



## Criminal Justice:

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

On the campus of Western Piedmont Community College

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### BAAS with a major in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice enables community college graduates with an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, or a related field, to continue their education and advance their career. Students who pursue this degree are required to complete the academic core requirements, as well as advanced credit that is complementary to the vocational, technical or professional area of the Associates Degree.

### The Criminal Justice Discipline

A Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice prepares the student for leadership in careers and promotion in the criminal, investigative and juvenile justice systems. Graduates of the program work in law enforcement and investigative agencies at the local, state, and federal levels.

### Why Study Criminal Justice at Lees-McRae College?

Many criminal justice professionals with an associate degree find that they have sufficient *experience* for career advancement, but lack the education *requirements* for promotion or management positions. However, adult students with career experience have unique needs that make pursuing a traditional baccalaureate degree an unsatisfactory experience that offers little personal enrichment. The BAAS is designed for adult learners who already exhibit responsibility and professionalism, and want to advance their career options and enrich their personal lives through the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

### Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences with a major in Criminal Justice – Major-

The BAAS in Criminal Justice requires the completion of the Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice, or a related discipline, with a minimum of 74-75 semester hours of earned credit. Students in the Criminal Justice curriculum complete 51 semester hours with Lees-McRae including the following components:

- Completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (or related discipline)
- Required Liberal Arts Courses (18 hours)
  - IDS 400 Humanities: A Holistic Approach (3)
  - PAS 206 Appreciation of Modern Performing Arts (3)
  - IDS 420 Social Sciences: An Integrated Approach (3)
  - SCI241 Math and Science Concepts (3)
  - SCI301 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
  - SCI311 Applied Science (3)

- Required Major Courses (33 semester hours)
  - CRI 262 Criminal Justice Statistics (3)
  - CRI 302 Juvenile Justice (3)
  - CRI 332 Criminological Theory (3)
  - CRI 382 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3)
  - CRI 431 Corrections: Theory and Application (3)
  - CRI 450 Criminal Law and Procedure (3)
  - CRI 451 Mediation (3)
  - CRI 461 Comparative Criminal Justice (3) CRI
  - 471 Criminal Justice Internship (3) OR
  - CRI 472 Criminal Justice Work Experience (3)
  - CRI 499 Senior Research Seminar (3)
  - SOC XXX Major Elective (Will be SOC, PSY or CRI) (3)

**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences: Sample Two-Year Plan**

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**FALL**

**SPRING**

SOC XXX Major Elective (3)	PAS 206 Appreciation of Modern Performing Arts (3)
CRI 302 Juvenile Justice (3)	SCI 301 Geographic Information Systems (3)
CRI 451 Mediation (3)	CRI 332 Criminological Theory (3)
SCI 241 Math and Science Concepts (3)	CRI 262 Criminal Justice Statistics (3)

SUMMER CRI 471 Criminal Justice Internship OR CRI 472 Criminal Justice Work Experience

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IDS 420 Social Sciences: An Integrated Approach (3)	CRI 431 Corrections: Theory and Application (3)
SCI 311 Applied Science: An Integrated Approach (3)	CRI 450 Criminal Law and Procedure (3)
CRI 461 Comparative Criminal Justice (3)	IDS 400 Humanities: A Holistic Approach (3)
CRI 382 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3)	CRI 499 Senior Research Seminar (3)

CRI 471 Criminal Justice Internship OR CRI 472 Criminal Justice Work Experience is completed in addition to other coursework (3)

Course Equivalencies

NC Transfer Module	AAS (Courses taken at Western Piedmont Community College listed on left)		Course Transfers	BAAS (Courses taken at Lees-McRae College listed on right)		
Communications: (6 hours) Requirement met through WPCC courses						
	ENG 111	Expository Writing 3 hrs.				
	ENG 114	Prof. Research Report 3 hrs.				
Humanities/Fine Arts: (12 hours) Requirement met with a combination of WPCC & LMC courses						
	HUM XXX	Elective 3 hrs. (COM 110 Suggested)				
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				IDS400	Humanities: A Holistic Approach 3 hrs.	
				PAS 206	Appreciation of Modern Performing Arts 3 hrs.	
Social Sciences: (12 hours) Requirement met with a combination of WPCC & LMC courses						
	PSY 150	General Psychology 3 hrs.				
	SOC 210	Intra to Sociology 3 hrs.				
	POL 120	American Government <i>or</i>				
	POL 130	State & Local Government 3 hrs.				
				IDS 420	Social Sciences: An Integrated Approach 3hrs.	
Science/ Math/Computer Science: (16 hours; 14 hrs. Required) Requirement met with a combination of WPCC & LMC courses						
	MAT 140	Survey of Mathematics 3hrs.				
	MAT 140 A	Survey of Mathematics Lab 1 hr.				
	MAT 161	College Algebra 3 hrs				
	Mat 161 A	College Algebra Lab 1 hr.				
	CIS 110	Introduction to Computers 3 hrs.				
				SCI241	Math and Science Concepts 3 hrs.	
				SCI301	Geographic Information Systems 3 hrs.	
				SCI311	Applied Science: An Integrated Approach 3 hrs	
Criminal Justice Major: (42 hours) requirement met with a combination of WPCC & LMC courses						
WPCC Requirement	CJC 111	Intro to Criminal Justice 3hrs.	Transfers	CR1221	Intro to Criminal Justice 3hrs.	See table below
				CR1262	Criminal Justice Statistics 3hrs.	
				CR1302	Juvenile Justice 3hrs.	
WPCC Elective	CJC 121	Law Enforcement Operations 3hrs	Transfers	CR1311	Principles of Law Enforcement 3 hrs.	See table below
WPCC Elective	CJC 132	Court Procedures/Evidence 3hrs	Transfers	CR1325	Judicial Process 3hrs.	See table below
				CR1332	Criminological Theory 3 hrs.	
				CR1382	Criminal Justice Research Methods 3hrs.	



