

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



The criminal justice major provides a broad foundation in criminal procedure, methods, law, and professional ethics preparing students who plan to move into positions within law enforcement, probation, the court system, and related nonprofit and government organizations. In addition to taking courses taught by instructors with real-world experience in their fields, students work with criminal justice agencies and nonprofit organizations as part of a supervised, for-credit practicum.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Students with previous college credit who wish to take courses in an accelerated format to complete their bachelor's degree.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- at least 12 semester hours from an accredited college or university;
- at least 2.0 gpa (on a 4.0 scale);
- free online application;
- official transcripts from all colleges attended.

Prospective students may scan/email unofficial transcripts for the initial evaluation.

COST:

\$550 per semester hour. Ask about scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Complete the free online application.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Upon evaluation and acceptance, students are referred to an advisor to discuss program options, orientation, and registration.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Year-round calendar with six intensive seven-week sessions.

DELIVERY MODE:

Face-to-face with online support.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Grayslake

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks may be purchased online through the North Park University bookstore website.

TRANSFER POLICY:

- School of Professional Studies will accept up to 90 semester hours.
- Students must complete 50% of the major with North Park.
- A minimum grade of "C" or better is required to waive a course in the major. Courses are waived at the discretion of the major department faculty chair.
- North Park's residency requirement is 32 semester hours.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

Minimum of 120 semester hours, including all major and general education requirements.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Financial Aid is available to those who qualify. Contact the Office of Student Administrative Services (773) 244-5560 for more information.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Accelerated and intensive class sessions meet once a week for seven weeks.
- North Park University is distinctively Christian, urban, and intercultural.
- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) provides an opportunity to earn college credit for experiences that take place outside the classroom. Language fluency, work certifications, volunteer training, and a variety of other learning experiences can be used as the basis for a written project articulating what was learned.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

CJ 3000	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4 sh
CJ 3100	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	4 sh
CJ 3200	Correctional Services	4 sh
CJ 3300	Juvenile Justice System	4 sh
CJ 3400	Criminal Procedure	2 sh
CJ 3500	Criminal Law	2 sh
CJ 4000	Law Enforcement Administration	2 sh
CJ 4100	Urban Communities and Crime	4 sh
CJ 4200	Restorative Justice	2 sh
CJ 4300	Professional Issues, Ethics, and Diversity	4 sh
CJ 4400	Practicum in Criminal Justice	4 sh
Total:	36 semester hours	