



LOS ANGELES PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY



Bachelor of Science in **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A successful criminal justice career requires a broad knowledge base for the major elements of police work, criminal law and procedure, risk analysis and response, and investigative processes and procedure. The online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice equips students with professional knowledge and practical skills in criminal justice while integrating a Christian worldview.

Los Angeles Pacific University offers students the opportunity to choose from multiple concentrations to specialize in their field of interest. Recommended concentrations for this program are highlighted on the following page.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Careers in the field of criminal justice include the areas of criminology, law enforcement, courts, and corrections. For many occupations within the field, a four-year undergraduate degree is considered an entry-level requirement. Occupations in this rapidly growing field include probation officers and correctional treatment specialists; detective or criminal investigators; forensic science technicians; patrol officers; and paralegals.

Students will also be equipped to continue their studies in graduate programs in criminal justice, criminology, law, or related fields.

Highlights

- Integrate biblical concepts and principles with discipline-specific topics and domains
- Develop professional competencies in criminal justice
- Demonstrate effective critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills
- Utilize appropriate research concepts and processes in the analysis of criminal justice issues, practices, and trends
- Apply principles of Christian ethics in response to ethical dilemmas and issues

At A Glance

Program Credits

General Education Core: **31**

Program Requisites: **12**

Major Requirements: **45**

Electives: **32**

Total Credits to Graduate: **120**

Cost Per Credit: \$515

COURSEWORK

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree requires the following coursework. For more information, please visit: lapu.edu/program/criminal-justice/

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| General Education Core 31 Credits | Students pursuing any of LAPU’s bachelor’s degrees are encouraged to complete the General Education Core before starting their major requirements. Prior coursework from regionally accredited colleges/universities may be transferred to meet the General Education Core requirements. View the LAPU Undergraduate Catalog for course details. | | |
| In order to earn the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree, students must complete the following required courses while achieving a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 in their major courses. | | | |
| Program Requisites 12 credits | CRJU 105 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| | CRJU 280 | Crime and Criminology | 3 |
| | CRJU 290 | The Police Function | 3 |
| | STAT 280 | Applied Statistics | 3 |
| Major Requirements 45 credits | CRJU 300 | Criminal Justice Research Methodology | 3 |
| | CRJU 320 | Criminal Law, Substantive | 3 |
| | CRJU 330 | Crime and Delinquency | 3 |
| | CRJU 340 | Critical Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| | CRJU 350 | Criminal Justice Ethics | 3 |
| | CRJU 370 | The Adjudication Function | 3 |
| | CRJU 380 | Professional Writing | 3 |
| | CRJU 390 | Criminal Investigation | 3 |
| | CRJU 410 | Corrections | 3 |
| | CRJU 420 | Terrorism and Homeland Security | 3 |
| | CRJU 430 | Principles of Public Administration | 3 |
| | CRJU 440 | Constitutional Law | 3 |
| | CRJU 450 | Forensics | 3 |
| | CRJU 460 | Risk Analysis and Security | 3 |
| | CRJU 490 | Criminal Justice Capstone/Senior Project | 3 |
| Electives 32 credits | Students may choose from any 100-400 level course in the LAPU Academic Catalog . Students may also choose a 15-credit Concentration as part of their Electives. | | |
| Recommended Concentration Students may choose a 15-credit Concentration as part of their Electives. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical Psychology• Criminal Behavior• Cultural Psychology• Human Services | | |

Students may also apply credit toward the fulfillment of LAPU's requirements through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and previous coursework from regionally accredited colleges/universities.

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| Total | 120 credits |
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