IDS 420 Social Sciences: An Integrated Approach (3)

This course promotes the investigation of a specific area of the social sciences not previously explored by the student. It is designed to foster knowledge and understanding of the social sciences and to relate that knowledge to life relationships and the world in which the student lives.

SCI241 Math and Science Concepts (3)

This course introduces the student to the philosophical foundations, and nature of scientific study, and links scientific research to applications in the work place and the world in which the student lives. Mathematical and calculator skills, needed for scientific applications are covered in depth. Topics include: philosophical foundations of science, vocabulary of science, logic, statistical concepts, academic journals, parts of a research report (literature review, methods, discussion, etc), and the nature of primary vs. secondary research.

SCI 301 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)

This course introduces the student to spatial analysis, geographic data, cartography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and the development of a geographic database. After completion of this course, students will be able to: identify sources of geographic data; effectively communicate with maps; discuss the unique perspectives and pitfalls associated with geographic data and mapping; analyze digital representations of spatial phenomena; discuss the parts and functions of a Geographic Information System; and identify when GIS would be useful for problem solving.

SCI 311 Applied Science: An Integrated Approach (3)

This course applies the principles of the physical sciences, chemistry and biology that are important to understanding a subject with which the student is familiar on a practical level. It is designed to foster an understanding of scientific concepts and methods by relating that knowledge to applications in the world in which the student lives and works.

- **Required Major Courses** (33 semester hours)

CRI 262 Criminal Justice Statistics (3)

A survey course designed to introduce the student to statistical tools useful for research and for analyzing problems in criminal justice.

CRI 302 Juvenile Justice (3)

A traditional and contemporary study of the views on juvenile justice. Covers the historical development of the juvenile justice system within the content of the criminal justice system. Future trends in juvenile justice are examined.

CRI 332 Criminological Theory (3)

Advanced survey of criminological theory, covering sources of data about crime, the characteristics of both offenders and victims, and the nature and theorized causes of criminal offenses. Emphasis will be placed on the application of these theories to current criminal issues.

CRI 382 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3)

The study of basic research techniques used in criminal justice, including the structure of scientific inquiry and research methods used for analysis. Students will apply information learned in this course when conducting their own research in Senior Research Seminar (CRI 499).

CRI431 Corrections: Theory and Application (3)

An in-depth analysis of the principles of punishment, the structure and function of the American correctional system, historical development of the American correctional process, classifications, programs, prisons, jails, probation, and parole systems. Students will evaluate problems and difficult issues in the American correctional system, and synthesize logical and ethical principles and concepts through analysis of proposed solutions.

CRI 450 Criminal Law and Procedure (3)

This course analyses the U.S. Constitution, codes, cases, statutes, and court decisions impacting the laws of arrest, search, seizure, admission of evidence, detention, interrogation, criminal court procedures, and indictments. Students will exhibit the ability to synthesize issues and concepts relating to the contemporary criminal process and evaluate current and foundational concepts that are supported, or fail to be supported, through the criminal process.

CRI451 Mediation (3)

This course provides an integrated and comprehensive overview of the basic theory and skill used to practice conflict resolution in criminal justice agencies.

CRI 461 Comparative Criminal Justice (3)

The purpose of this course is to offer to students an expanded and updated look at how criminal justice is practiced around the world. The course compares and contrasts the criminal justice system in the United States with justice systems in selected countries, and introduces crime as a global problem through analysis of transnational and international crime issues. Students will apply comparative methods to analyze criminal justice systems of selected countries; evaluate major legal traditions of the world; explore an international perspective on policing, courts, and corrections; and review modern dilemmas, contemporary influences, as well as possible future developments.

CRI471 Criminal Justice Internship (3)

A supervised internship to be initiated by the student and approved by the program director. A syllabus highlighting course requirements is provided by the professor. The internship may be in the area of probation, parole, correction, the courts, or enforcement. Familiarity with current related literature and written/oral presentations will be required. The supervisor will conduct periodic evaluations.

CRI472 Criminal Justice Work Experience (3)

Designed for extended campus students who are currently working in the criminal justice field, or have worked in the field during the last five years. Course requirements include a portfolio to verify their employment and evidence to demonstrate how programmatic goals apply to the individual's work experience. Students who meet this professional work experience criteria enroll in CRI472 instead of CRI 471 Criminal Justice Internship. *Prerequisite: Current Work Experience, Senior Status and permission of the Division Chair.*

CRI 499 Senior Research Seminar (3)

The capstone academic experience and a graduation requirement for all students in this discipline. Course components include a written thesis, oral presentation, and community service requirements.

SOC XXX Major Elective (3)

An elective major course that provides an in depth analysis of a current social, psychological, or criminological issue will be offered.