

Westmoreland County Community College – Ohio University Plan

Criminal Justice Program Pathway

The Criminal Justice major is designed for students who have already completed an applied associate degree in a related area such as law enforcement, human services technology, corrections technology, or police administration. It offers students with technical education backgrounds an academic program to broaden their education, helping them qualify for careers in law enforcement administration, parole and probation, forensic science, adult and juvenile corrections, and police administration. This flexible online format allows you to pace your classes to fit your life and career.

Online Convenience. Ohio University Quality.

- Review study materials and submit assignments online.
- Learn from distinguished professors.
- Progress through the degree in consultation with an Ohio University academic advisor.

Admission Requirements

- Conferred associate of applied science (A.A.S) or technical-based associate degree from an accredited college or university in a technical area related to criminal justice, such as law enforcement, corrections technology, police administration, legal assisting, or human services.
- Combined 2.0 GPA from all prior college-level coursework.
- Official transcripts sent directly to OHIO University from all colleges and universities you have attended.
- To enter the Criminal Justice program, students must complete an online application from University College, regional campus, or eLearning advisors.

Application Information

Apply online enroll.ohio.edu

Students can complete this program through OHIO Online, regional campus, or Athens campus.

Submit all college-level transcripts to:

Undergraduate Admissions
Ohio University
Chubb Hall 120
1 Ohio University Drive
Athens, OH 45701

Ohio University Contact Information

Undergraduate Admissions

740.593.4100

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Degree Requirements

To qualify for the Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice major, a student must complete all OHIO University graduation requirements: general education, College, major, and residency. Students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours of OHIO University credit, complete a minimum of 50% of the major course requirements at OHIO University, complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours at the 3000 or 4000 level, and complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours for graduation (elective hours may be required) with a 2.0 GPA.

Ohio University BRICKS General Education Requirements

BRICKS is Ohio University's general education program, and requirements must be fulfilled by all baccalaureate degree students. BRICKS includes a minimum of 38 credit hours across five categories: Foundations, Pillars, Arches, Bridges, and Capstone. Courses used to satisfy BRICKS requirements may be completed through Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online. The table below lists Westmoreland County Community College courses that have direct course equivalencies at Ohio University which meet BRICKS requirements. General education courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets. HIST courses marked with an asterisk (*) will automatically equate to fill Pillars Humanities Texts and Contexts, but may alternately equate to fill Pillars Social and Behavioral Sciences. Work with your academic advisor to make adjustments.

OHIO BRICKS Requirement	Westmoreland County Community College Course Numbers
FOUNDATIONS	Take one course from each listed category
Written Communication	ENG 161
Advanced Writing	ENG 164
Quantitative Reasoning	BUS 250, BUS 288; HUM 156; MTH 158, MTH 160, MTH 173, MTH 180; PHL 155
Intercultural Explorations	HIS 269; SOC 255; SWK 170
PILLARS	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Humanities: Texts and Contexts	ENG 165, ENG 270, ENG 276; HIS 155, HIS 156; PHL 160, [PHL 161]
Humanities: Arts	ART 155; ENG 225
Natural Sciences	BIO 120, BIO 145, BIO 171, BIO 210, BIO 265; CHM 107; CHM 108; CHM 155; EPS 163; GEO 160; PHY 155, PHY 255, PHY 259
Social or Behavioral Sciences	ECE 156, ECN 158, ECN 255, ECN 256; GEO 155, HIS 268, HIS 269; POL 155, POL 156, POL 256; PSY 160; SOC 155
ARCHES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 3 credits each)
Constructed World	ART 156, ART 158; BUS 278, BUS 288; ENG 240; MED 158; MTH 172; REL 171
Natural World	BIO 172, BIO 255; CHM 156, CHM 225; EPS 150; PHY 107, PHY 153, PHY 156, PHY 256
Connected World	[CRJ 155]; ECE 157; PSY 163, PSY 165, [PSY 260], [PSY 265], [PSY 270]; SOC 162, SOC 255; SWK 170
BRIDGES	Take one course from each listed category (minimum 1 credit each)
Speaking and Listening	[SPC 155]
Ethics and Reasoning	BUS 140; [SPC 155]
Diversity and Practice	ART 156, ART 158; MED 158; PSY 267; SOC 170; [SPC 155]
Learning and Doing	HPE 157; [SPC 155]
CAPSTONE	Minimum 2 credits (no current equivalencies)

BRICKS and Prior Degree Completion

Students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution* prior to enrollment in a degree-seeking program at Ohio University will receive transfer credit equivalent to fulfilling Ohio University's BRICKS general education requirements in Foundations (excluding the Advanced Writing component, which requires completion of an equivalent course), Pillars, and Arches. Students who have not completed an approved degree will have their courses evaluated individually to determine appropriate general education requirement fulfillment. *Institutions must be accredited by regional accrediting



commissions recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to qualify.

Criminal Justice Major Courses

At least 7 major courses must be completed at OHIO.

General education requirement courses that may also satisfy program requirements are inside brackets.

Criminal Justice Core

Complete three of the following courses through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
American Constitutional Law	POLS 4010	
Civil Liberties	POLS 4040	
Social Psychology of Justice	[PSY 3520]	
Criminal Justice	[SOC 2600]	[CRJ 155]
Criminology	SOC 3600	
Police and Society	SOC 3640	
Punishment and Society	SOC 3660	

Area I: Communication, Ethics, Statistics & Reasoning

Complete the following courses through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Oral Communication (1A)	[COMS 1030] or COMS 2050 or COMS 2060	[SPC 155] or SPC 157
Ethical Reasoning (1B)	[PHIL 1300]	[PHL 161]
Statistical Reasoning (1C)	LET 3555 or [PSY 2110]	
Research Methods (1D)	LET 3550 or PSY 2120	PSY 250

Area II: Cultural, Legal and Political Issues

Complete the following courses through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Diversity and Intercultural Understanding (2A)	COMS 4100 or COMS 4110 or SOC 3290 or [WGSS 1000]	
Political and Legal Issues (2B)	Review catalog for options	

Area III: Understanding Human Behavior and Social Problems

Complete the following courses through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Theories of Behavior (3A)	[PSY 2410] or [PSY 2510] or [PSY 2710]	[PSY 260], [PSY 265], [PSY 270]
Social Problems (3B)	SOC 3630	CRJ 255



Area IV: Professional and Organizational Skills

Complete the following courses through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Professional Skills (4A)	COMS 2040 or COMS 3060	
Organizational Knowledge (4B)	BUSL 2000 or MGT 2000	BUS 205 or BUS 158

Additional Course Requirements

Complete a total of 30 hours at the 3000- or 4000-level through the Westmoreland County Community College or OHIO Online.

OHIO Course Name	OHIO Course Number	Westmoreland County Community College Course Number
Electives	Work with an Academic Advisor for appropriate course selection	

Disclaimer:

The information on this guide is based on the catalog requirements posted in the 2025-2026 Ohio University catalog and related Westmoreland County Community College equivalents as of the Last Updated date. All information is subject to change without notice. Students must complete a minimum of 120 total semester hours, are responsible for tracking their degree completion on their DARS, and are encouraged to work with an Ohio University academic advisor in their degree planning. Courses are subject to availability at each institution. It is suggested that students meet with an advisor to discuss course selection based on offered options.

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