Criminal justice is the scientific study and application of law and natural sciences to the social phenomena of crime and delinquency. The focus of criminal justice centers on definitions, causation, prevention, legal processes and the treatment or rehabilitation of criminals in our society.

Employment Opportunities:
- ATF Inspector
- Bailiff
- Border Patrol Agent
- Chief Deputy
- Child Welfare Caseworker
- Correction Counselor
- Correction Officer
- Court Reporter
- Criminologist
- Customs Patrol Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- Deputy U.S. Marshall
- Evidence Technician
- Federal Protection Officer
- Fingerprint Technician
- Immigration Guard
- Import Specialist
- I.R.S. Agent
- Law Clerk
- Law Librarian
- Lawyer
- Legal Transcriber
- Paralegal
- Penologist
- Police Detective
- Police Dispatcher
- Police Lieutenant
- Police Officer
- Polygraph Examiner
- Postal Inspector
- Probation Officer
- Psychologist
- Secret Service Officer
- Social Worker
- Special Agent, Customs
- Special Agent, FBI
- Teacher

Required Skills:
- Negotiation
- Crisis Resolution
- Criminal Law
- Evidence Processing
- Critical Thinking
- Crime Control
- Ethics
- Mediation
- Communication

Possible Employers:
- State/Federal Government
- Publishing Industry
- Private Businesses
- Banks
- Hospitals
- Newspapers
- Military
- Airport
- Public Interest Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
  www.acjs.org
- American Society of Criminology
  www.asc41.com
- Center for Juvenile & Criminal Justice
  www.cjnj.org
- National Criminal Justice Association
  www.ncja.org
- National Crime Prevention Council
  www.nape.org

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT:
- Criminal Justice Profiles
  www.criminaljusticeprofiles.org
- USAJOBS
  www.USAGOB.cpm.gov
- Educational-Advancement.com
  www.usalearn101.com/criminaljustice
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
  www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm
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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

COMPETENCIES
(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)
☐ FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
  (if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)

Writing
☐ ENG 0101 English Composition I
☐ ENG 0102 English Composition II

Mathematics
☐ *MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
☐ Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”

ARTS & LETTERS (ONE course MUST be literature; 
ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)
☐ Literature
☐ Arts
☐ Literature, Arts, Language

BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES
(Two different categories must be represented)
☐ (see major)
☐ (see major)
☐ (see major)

HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY
(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)
☐ HIST

PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES  (ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)
☐ Physical Science
☐ Life Science
☐ Other
☐ Lab

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
☐ PEDC

REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES
☐ ADMJ 0101 Introduction to Criminal Justice GE
☐ ADMJ 0205 Police & Society: Race, Crime & Justice
☐ ADMJ 0206 Criminology
☐ ADMJ 1320 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
☐ ADMJ 1321 Law and Social Control in Society
☐ ADMJ 1451 Capstone: Criminal Justice
☐ ADMJ 1496 Field Placement OR ADMJ 1497 Directed Research

Other requirements: choose THREE of the following FOUR courses:
☐ SOC 0101 Introduction to Sociology GE
☐ PS 0102 American Political Process GE
☐ PS 0205 Law and the Courts GE
☐ PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology GE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AREA REQUIREMENTS
Take six courses (18 credits). Include at least TWO from each of the three areas below. At least THREE courses must be Upper Level

Law Enforcement
☐ ADMJ 0215 Law Enforcement Operations
☐ ADMJ 0230 Introduction to Forensic Science
☐ ADMJ 0255 White Collar Crime
☐ ADMJ 1302 Criminal Law and Procedure
☐ ADMJ 1305 Media, Crime and the Criminal Justice System
☐ ADMJ 1306 Crime, Justice, and the Mentally Disordered Offender
☐ ADMJ 1325 Criminal Evidence and Investigations
☐ ADMJ 1330 Criminal Forensics I
☐ ADMJ 1331 Criminal Forensics I lab
☐ ADMJ 1401 Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement
☐ ADMJ 1404 The Policing Culture-Politics, Community and Accountability
☐ ADMJ 1430 Criminal Forensics II
☐ ADMJ 1431 Criminal Forensics II lab
☐ ADMJ 1447 Special Topics in Policing

Courts, Policy, and Justice
☐ ADMJ 0235 Terrorism in a Post 9/11 World GE
☐ ADMJ 0245 Ethics in Criminal Justice
☐ ADMJ 0260 Violence and Crime
☐ ADMJ 1304 Juvenile Justice System
☐ ADMJ 1307 Comparative Justice Systems
☐ ADMJ 1310 Drugs, Crime, and Social Policy
☐ ADMJ 1340 Gangs: Theory, Practice, and Suppression
☐ ADMJ 1345 International and Global Crime
☐ ADMJ 1355 Organized Crime in America
☐ ADMJ 1403 Contemporary Issues in Courts, Policy, and Justice
☐ ADMJ 1415 Islam and Social Justice
☐ ADMJ 1449 Special Topics in Courts

Corrections
☐ ADMJ 0102 American Corrections
☐ ADMJ 0203 Parole and Probation
☐ ADMJ 0240 Community-Based Corrections
☐ ADMJ 1315 Mgmt. & Adm. in Criminal Justice Organizations
☐ ADMJ 1335 Conflict and Crisis Management
☐ ADMJ 1360 Reentry and the Offender
☐ ADMJ 1365 Substance Abuse and Treatment in the Community
☐ ADMJ 1370 Victimization: Child Abuse and Exploited Children
☐ ADMJ 1375 Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Alternatives
☐ ADMJ 1402 Contemporary Issues in Corrections
☐ ADMJ 1405 Psychology and Crime
☐ ADMJ 1435 Juveniles Who Murder: Understanding Juvenile Violence
☐ ADMJ 1448 Special Topics in Corrections

* MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus

According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:
You will have EARNED _________ credit hours
You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.
You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work
You NEED _________ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.