BS Political Science / Criminal Justice 370010BST (Track 2)

The following information has official approval of the **Political Science Department**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	English Composition I Requirement (Note f)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Math Requirement (Note b)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor
2220:100 **or** 2220:101	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Note a) **OR** Introduction to Security Administration	3	
3700:100	*Government and Politics in the U.S.* (Note c)	4	
	Physical Education/Wellness Requirement	1	
Total		**16**	

1st Year	Spring Semester		
	English Composition II Requirement (Note f)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
	Social Science Requirement (Note c)	3	
	Criminal Justice Technology course (Note a)	3	2220:100
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	3	
3700:201	Introduction to Political Research	3	3700:100 *suggested*
Total		**18**	

2nd Year	Fall Semester		
	Criminal Justice Technology course (Note a)	3	2220:100
3700:xxx	Criminal Justice Core Course	3	
	Natural Science Requirement with a LAB	4	
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* **OR** *Humanities in the World Since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent 32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	Spring Semester		
	Criminal Justice Technology course (Note a)	3	2220:100
3700:361	Politics of the Criminal Justice System	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	1	
	Foreign Culture course (Note e)	4	Department approval required
	Humanities Requirement	3	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	Fall Semester		
	Criminal Justice Technology course (Note a)	3	2220:100
3700:xxx	Advanced Political Science Course	3	
3700:xxx	Criminal Justice Core Course	3	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
	Upper Level Electives (Note g)	4	
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	Spring Semester		
	Criminal Justice Technology course	3	2220:100

3700:xxx	Advanced Political Science course	3	
3700:xxx	Criminal Justice Core Course	3	
	Foreign Culture Course (Note e)	4	Department approval required
	Upper Level Electives (Note g)	3	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Fall Semester**		
3700:xxx	Criminal Justice Core Courses	6	
	Upper Level Electives (Note g)	10	
Total		**16**	

4th Year	**Spring Semester**		
3700:395	Internship in Government and Politics (Note d)	7	3 courses in Political Science at the University of Akron, 2.2 GPA in Political Science, and permission of instructor.
	Free Electives (Note g)	7	
Total		**14**	

MAJOR – Courses taken toward the 30 credits in Political Science/Criminal Justice major
MINOR – Courses taken toward the Summit College Criminal Justice Technology/Law Enforcement minor. See other minor options below.

	Total Credits for Degree	**128**	**DEGREE DISTRIBUTION:** **Minimum upper division credits** (excluding Gen Ed and Workshops) – **47** **Minimum Department credits** – **30** **Minimum GPA** (major and cumulative) – **2.2** **Foreign Culture credits** - **6**

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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NOTES:

a. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Criminal Justice requires students to complete 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. While a variety of mathematics and statistics courses can be taken to meet this requirement, the Department of Political Science *strongly recommends* that students take a **statistics** course.

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.) Please see the General Education guide to make your other Social Science course selection.

d. The Internship in Government and Politics may be taken twice for a total of 9 hours; however, no more than 4 credits may be applied to the major in Political Science. The internship consists of supervised individual placement with political office holders, party groups, governmental agencies, law firms and other organizations providing professional level work.

e. **There is no language requirement for Political Science / Criminal Justice majors**; however, students who complete the FIRST YEAR of a **foreign** language (Spanish preferred) will fulfill the foreign culture requirement. ASL is not acceptable. 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.

f. For English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. For English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to the meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

g. General electives can be any course not already required by your major and Upper Level (300/400) electives can be any course in or outside your major excluding General Education courses and workshops.

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 advisor in the Summit College Advising Center, Polsky 301, to sign a minor contract.

Criminal Justice Technology - Law Enforcement Minor

Course	Credits	Prerequisite
2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
2220:102 Principles of Criminal Law	3	2220:100
2220:104 Evidence and the Criminal Legal Process	3	2220:100
2220:105 Introduction to Police Studies	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

Course	Credits	Prerequisite
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

Course	Credits	Prerequisite
2220:101 Introduction to Security Administration Technology	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
2220:269 Homeland Security: Principles and Practice	3	2220:101

Criminal Justice Technology – Computer Forensics Minor

2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
2220:280 Cybercrime	3	
2440:145 Introduction to Unix/Linux	3	
2440:201 Networking Basics	3	
2220:281 Computer forensic Methods	3	2220:100 or 2220:101
2220:286 Courtroom Communication	3	2220:100
2440:247 Hardware Support	3	

Pre-req for the computer courses is 2440:105, Introduction to Computers and Application Software or a CSBR placement test.

Criminal Justice Technology – Computer Security Minor

2220:101 Introduction to Security Administration Technology	3	
2220:234 Computer and Information Security	3	2220:101
2220:280 Cybercrime	3	
2440:201 Networking Basics OR		
2600:240 Microsoft Desktop Environment	3	
2440:202 Router and Routing Basics OR		2440:201
2600:242 Microsoft Networking II	3	
2440:247 Hardware Support	3	
2220:281 Computer Forensic Methods	3	2220:100 or 2220:101

Pre-req for the computer courses is 2440:105, Introduction to Computers and Application Software or a CSBR placement test.

Criminal Justice Technology – Forensic Psychology Minor

2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
3750:100 Introduction to Psychology	3	
3750:110 Quantitative Methods	4	3750:100
3750:410 Psychological Tests and Measurements	4	3750:100, 3750:110
2220:287 The Legal System and Psychology	3	2220:100
2220:286 Courtroom Communication	3	2220:100

Electives for this minor on next page -

One Required Elective from the following list: (4 credit hours)

3750:420 Abnormal Psychology	**4**	**3750:100**
3750:430 Psychological Disorders of Children	**4**	**3750:100**
3750:320 Biopsychology	**4**	**3750:100**

Criminal Justice Technology – Forensic Studies Minor

2220:100 Introduction to Criminal Justice	**3**	
2220:104 Evidence and the Criminal Legal Process	**3**	**2220:100**
2220:251 Criminal Investigation	**3**	**2220:100**
2220:253 Basic Forensic Methods	**3**	**2220:100, 2820:105**
2220:281 Computer Forensic Methods	**3**	**2220:100 or 2220:101**
2220:286 Courtroom Communication	**3**	**2220:100**
xxxx:xxx One approved elective in an area of specialization (e.g., forensic accounting, forensic nursing, etc.)	**3**	

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, a 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.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.2 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.2 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in “My Akron.”

CAREER ADVISING:
A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union 211, (330) 972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include a minimum of 47 credits of 300/400 level courses (excluding workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:

- Upper level (300/400) courses both in and outside the student’s major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student’s major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment) except workshops and General Education courses

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, please contact the Ray C. Bliss Institute for Applied Politics, 330-972-5182 or bliss@uakron.edu.