



Department of Law and Justice



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.

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. 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. Students holding the appropriate academic transfer associate degree have met the general education program (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)

