



# Department of Law and Justice



## Online BA Major in Law and Justice

The law and justice bachelor of arts major prepares 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 preparing students for graduate school, careers in law enforcement, corrections, paralegal professions, the practice of law following law school, and other public service positions.

The law and justice degree is designed for students who have completed a direct transfer agreement associate degree (usually AA or AS degree) from a Washington state community college, or its equivalent. Typically, online students have completed 90 credits prior to entering the program in preparation for the 300 and 400 level courses offered online.

### Admission Requirements

Minimum overall GPA of 2.25 is required for admission. The Law and Justice Department reserves the right to modify these requirements in special cases or as the needs of the department change. For application instructions please visit [cwu.edu/law/admissions](http://cwu.edu/law/admissions).

### Admission Process

- 1) Meet CWU's general education requirements through a community college Direct Transfer Agreement, bachelor's degree, or equivalent from any state accredited college or university. 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 law and justice program.
- 2) Apply for admission to CWU online at [cwu.edu/admissions/online-admissions-experiences-cwu](http://cwu.edu/admissions/online-admissions-experiences-cwu). Please submit official electronic or hard copy transcripts from any colleges or university.

### Graduation Requirements

A minimum grade of C- must be earned in all courses used to fulfill the requirements of the minor, in addition to the university GPA requirements that apply to all CWU major programs.

A minimum of 180 quarter credits is required for a baccalaureate degree. CWU allows a maximum of 135 quarter (90 semester) credits to transfer from regionally accredited four-year institutions, including no more than 105 quarter (70 semester) credits of lower-division (100-200 level) coursework from a regionally accredited community college.

The general education program must be completed as defined in the university catalog. For a list of requirements view [cwu.edu/general-education](http://cwu.edu/general-education). Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree have met the general education program ([cwu.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies](http://cwu.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies).)



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# Law and Justice Major Curriculum

## Program Requirements (All Required; 4 credits each)

LAJ 300 – Administration of Criminal Justice  
LAJ 302 – Criminal Procedure  
LAJ 313 – Introduction to Criminal Law  
LAJ 400 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice  
LAJ 401 – Ethics, Diversity, and Conflict in  
Criminal Justice

LAJ 420 – Community and Social Justice  
LAJ 451 – Crime in America  
LAJ 489 – Senior Seminar in Law and Justice

## Core Credits (32)

## Electives (Select nine from the list below; 4 credits each unless otherwise noted by \*)

LAJ 303 – Legal Research  
LAJ 310 – Trial Practice and Strategy  
LAJ 311 – Family Law  
LAJ 316 – Introduction to Paralegal Studies  
LAJ 317 – Introduction to Civil Practice  
LAJ 318 – Introduction to Forensics  
LAJ 324 – Correctional Law  
LAJ 326 – Correctional Counseling  
LAJ 327 – Community Corrections  
LAJ 331 – Investigation  
LAJ 332 – Police Community Relations  
LAJ 333 – Police Personnel Administration  
LAJ 334 – Issues in Policing  
LAJ 342 – Juvenile Justice Process  
LAJ 347 – Court Structure and Process  
LAJ 350 – Criminal Justice and the Media  
LAJ 351 – Preparing for Law Enforcement and  
Corrections Careers

LAJ 353 – Great American Trials  
LAJ 360 – Sex Crime and Sexual Offending  
LAJ 402 – African Americans and the Constitution  
LAJ 403 – Sexual Minorities, the Law, and Justice  
LAJ 410 – Legal Writing  
LAJ 426 – Advanced Correctional Counseling  
LAJ 436 – Statistical Applications in Law and Justice  
LAJ 440 – Basic Mediation  
LAJ 449 – Legal Regulation of Expression  
LAJ 450 – Report Writing  
LAJ 453 – Domestic Violence Issues  
LAJ 455 – Comparative Criminal Justice Systems  
LAJ 459 – Current Issues  
LAJ 460 – Terrorism  
LAJ 470 – Victimology  
LAJ 493 – Field Experience \*(1-8)  
LAJ 499 – Field Experience Seminar \*(1-5)

## Elective Credits (36)

## Total Credits (68)

