CCJ DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Program Description
Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) is an interdisciplinary social science devoted to the study of the crime causation and crime control (Criminology) along with the operations of the legal system (Criminal Justice). Our campus-based bachelor’s degree program provides students with a broad base of knowledge about crime, offenders, victims, and the justice system. This includes coverage of criminological theories, research on crime prevention and crime control policy, and current practices in policing, courts, and corrections. Examination of these issues occurs at the individual, community, and societal levels. Through our curriculum, we foster skills in critical reasoning, problem-solving, and written and oral communication.

Required Courses (44 credit hours)
These courses provide students with foundational knowledge and skills that are needed for employment in criminal justice, work in related disciplines, and for the pursuit advanced degrees in the social sciences, human services, or the law.

- CCJ 200 Criminology and Criminal Justice
- CCJ 230 Policing in America
- CCJ 240 Punishment and Corrections
- CCJ 310 American Courts
- CCJ 320 Theories of Crime
- CCJ 330 Crime Control Strategies
- CCJ 340 Crime Analysis
- CCJ 380 Criminal Justice Research
- CCJ 420 Criminal Law and Legal Reasoning
- CCJ 404 Cooperative Education/Internship

Elective Courses (24 credit hours)
The CCJ department offers a wide range of elective courses each year that allow students to tailor their degree to meet particular interests or career aspirations. A maximum of 8 of the 24 credits can be taken at the lower division level. Lower division (LD) courses are listed in the range from 100 to 299 and can be taken at your Community College.

Portland Community College Course  PSU Equivalent
CJA 112..........................................................>  CCJ 200
CJA 111..........................................................>  CCJ 230
CJA 113..........................................................>  CCJ 240
Two–Three other CJA Classes...............>  Up to 8 LD elective credits
What else can I take at my Community College (CC)?

PSU students who seek a Bachelor’s Degree must choose between getting a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science. The requirements for either can be done prior to transferring to PSU.

For CCJ Students, the following requirements are needed to meet the BA/BS requirements:

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**

- 8 credits in **Arts & Letters**
- 4 credits in **Fine & Performing Arts** and Language courses count as Arts and Letters)
- 4 credits of **Science** or **Math** (Math needs to be at the 100 level or higher)
- 4 credits in a **Second Language** level 203 or higher (for students with no prior language training, this will require completion of 101-103 and 201-203 in the same language.)
  - Students who are proficient in a language other than English may test out of this requirement and can replace the 4 credits of Language with 4 credits of Arts and Letters.
  - Ask an Advisor!!!

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)**

- 12 credits in **Science** (not including mathematics/statistics; a minimum of 8 of the 12 credits must be coursework with a lab or fieldwork)
- 4 credits in college-level **Math** or **Statistics** (excluding Math 100 or lower)

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*Fine and Performing Arts

**Writing Requirement:**

PSU students are required to complete WR 121 plus an additional course from the following PSU course list: WR 200, 222, 227, 228, 300, 323, 327, 333, or 420

**These can be completed at PCC using the following courses: WR 121 and WR 222 or 227**

PSU will accept up to 124 credits from the CC. This means you can take requirements for CCJ, complete the BS or BA requirements, complete your WR 121 and possibly another writing requirement and still have 20+ credits of electives. Students will often work towards an Associates Degree and/or obtain 90 credits prior to transferring which means they transfer in as a Junior and thus bypass some Freshman and Sophomore Gen-Ed requirements. This is something that you WANT TO DISCUSS with us! Waiting to transfer is not always in your best interest, so make use of CC and PSU Advisors to plan your future; It’s what we’re here for!