

## 3700:01/10/11

# POLITICAL SCIENCE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Bachelor of Science

**NOTE TO STUDENT:** A student is expected to be familiar with the degree requirements. The following information has official approval of the Criminal Justice and Political Science Department but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of admission to the College of Arts/Sciences, Dept. of Political Science.

#### FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester	Semester Credit Hours	Prerequisites
3300:111 English Composition I	4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
3450/3470 Math Requirement (Note b)	3-4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
<b>2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice - OR</b>		<b>Tracks 2 and 3 – see p. 2 and</b>
<b>2220:101 Introduction to Security Administration Tech</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Note a.</b>
Social Science Requirement (Note c)	<u>2-4</u>	
	12-15	

#### Spring Semester

<b>2220:xxx Criminal Justice Technology Course</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Tracks 2 &amp; 3- 2220:100 or 101</b> <b>- see p. 2 and Note a.</b>
3700:100 Government & Politics in U.S. (Note c)	4	
7600:106 Effective Oral Communication - <b>OR</b>		
7600:105 Introduction to Public Speaking	3	
3300:112 English Composition II	3	3300:111
Physical Education/Wellness	<u>1-3</u>	
	14-16	

#### SECOND YEAR

##### Fall Semester

Natural Science Requirement (Note d)	3-4	
3700:201 Introduction to Political Research	3	3700:100 <i>suggested</i>
<b>2220:xxx Criminal Justice Technology Course</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Tracks 2 &amp; 3 2220:100 or 101</b> <b>– see p. 2 and Note a.</b>
3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition	4	
3700:361 Politics of the Criminal Justice System	<u>3</u>	
	16-17	

##### Spring Semester

<b>2220:xxx Criminal Justice Technology Course</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Tracks 2 &amp; 3 – 2220:100 or 101</b> <b>– see p. 2 and Note a.</b>
<b>3700:3xxx Criminal Justice Core Course</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>3700:3/4xx Advanced Political Science Course</b>	<b>3</b>	
Humanities Elective	3	
Natural Science Requirement (Note d)	<u>3-4</u>	
	15-16	

**POLICY ALERT:** 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

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Contact the department for further information about this program: Olin 201, (330) 972-7406 or see the Political Science website: [www.uakron.edu/polisci](http://www.uakron.edu/polisci).

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#### NOTES:

- a. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice requires students to take some Criminal Justice course work from the Summit College or a similarly accredited institution. **Students can elect to complete course work in criminal justice technology by choosing one of the following options:** (01 – Track 1) complete all requirements for an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from the Summit College or a comparably approved institution; (10 – Track 2) complete a **minor** in Criminal Justice Technology from the Summit College (See options below) or comparably approved institution or (11 – Track 3) complete **ANY 12 credits** of Criminal Justice Technology course work at the Summit College or comparably approved institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- b. A variety of mathematics and statistics courses can be taken to meet this requirement. Consult with your adviser before registering for this requirement.
- c. **Government and Politics in the U.S.**, 3700:100, is **required** and will fulfill half of the General Education Social Science requirement. (2040:242, American Urban Society, **will not** substitute for 3700:100 for this major.) See the **General Education guide** to select the other course required to fulfill the General Education Social Science requirement.
- d. Natural Science courses are required. Although a lab chemistry course is preferred, it is not required.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY MINOR OPTIONS: Political Science / Criminal Justice majors who are pursuing Track 2 (above) should choose a Criminal Justice Technology Minor from those listed below. Follow the sequence of courses for each minor as listed below and where indicated on page one of this guide. Students should meet with an adviser in the Summit College Advising Center, Polsky 301, to sign a minor contract.**

#### **Criminal Justice Technology - Law Enforcement Minor**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
2220:105 Introduction to Police Studies	3	2220:100
2220:102 Principles of Criminal Law	3	2220:100
2220:104 Evidence and Criminal Legal Process	3	2220:100
2220:251 Criminal Investigation	3	2220:100
2220:260 Critical Incident Interventions for Criminal Justice	3	2220:100

#### **Criminal Justice Technology - Corrections Minor**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
2220:103 Introduction to Corrections	3	2220:100
2220:270 Community Corrections	3	2220:100
2220:275 Legal Aspects of Corrections	3	
2260:255 Effective Workplace Relationships	3	2220:100
2260:269 Criminal Justice and Addiction	3	2220:100

#### **Criminal Justice Technology – Security Administration Minor**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
2220:101 Introduction to Security Administration Tech.	3	
2220:231 Physical Security: Systems, Design, and Control	3	2220:101
2220:232 Legal Issues in Security Administration	3	2220:101
2220:233 Security Investigations: Principles and Practice	3	2220:101
2220:234 Computer and Information Security	3	2220:101
2220:245 Homeland Security: Principles and Practice	3	2220:101

### **JOB POSSIBILITIES:**

**The field of Criminal Justice is of particular benefit to anyone desiring to enter any of the following professions:**

- Law Enforcement – including positions at the Federal, state, and local levels.
- Juvenile and Adult Probation and Parole.
- Private security and loss prevention.
- Social services for at-need populations such as those released from prison, the mentally-ill or victims in society.
- Law – this program of study provides knowledge of the government that makes, interprets, and implements the law, which is good preparation for law school.
- Corrections – including administrative positions as well as officers.
- Homeland Security positions at all levels of government and in intelligence fields.
- Employment with the courts.
- Work as a mediator.
- Positions in lobbying and with community groups relevant to crime and punishment.
- Research jobs relevant to crime and punishment.
- Teaching of Criminal Justice topics at the college level.

### **CAREER ADVISING:**

A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Center for Career Management, Simmons Hall 301, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

**There is no language requirement for Political Science / Criminal Justice majors;** however, students who complete the FIRST YEAR of a foreign language / ASL (Spanish preferred) **will** fulfill the foreign culture requirement. If students elect not to complete the first year of a foreign language, 6 credits of coursework designed to introduce the student to a foreign culture **are** required. An approved list of courses can be obtained from the Political Science Department, Olin 201.

### **TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:**

A student should apply for transfer to Arts & Sciences/Political Science upon completion of 30 credits with a 2.2 GPA overall (including transfer coursework) and in all 3700 courses. In addition, the student must include the completion of both required English Composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics which meets the General Education requirement. This transfer process is completed through an appointment with an academic adviser, the Academic Advisement Center, Simmons Hall 205, (330) 972-7430, or Summit College, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the college in which you reside.

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:**

Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include 47 semester credits of 300/400 level courses, not including workshops or courses taken to meet the Humanities in the Western Tradition or Area Studies and Cultural Diversity (World Civ) requirements.

### **INTERNSHIP**

An internship is required of all students who wish to obtain the Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice. To learn more about the internship or start the process of finding the internship that is right for you, call the Internship Coordinator Gail Garbrandt at 330-972-5182 or stop in to make an appointment in Olin Hall 224A.