
Year 2	15 Credits	15 Credits	12 Credits
Year 3	15 Credits	14 Credits	12 Credits

Option 3

3 Year/Police Academy			
Year 1	15 Credits	15 Credits	15 Credits
Year 2	15 Credits	15 Credits	
Year 3	15 Credits	15 Credits	Academy

Students considering this pathway need to work closely with staff from the College of Community & Public Service Advising Center and faculty mentors. The CCPS Advising Center is located on the 3rd floor of the DeVos Center (321 C). The Center can be contacted at: www.gvsu.edu/ccpsadvising or 616- 331-6890.

For More Information

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