

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-Yakima. This University Center program is designed for students who have completed a Direct Transfer Degree (usually A.A. 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: <http://www.applyweb.com/aw?cwu>. Arrange to have official transcripts either electronically sent or mailed to Ellensburg.

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 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
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

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

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

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

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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