

Bachelor of Arts

Law and Justice

CWU-Yakima

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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. 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/apply/cwu/index.html. 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 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
LAJ 300 Administration of Criminal Justice	4
LAJ 302 Criminal Procedure	4
LAJ 303 Legal Research.....	4
LAJ 313 Introduction to Criminal Law.....	4
LAJ 400 Research Methods in Criminal Justice.....	4
LAJ 401 Ethics, Diversity, and Conflict in Criminal Justice.....	4
LAJ 420 Community and Social Justice.....	4
LAJ 451 Crime in America.....	4
Total Core Credits	32

LAJ Major Courses - Pick any 5 courses	20
LAJ 311 Family Law	4
LAJ 316 Introduction to Paralegal Studies.....	4
LAJ 317 Introduction to Civil Practice	4
LAJ 324 Correctional Law	4
LAJ 326 Correctional Counseling.....	4
LAJ 327 Community Corrections	4
LAJ 331 Investigation.....	4
LAJ 332 Police Community Relations.....	4
LAJ 333 Police Personnel Administration.....	4
LAJ 334 Issues in Policing	4
LAJ 342 Juvenile Justice Process	4
LAJ 350 Criminal Justice and the Media.....	4
LAJ 353 Great American Trials	4
LAJ 402 African Americans and the Constitution	4
LAJ 403 Sexual Minorities, the Law, and Justice	4
LAJ 410 Legal Writing.....	4
LAJ 426 Advanced Correctional Counseling.....	4
LAJ 440 Basic Mediation.....	4
LAJ 450 Report Writing.....	4
LAJ 453 Domestic Violence Issues.....	4
LAJ 455 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems.....	4
LAJ 459 Current Issues.....	4
LAJ 460 Terrorism.....	4

LAJ credits from the list of Approved Electives.....8
 Students utilize the approved list of electives held at the department or center.

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