

### What is criminal justice?

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program that studies crime and societies response to crime. Programs of study in Criminal Justice provide students with knowledge of the criminal justice system, legal procedures and U.S. law.

**Contemporary issues in Criminal Justice:** Juvenile Justice and Procedures, Criminal Law, Structure of Federal and State Courts, Roles of Judges, Attorneys and Law Enforcement, Investigation Methods and Report Writing, Safety, Security and Crime Prevention, Interviewing and Interrogations, Constitutional Law, Defense and Control Tactics, Ethics in Criminal Justice.

### Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Law or Criminal Justice.

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### Where can I go for help?

#### Criminal Justice Faculty Advisors

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NOTE: Credit may be awarded by the CJ advisor for Police academy or in-service police training.

#### General Academic Advising

FOSS (5000) Building, Rm. 5229

206-546-4559

[advising@shoreline.edu](mailto:advising@shoreline.edu)

[www.shoreline.edu/advising](http://www.shoreline.edu/advising)

#### Career Planning

[www.shoreline.edu/job-career-services/](http://www.shoreline.edu/job-career-services/)

#### International Advising

9000 Building, Rm. 9302

206-546-4697

[ieadvisors@shoreline.edu](mailto:ieadvisors@shoreline.edu)

[www.shoreline.edu/international/advising/](http://www.shoreline.edu/international/advising/)

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### Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Criminal Justice department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University – Des Moines](#)

[Central Washington University – Ellensburg](#)

[Central Washington University – Lynnwood](#)

[Central Washington University - Online](#)

[Eastern Washington University](#)

[Gonzaga University](#)

[Heritage University – Pasco](#)

[Heritage University – Wenatchee](#)

[Heritage University - Yakima](#)

[Northwest University](#)

[Saint Martin's University](#)

[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College](#)

[University of Washington – Seattle](#)

[Washington State University-Pullman](#)

[Washington State University – Online](#)

[Whitworth University](#)

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### What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice?

Students who study Law and Criminal Justice are prepared for a broad range of careers in the criminal justice field to include: law enforcement officer, corrections officer, parole officer, private security officer, in addition to civilian positions in the justice system, including advocacy work, or support staff in the court system or governmental agencies. Criminal Justice is also an excellent major for graduate study in criminology, forensic psychology, social work, and law.

**Potential employers include:** Law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, federal, state and local governments, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, private detective agencies, law firms, federal and district courts. For more, please visit

[www.shoreline.edu/acc/CareerCounseling.aspx](http://www.shoreline.edu/acc/CareerCounseling.aspx)

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**What courses should I take?\***

*Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.*

**Strongly Recommended**  
These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

**Other Recommendations**  
These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

**I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Quant. and Symb. Reasoning**

MATH &107, &141 or &146

**II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

**Humanities**

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PHIL 248, CMST &101

**Natural Sciences**

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BIOL &211, &241, CHEM 171/181 for B.S. and Forensic Science degrees

**Social Sciences**

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CAST 102/SOC 102, CAST 202/SOC 202, CAST 285/GWS 285, SOC &112, PSYC &100, &220, POLS &202

**III. GENERAL ELECTIVES**

CJ& 101

CJ &106, &110, 120, 135, 238, 241 249; BIOL &242, CHEM 172/182, 173/183, &241/271, &242/272, &243/273, PSYC &200, 236, 245

*It is also recommended that students complete a certificate of completion in Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) depending on students' interest in the area.*

**What does your chosen four-year school require?**

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Courses
Central Washington University - Des Moines, Ellensburg, Lynnwood, and Online	B.S. in Law and Justice	Choose between three areas of specialization: Legal Studies, Corrections or Law Enforcement.	CJ &110, 120, 238, 241, 249
Seattle University	B.A or B.S. in Criminal Justice	B.A. with a specialization in Administration of Justice, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Forensic Psychology, and Forensic Science B.S. with specialization in Forensic Psychology and Forensic Science. Graduation requirement: In addition to the requirements for the B.A., students need two years of Chemistry (organic and inorganic) and MATH &141 or above for the B.S. in Forensic Science.	CJ &101, 120, &106, &110, &240 Forensic Psychology BA & BS requirements: PSYCH& 100 and 220 Forensic Psychology Core Electives: PSYC &200, 236, 245 Forensic Science BA & BS Requirements: BIOL &211, CHEM 171/181, and PHYS &114 Forensic Science BS Requirements: CHEM 172/182, 173/183, BIOL 241, 242
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A. in Law, Societies and Justice	Admission requirements— A 2.5 minimum GPA and a personal statement.	MATH &146

**\*\* This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**