

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.S. DEGREE

FAQs for Students

Stockton University

What are the differences in curriculum between the current B.A. degree and the new B.S. degree?

There are four main differences between the B.A. degree and the B.S. degree. They are:

1. 4 new CRIM courses are required,
2. Both PSYC 1100 and SOCY 1100 are required,
3. Only 2 additional Cognate courses are required, and
4. Only 4 At Some Distance courses are required.

What is the same between the B.A. degree and the B.S. degree?

All students still are required to take the 8 current core courses (CRIM 1100, 2114, 2108, 2121, 2130, 2141, 2145, and 3601) and 8 G-courses (1 GIS, 1 GEN, 2 GAH, 2 GNM, and 2 GSS). The concentrations and their required courses also remain the same. Lastly, the total number of credits for the degree (128 credits) remains the same.

There are two brand new classes being offered in this curriculum. For planning purposes, how often will they be offered?

For AY 2025-2026, CRIM 2630 (Special Populations in Criminal Justice) and CRIM 2640 (Race and Criminal Justice) will be offered once each – CRIM 2630 in the Fall and CRIM 2640 in the Spring. From AY 2026-2027 and after, multiple sections of each class will be offered each semester.

There are more CRIM courses in the B.S. than in the B.A. What is the suggested pace for ensuring all Major courses are completed within the 4-year timeline to graduation?

We suggest that, after the first semester (where students usually only take CRIM 1100), students in the B.S. degree take 2-3 CRIM courses each semester. This will allow students to complete the pre-requisite classes for the Capstone (CRIM 3601) in time for the final semester of their senior year.

Can I switch from the B.A. to the B.S. degree? And, how can I do that?

Yes! You absolutely can! If you would like to switch from pursuing the B.A. curriculum to the B.S. curriculum, you just need to fill out the [Change Major/Minor](#) form in your goPortal. You will receive a confirmation email once the form is submitted. We encourage students to make this switch as soon as they decide, as that will enable them to plan for future semesters accordingly.

How will switching from the B.A. to the B.S. degree impact my timeline to graduation?

There's no straightforward answer to this beyond: it depends. It will depend on what CRIM electives you have already taken, what Cognates you've already taken, and how many At-Some-Distance classes you've taken. The best way to determine the impact to your timeline if you were to switch to the B.S. would be to run a "What If" analysis in DegreeWorks. Once you click on the "What If" tab, you should select "Bachelor of Science" as degree, "Criminal Justice" as major, your current concentration as concentration, and then hit "Process". The B.S. curriculum should then appear and show you which classes you've already taken will satisfy which B.S. requirements and what requirements remain.

What-If Analysis

☐ Use current curriculum ☒ In-progress classes ☒ Preregistered classes

Program

Catalog year *
2024-2025

Level *
Undergraduate

Degree *
Bachelor of Science

Areas of study

Major *
Criminal Justice

Concentration *

Minor

Additional areas of study

It will likely be helpful, after running the "What If" analysis, to reach out to your preceptor (or any CRIM professor) if you would like or need to discuss the impact of switching.

There are fewer Cognates and At-Some-Distance credits. Can I still take minors, internships, and study-off-campus experiences (i.e., Washington internship or semester abroad)?

Yes, absolutely! However, you may need to plan them out a bit farther in advance than previously and you may not be able to complete multiple of these options without taking extra classes (which is also true in the B.A. degree). Because there are fewer non-Major courses, that means there are fewer credits open for non-Major learning experiences. With pre-planning, however, and working with your preceptor, any minor, internships, Washington internship or semester abroad can be accommodated.

Is there a deadline for deciding to switch from the B.A. to the B.S. curriculum?

Technically, there is no deadline for when you can switch. However, we strongly advise that you decide sooner rather than later, as the earlier you decide, the better you can plan, and the less likely you will need to extend your timeline to graduation.

Who can I direct any questions about the B.S. curriculum or B.A. to B.S. degree switch to?

We strongly suggest you reach out to your preceptor first with any questions, since you likely already have an established relationship with them regarding your academic journey. However, any CRIM professor can provide assistance or answers to your questions about the B.S. We're happy to provide any guidance or assistance that we can!

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Curriculum Comparison of B.A. and B.S. degrees

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Major Requirements for Criminal Justice Degree	B.A. (64 credits)	B.S. (80 credits)
CRIM 1100: Introduction to Criminal Justice	X	X
CRIM 2108: Courts, Law, and Procedure	X	X
CRIM 2114: Criminological Theories	X	X
CRIM 2121: Police and Society	X	X
CRIM 2130: Community and Institutional Corrections	X	X
CRIM 2141: Research & Evaluation in Criminal Justice	X	X
CRIM 2145: Statistics for Criminal Justice	X	X
CRIM 3601: Criminal Justice Capstone	X	X
4 Concentration Electives	X	X
PSYC 1100: Introduction to Psychology	Choose 1	X
SOCY 1100: Introduction to Sociology		X
Cognates	3-5 courses	2 courses
CRIM 2327: Victimology		X
CRIM 2201: Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice		X
CRIM 2630: Special Populations in Criminal Justice		X
CRIM 2640: Race and Criminal Justice		X
General Education Requirements for Criminal Justice Degree	B.A. (64 credits)	B.S. (48 credits)
8 G-courses (1 GIS, 1 GEN, 2 GNM, 2 GAH, 2 GSS)	X	X
At-Some-Distance courses	8 courses	4 courses
Total Credits	B.A. (128 credits)	B.S. (128 credits)