

Criminology & Criminal Justice Degree

Core Courses

(Strong for ALL Courts Careers)

- CCJ 200 – Criminology & Criminal Justice
- CCJ 310 – American Courts
- CCJ 317 – Race, Crime & Criminal Justice
- CCJ 380 – Evidence-Based Justice
- CCJ 420 – Criminal Law

Optional Electives

- CCJ 311 – Law & Courts in the 21st Century
- CCJ 345 – Human Behavior & the Law
- CCJ 346 – Criminal Procedure
- CCJ 347 – Wrongful Convictions

Academic Degree Add-Ons

Law & Legal Studies Minor

Classes to Consider:

- PS 221 – Introduction to Law & Legal Studies
- PS 422 – Constitutional Law

Best For: Law school & policy paths

Certificate in Criminal Law & Justice

Classes to Consider:

- CCJ Courts Electives (listed to above)

Best For: Deeper court/legal knowledge

Educational Opportunities

CCJ Internships

Things to Consider:

- Course credits (CCJ 404)
- Build experience, network, explore career paths in the courts

Optional Partnerships:

- U.S. District Court
- Victim Assistance Program
- District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office

*CCJ internships are not required, but available to all students seeking hands-on experience.

'Explore the Law' Program

Things to Consider:

- 2 terms/optional course credit
- Strong mentorship & networking
- Guest speakers from legal field
- Attorney Mentor Program & LSAT preparation guidance

Higher Education

Master's in Criminology and Criminal Justice or Law Degree (JD) can help advance your overall career opportunities, mobility, pay, and job satisfaction.

Career Options

Court Administration

Bailiff /
Court Security Officer

Paralegal / Legal Assistant

Victim Advocate

Specialty Court Personnel

Juvenile Justice Officer/
Youth Advocate

Case Manager
(Family or Criminal Court)

Judicial Clerk/Court Clerk

Attorney or Judge
(requires JD)

Salary Examples

Courtroom Clerk (OJD)
\$4,765 - \$7,392
(Monthly)

Oregon Public Defender
\$8,298 - \$11,075
(Monthly)

Entry-level Paralegal (OR)
\$55,876 up to \$115,000
(Annual Range)

Paralegal (Government)
\$4,519 - \$8,517
(Monthly)

Oregon Prosecuting Attorney
(Washington County)
\$112,000 - \$215,577
(Annual range)

Other Reminders & Notes

- Timing and sequencing of your coursework and other activities is important = Make a Plan!
- Remember, some CCJ classes count for your major, as well as certificates and minors (i.e., double dip).
- Chat with your University Advisors to constantly make sure that you're on the right track.
- Consider ways to learn outside of the classroom (and build your resume): informational interviews, volunteer, part-time employment opportunities.