

Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice

In American society, the justice system is a central, social institution. Its effects on individuals and social groups give it a pivotal role in a changing society.

The administration of justice (ADMJ) program, offered by the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, is an upper-division undergraduate course of interdisciplinary study in the liberal arts and sciences that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The goal of this baccalaureate program is to develop an understanding of the evolution, theory, structure, functioning, and processes of change in the total system of criminal justice in our society. ADMJ majors develop competence in one of three specialized areas:

1. Adult and Juvenile Corrections
2. Law Enforcement Practice
3. Forensics

A minimum total of 120 credits (approximately 40 courses) is required for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in administration of justice. Of this total, 30 credits (10 courses) make up the major, which is satisfied by taking courses to complete the (A) core requirements, (B) area of concentration, and (C) major electives. The remaining credits required for the degree are outlined on the Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree information sheet.

Other related courses are offered by the anthropology, legal studies, political science, psychology, public service, and sociology departments. Check with your College of General Studies academic advisor for approved courses from these departments to satisfy the major electives requirements.

A. Core Requirements: 12 credits (four courses)

Administration of Justice

ADMJ	1400	Introduction to Criminal Law	3 cr.
ADMJ	0500	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1450	Critical Issues in Criminal Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1900	Pre-Service Internship	3 cr.

B. Area of Concentration: 9 credits (three courses)

Choose one of the three areas of specialization. All courses listed under that area are required.

1. Adult and Juvenile Corrections

ADMJ	1220	Deviance and the Law	3 cr.
ADMJ	1300	Introduction to Corrections	3 cr.
PSY	1205	Abnormal Psychology (prerequisite: PSY 0160 Personality)	3 cr.

2. Law Enforcement Practice

ADMJ	1200	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3 cr.
ADMJ	1265	Advanced Topics in Criminology	3 cr.
ADMJ	1410	Introduction to Criminal Procedure (also offered as LEGLST 1141)	3 cr.

3. Forensics

ADMJ	1100	Crime Scene Investigation	3 cr.
ADMJ	1115	Criminalistics	3 cr.
LEGLST	1230	Psychology and the Law	3 cr.

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PLEASE NOTE: This major requires that you complete an internship at a facility external to the University, and this facility may or will require a criminal background check, an Act 33/34 clearance, and perhaps a drug screen to determine whether you are qualified to participate in the internship. Additionally, in order to become licensed or employed, many states will inquire as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, a felony, or a felonious or illegal act associated with alcohol and/or substance abuse.

Transfer Credit Agreement: Transfer credit agreements have been established between criminal justice programs at many of the community colleges within the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the administration of justice program at the University of Pittsburgh. The agreements give a course-by-course outline of the associate's degree program and the equivalent course or requirement fulfilled for CGS. Courses transfer if graded C or better. For a copy of the transfer agreement for a specific community college, contact CGS.

Police Academy Certification: Students may receive up to 15 transfer credits for completion of Pennsylvania Municipal Police Academy Act 120 or state police cadet training. Certification course work is equivalent to ADMJ 0500, ADMJ 1400, ADMJ 1410, and two ADMJ elective courses.

Graduate School Option: The Graduate School of Public and International Affairs offers an early admission option for administration of justice majors in CGS. Students with a quality point average of 3.5 or better planning to pursue graduate work may want to consider the graduate school option for early admission to their graduate program. Contact CGS for details.

Minor Requirements: Students interested in a minor, rather than a major, in administration of justice should check with their academic advisor. For CGS students, the minor would be professional elective course work. For School of Arts and Sciences students, the minor would be non-School of Arts and Sciences elective course work. For the minor, students must complete five courses (15 credits) with at least three courses from the University of Pittsburgh. A 2.0 average is required in the minor. Minor courses:

ADMJ	0500	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1400	Introduction to Criminal Law	3 cr.
ADMJ		Electives	9 cr.

C. Major Electives: 9 credits

Choose three additional courses from the following:

ADMJ	0100	Society and the Law	3 cr.
ADMJ	0600	Introduction to Criminology	3 cr.
ADMJ	1100	Crime Scene Investigation	3 cr.
ADMJ	1115	Criminalistics	3 cr.
ADMJ	1118	Criminalistics Lab	1 cr.
ADMJ	1130	Minority Issues in Criminal Justice	3 cr.
ADMJ	1200	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3 cr.
ADMJ	1205	Introduction to Police Management	3 cr.
ADMJ	1210	Juvenile Delinquency (also offered as SOC 1443)	3 cr.
ADMJ	1220	Deviance and the Law	3 cr.
ADMJ	1225	The Juvenile Justice Process	3 cr.
ADMJ	1230	White Collar Crime	3 cr.
ADMJ	1235	Organized Crime	3 cr.
ADMJ	1236	International Organized Crime	3 cr.
ADMJ	1242	Gender, Race, Class, and Crime	3 cr.
ADMJ	1245	Terrorism	3 cr.
ADMJ	1265	Advanced Topics in Criminology	3 cr.
ADMJ	1300	Introduction to Corrections	3 cr.
ADMJ	1350	Probation and Parole	3 cr.
ADMJ	1410	Introduction to Criminal Procedure (also offered as LEGLST 1141)	3 cr.
ADMJ	1425	Principles of Homeland Security	3 cr.
ADMJ	1900	Pre-service Internship	1–6 cr.
ADMJ	1901	Independent Study	1–3 cr.

College of General Studies

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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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