CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY, BA

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The BA in Criminology, Law and Society provides a focused study of the justice system and social, human, and moral problems raised in the justice field. This course of study prepares students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, the courts, investigations, juvenile justice, private and homeland security, and related social and human services. The BA in Criminology, Law and Society is well-suited for students who wish to study the field while branching out into related areas of study.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 42 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students may apply a maximum of 18 credits of transferable ADJ courses from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) or comparable courses at another community college to fulfill the degree requirements. Once a student matriculates at Mason, no courses may be taken at another institution without prior written approval from the program and the dean.

No more than 12 credits of CRIM 485 Study Abroad can be applied to the major. No more than 15 credits of CRIM 490 Special Topics can be applied to the major.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see APS Undergraduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

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**Total Credits:** 27

1. Students may select an optional concentration to fulfill a portion of this required elective credit.
2. A maximum of 6 credits of INTS 417 Human Trafficking and Smuggling and/or CRIM 490 Special Topics when topic is Human Trafficking can be applied to the major.

### Optional Concentration in the Major

Criminology and society majors have the option of obtaining a concentration by completing 15 of their 27 elective credits within one of the following areas. Students can pursue only one concentration.

### Available Concentrations

- Concentration in Criminal Justice (CJUS)
- Concentration in Homeland Security and Justice (HSJ)
- Concentration in Law and Society (LAWS)

### Concentration in Criminal Justice (CJUS)

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**Writing-Intensive Requirement**

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in criminology, law and society fulfill this requirement by successfully completing CRIM 495 Capstone in Criminology, Law and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/). Students should complete ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) before taking the writing-intensive course in the major or take the two courses simultaneously.

**Upper Level Requirement**

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

**Additional Electives**

Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

**College Level Requirements for the BA Degree**

In addition to the Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements or requirements for the major).

**Philosophy or Religious Studies**

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1 Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253, RELI 335, RELI 333, and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/literature) requirement.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences**

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Or choose from the following GGS courses:

- GGS 101 Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
- GGS 103 Human Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
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1 The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

2 HIST 100 and HIST 125 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

**Foreign Language**

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1 Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/).

**Non-Western Culture**

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

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1 A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs.

Written Communications (ENGH 302) Writing-intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) 1 Synthesis/Capstone (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#synthesis-capstone) 2

Total Credits 40

1 Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

2 Minimum 3 credits required.

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Law and Society Sample Plan of Study

A sample four year graduation plan and degree planning worksheet can be found at https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets. The plan is a recommended sequencing of courses based on prerequisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student’s needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor each semester and with their PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly-qualified students may pursue advanced work leading to graduation with honors in the major. Students admitted to the honors program in the major take a two-course sequence: CRIM 491 Honors Seminar I and CRIM 492 RS: Honors Seminar II. To graduate with honors in criminology, law and society, students must complete both courses with a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the two courses.

Program Outcomes

1. Acquire core knowledge of Criminology, Law and Society:

Students will develop core knowledge about the organization and operation of various institutions administering justice, such as police, courts, corrections, juvenile justice, as well as constitutional law and criminal justice ethics that serve as the foundation for these and other justice institutions.

2. Acquire more specific knowledge of a variety of topics in criminology, law and society:

Students will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of electives in CLS, including classes related to theories of criminology, law and society, judicial processes and the law, human rights and social justice, intelligence and homeland security, juvenile justice, criminal psychology, policing, crime prevention, contemporary justice issues and reforms, and leadership. Students may also choose to further specialize their
coursework by completing an optional concentration in Criminal Justice, Law and Society, or Homeland Security and Justice.

3. Acquire a broader liberal arts knowledge in relation to the justice system:

Students will receive an additional 18 credits of liberal arts education in related fields to help contextualize their learning in the broader liberal arts and social science areas.

4. Develop written communication:

Students will learn how to effectively communicate in writing through papers and exams, which require students to analyze, synthesize, and apply what they have learned.

5. Understand and apply research methods:

Students will learn about basic research methods used in the study of criminology, law and society, to not only be able to digest research in the field, but also consider how to use research and analysis tools to answer key questions in criminology, law and society. The degree includes several courses that offer the opportunity for students to engage in research on crime and justice.

6. Develop critical thinking skills:

Students will demonstrate an ability to think critically about crime and the justice system through course offerings and have the opportunity to analyze contemporary justice problems and reforms. This will include assessing the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches and models of justice in the U.S. and internationally and developing a critical understanding of how the justice system relates to broader ideas of justice, equality, and human rights.

7. Be able to synthesize across skills and education:

The required Capstone course in CLS is a writing-intensive course that allows students to exercise and showcase the skills they have learned throughout their degree.