

Bachelor of Arts Law and Justice

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Program Overview

The Bachelor of Arts major in Law and Justice (LAJ) is designed to prepare students for professional employment in the criminal justice system and/or entry into graduate or law school. It retains the humanistic emphasis of the liberal arts while assisting students to prepare for graduate school, careers in law enforcement, corrections, paralegal professions and the practice of law following law school.

CWU offers the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Justice at CWU-Lynnwood. This University Center program is designed for students who have completed a Direct Transfer Degree (usually A.A. or A.S. Degree) from a Washington state community college or its equivalent. Typically, students at the Center have completed 90 credits prior to entering the program in preparation for the 300- and 400- level courses offered.

Admissions

The standards for admission to the LAJ major are based on overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.25. The LAJ Department reserves the right to modify these requirements in special cases or as the needs of the department change.

Application for Admission to Central Washington University is available on our website at www.applyweb.com/aw?cwu. Arrange to have official transcripts electronically sent to Ellensburg. If your transcripts are only available in hard copy, please arrange to have them mailed directly to CWU-Lynnwood.

Requirements

Students seeking a Bachelor of Arts Degree are required to complete general education coursework, the equivalent of one year college/university study of a single foreign language or two years high school study of a single foreign language and 180 approved quarter credits. Students possessing a transferable two-year degree from a Washington state community college will meet the general education requirement.

Students who have not completed a two-year transfer degree (but intend to) must complete the requirements for the degree within one calendar year or within 45 credits after admission to the LAJ program. CWU will accept a maximum of 135 credits from other institutions, 105 of which can be from a two-year community college.

Curriculum

| LAJ Core Requirements | | Credits |
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| LAJ 300 | Administration of Criminal Justice | 4 |
| LAJ 302 | Evidence and Arrest | 4 |
| LAJ 303 | Legal Research..... | 4 |
| LAJ 400 | Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 4 |
| LAJ 401 | Ethics, Diversity and Conflict in Criminal Justice..... | 4 |
| LAJ 451 | Crime in America..... | 4 |

Select one of the following specializations:

Legal Studies Specialization

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| LAJ 311 | Family Law | 4 |
| LAJ 313 | Introduction to Criminal Law..... | 4 |
| LAJ 316 | Introduction to Paralegal Studies..... | 4 |
| LAJ 317 | Introduction to Civil Practice | 4 |
| LAJ 410 | Legal Writing..... | 4 |
| Approved Electives..... | | 16 |

Law Enforcement Specialization

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| LAJ 313 | Introduction to Criminal Law..... | 4 |
| LAJ 332 | Police Community Relations..... | 4 |
| LAJ 333 | Police Personnel Administration..... | 4 |
| LAJ 450 | Report Writing | 4 |
| LAJ 342 | Juvenile Justice Process..... | 4 |
| Approved Electives..... | | 16 |

Corrections Specialization

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| LAJ 324 | Correctional Law | 4 |
| LAJ 326 | Correctional Counseling..... | 4 |
| LAJ 327 | Community Corrections..... | 4 |
| LAJ 450 | Report Writing | 4 |
| LAJ 342 | Juvenile Justice Process..... | 4 |
| Approved Electives..... | | 16 |

Generalist Degree

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| LAJ Core Requirements | 24 |
| LAJ classes selected from requirements of any of the specializations | 28 |
| LAJ credits from the list of approved electives | 8 |

Students utilize the approved list of electives held at the department or center, or petition to receive credit for other relevant electives not on the list.

Students can also pursue minors in Law Enforcement, Corrections and the Legal Studies track. These minors are 24 credits each that consist of modifications of the major requirements. The admittance requirements are the same as for the LAJ major.

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