

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: CRIMINAL JUSTICE B.A.

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Criminal Justice

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Get involved in one activity on campus.	Gen Ed: Communication; Written	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral
Consider joining the American Criminal Justice Society: Lambda Alpha.	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics; STA 205 ¹	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II	3
Be sure to complete all English, speech and mathematics requirements by the end of this year.	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society; JUS 101 ²	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences without lab	3
Sign up to be advised by the department's freshman specialist.	Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints; JUS 231 ³	3	JUS 200 Police in America, JUS 201 Corrections in America or JUS 203 The Criminal Court Systems	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	JUS 200, JUS 201 or JUS 203	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Complete all general education requirements by the end of this year.	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism	3
Consider a minor in a foreign language, computer forensics, pre-law, public service or accounting.	Gen Ed: Self and Society	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with lab	4
Keep up your grades to join the Criminal Justice Honor Society Alpha Phi Sigma.	JUS 200 Police in America, JUS 201 Corrections in America or JUS 203 The Criminal Court Systems	3	JUS 301 Ethics in Criminal Justice or JUS 400 Juvenile Justice	3
	JUS secondary elective ⁴	3	JUS secondary elective ⁴	3
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Consider taking a winter intersession or summer class to graduate in fewer than four years.	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	16
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Declare an area of focus or minor. Concentrate on 300-level or above courses.	JUS 301 Ethics in Criminal Justice or JUS 400 Juvenile Justice	3	JUS 315 Criminal Justice Research Methods or JUS 317 Perspectives on Crime ¹	3
Consider an internship or part-time job in your area of interest.	JUS 315 Criminal Justice Research Methods or JUS 317 Perspectives on Crime ¹	3	JUS secondary elective ⁴	3
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Consider taking the GRE or LSAT if planning to go to law or graduate school.	Minor or area of focus elective	3	Minor or area of focus elective	3
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Attend all criminal justice, law and graduate school fairs.	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Check in with your advisor to be sure you are making good progress toward graduation.				

FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p>Be sure to submit a degree program certification for each major, minor and area of focus you have. These are due eight to nine months <u>before</u> you plan to graduate (March for December graduation and September for May graduation).</p> <p>Complete a resume.</p> <p>Begin your job search by visiting Career Services.</p> <p>Submit applications for graduate or law school.</p>	JUS secondary elective ⁴	3	Minor, JUS or elective
Minor or area of focus elective		3	Minor, JUS or elective	3
Minor, JUS or elective		3	Minor, JUS or elective	3
Minor, JUS or elective		3	Minor, JUS or elective	3
Minor, JUS or elective		3	Minor, JUS or elective	2
TOTAL		15	TOTAL	14
GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS			120	
<p>Notes: Following this plan will allow you to complete your B.A. degree in criminal justice in four years (eight semesters), assuming you meet performance expectations in all courses. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in all criminal justice major and secondary requirements. All students should be aware that when choosing electives to be sure that they meet the university rule of earning 45 hours of 300-level or above courses.</p> <p>¹ STA 205, with a minimum D grade, is a prerequisite for JUS 315 and JUS 317. This course also fulfills the general education mathematics requirement.</p> <p>² JUS core requirement that also meets a university general education requirement.</p> <p>³ JUS secondary requirement that also meets a university general education requirement.</p> <p>⁴ Students are required to complete 24 hours of JUS secondary electives. A minimum of 15 of these 24 hours must be taken at the 300 level or above.</p>				