BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CORRECTIONS

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

Description and Outcomes

Effective February 3, 2021, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments or reentries. Students interested in a similar program may consider the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice-bs/).

The Bachelor of Science in Corrections program is designed to offer a level of academic study that provides you with a solid foundation in criminal justice and specialized knowledge in the field of corrections. The baccalaureate program focuses on the correctional professional, performing research, and utilizing analytical skills; characteristics that are much sought after by today's correctional staff and administrators.

The Bachelor of Science in Corrections is a practice-based program designed to enhance your current qualifications and aid you in pursuing an entry-level or supervisory position upon graduation.

If you seek a practice-based program, the Bachelor of Science in Corrections is designed to enhance your qualifications to help you pursue more challenging responsibilities in criminal justice agencies and corporations. Upon graduation, you may seek employment opportunities in various correctional and criminal justice environments such as courts, adult or juvenile corrections facilities, or community-based organizations. It should be noted that some positions may require additional academy training and experience.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Corrections program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Accelerated Master's Degree Options

If you are interested in earning a master's degree, consider an accelerated master's degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/) section for details.

Program Outcomes
Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Criminological Theory: Demonstrate an understanding of biological, sociological, and psychological theories of crime causation and discipline-specific evaluation of human behavior.
2. Law: Apply principles of law to correctional practice and the civil liabilities of correctional agencies and practitioners.
3. Research Methods: Demonstrate the ability to apply scientific methods of inquiry to arrive at reasoned decisions regarding professional practice within correctional settings.
4. Leadership: Analyze the roles of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, ethics, and front line or supervisory roles in correctional leadership strategies and practice.
5. Operations: Examine how correctional staff utilizes information and resources to make effective and ethical operational decisions in correctional settings.
6. Technology: Evaluate the impact of emerging technologies on the punishment of crime, as a tool for criminal enterprise, and on the operations of correctional agencies.
7. Treatment: Evaluate community-based correctional alternatives, including treatment programs and standards of care.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/) and the Policy Information (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified.

Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The 🌐 *icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module*

courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course

Types *(https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/*

approach-to-learning/) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	🌐 College Composition I	5
CM220	🌐 College Composition II	5
CS212	🌐 Communicating Professionalism	5
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement [1]	5
100/200 Level	Arts and Humanities Requirement [1]	5
100/200 Level	Science Requirement [1]	5
100/200 Level	Social Science Requirement [1]	5
100/200 Level	General Education Electives	10
Total Core Requirements		**45**
Major Requirements		
CJ100	🌐 Preparing for a Career in Public Safety [2]	5
CJ101	🌐 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	5
CJ102	🌐 Criminology I [2]	5
CJ126	American Prison System [2]	5
CJ130	🌐 Introduction to Corrections	5
CJ156	Correctional Law for the Correctional Officer [2]	5
CJ227	🌐 Criminal Procedure [2]	5
CJ255	History of Corrections [2]	5
CJ340	🌐 Applied Criminal Justice Ethics	6
CJ352	🌐 Corrections in the Twenty-First Century	6
CJ420	🌐 Juvenile Justice	6
CJ433	Probation and Parole	6
CJ435	Correctional Alternatives	6
CJ455	Correctional Administration	6
CJ490	🌐 Research Methods in Criminal Justice	6
CJ492	Bachelor's Capstone in Corrections	6
Total Major Requirements		**88**
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives [3]		47
Total Open Elective Requirements		**47**
TOTAL CREDITS		**180**

[1] For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/).

[2] These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/) for details.

[3] Eligible students who choose to complete an accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.