

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN CORRECTIONS

What is Corrections?

Corrections is a vital profession within the criminal justice system that focuses on the rehabilitation, supervision and management of individuals who have been convicted of crimes. As a corrections professional, the role involves working in various settings, such as jails, detention centers, prisons, probation departments and parole agencies. Responsibilities would include ensuring the safety and security of both staff and inmates, implementing rehabilitation programs aimed at reducing recidivism and maintaining order within the facility. This career path demands strong communication and interpersonal skills, as graduates will be interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds and dealing with a wide range of situations. If a student is interested in pursuing a career in corrections, they will play a crucial role in promoting rehabilitation and societal reintegration, contributing to public safety and the overall functioning of the criminal justice system.

Why study Corrections?

At TU, the major is structured to give students a sufficient background in legal issues, management, history, social work and counseling that effectively augment the knowledge and skills that develop in the criminal justice core curriculum. A strong emphasis is placed on providing the latest perspectives on offender reentry, population management strategies, offender motivation, theory and policy that will provide students with the requisite educational foundation to effect positive outcomes in offender management.

- TU's corrections program is a unique major, as very few schools offer this specialization.
- Students will study with full-time faculty with professional experience and certifications in corrections, and adjunct faculty who are current practitioners.
- Offering a mix of general criminal justice classes and specific corrections courses, the major gives a comprehensive view of corrections. Students will also get tour correctional facilities and hear from guest speakers who are working professionals in the field.
- Courses let students focus on key issues in institutional and community corrections and offender reentry.
- TU's network of alumni in corrections provides flexibility for employment.
- A 150-hour internship in the field is a required part of the curriculum, often leading to a foot in the door to a first job.
- TU partners with The Washington Center Internship Program, which can provide a unique opportunity to intern with federal agencies in Washington D.C.

What can I do with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Corrections?

Departments of corrections are among the largest employers in states across the U.S., giving the ability to work in any state, and if a graduate is willing to be mobile, they will have virtually unlimited employment opportunities.

Possible Careers

- Correctional Administrator
- Correctional Case Manager
- Correctional Officer
- Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Corporate Security
- County Sheriff's Deputy
- Criminal Investigator/ Detective
- Highway Patrol Officer
- Parole Officer
- Police Officer
- Prison Warden
- Probation Officer
- Prosecutor's Office Investigator
- Special Agent



How much will I earn with an BCJ in Corrections?

Salary ranges in criminal justice vary widely depending on factors such as location, experience and education. It's always best to refer to official sources, such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics (at [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)) or consult specific law enforcement agencies for the most accurate and up-to-date salary information.

- Probation Officer - \$60,250
- Correctional Officer/Bailiff - \$47,920
- Child Protective Services - \$50,390
- Rehabilitation Counselors - \$38,560
- Prison Warden - \$99,650



What is your pathway to graduation?

YEAR 1	
FIRST YEAR FALL	FIRST YEAR SPRING
DEC100 Dragon Education: Engage	ENG142 Rhetoric & Academic Writing
ENG141 Rhetoric & Intro to Research Writing	DLT101 Digital Literacy & Technology Readiness
JUS110 Intro to Criminal Justice	NAT130 Foundations of Healthy Living
PSY101 Intro to Psychology	COM130 Intro to Speech Communication
FOR105 Victimology	POL101 Intro to American Political Process

YEAR 2	
SECOND YEAR FALL	SECOND YEAR SPRING
DEC200 Dragon Education: Explore	ENF293 Criminology
MAT185 Quantitative Reasoning	One of the following courses: HIS201/ENG201/PHI110/ART210/CUL210/PHI215/GSC110
Open Elective (100 level or above)	PSY362 Abnormal Behavior
COR120 Correctional Thought & Practice	FOR365 Drugs and Society
JUS201 Criminal Law	JUS202 Criminal Procedures

YEAR 3	
THIRD YEAR FALL	THIRD YEAR SPRING
DEC300 Dragon Education: Connect	SCS300 Research Design
MAT273 Applied Statistics I	Open Elective (200 level or above)
COR231 Juvenile Justice Systems	COR336 Constitutional Rights of Prisoners
Open Elective (100 level or above)	JUS361 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
COR245 Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections	Open Elective (200 level or above)

YEAR 4	
FOURTH YEAR FALL	FOURTH YEAR SPRING
DEC400 Dragon Education: Impact	COR420 Agency Management
FOR344 Psychology of Violence & Aggression	FOR347 Psychology of Sex Crimes
FOR423 Case Management	FOR430 Crisis Intervention Strategies
Open Elective (200 level or above)	Open Elective (200 level or above)
Open Elective (200 level or above)	SCS470 Internship

Can I choose a minor?

There are several minor options available to corrections majors; historically, two of the most popular have been the following:

MINOR OPTIONS			
LAW ENFORCEMENT		FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
CDS334 Technology & Crime	3	FOR460 Psychology & Law	3
ENF150 Police & Society	3	PSY250 Social Psychology	3
ENF239 Applied Criminal Investigation & Criminalistics	3	PSY269 Human Sexuality	3
ENF468 Criminal Justice Report Writing	3	(FOR105, PSY362 and SCS300 previously taken in major)	
ENF450 Crime Analysis	3		

Enhance your degree with a designation, license or certification.

DESIGNATION OPTIONS			
REMOTE PILOT LICENSE - PART 107 FAA CERTIFICATION - "DRONE PILOT"		OPOTA POLICE ACADEMY CERTIFICATION STATE OF OHIO	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
UAS150 Intro to UAS Technology	3	Open Elective	3
Eligible to take Remote Pilot License Exam for FAA Certification.		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3

Dual Enrollment/4+1

Students wishing to be promoted to higher ranks or levels of administration in corrections would greatly benefit from completing their master's degree and taking advantage of the dual enrollment opportunity. All MSCJ graduate degrees can be completed in one year or less.

YEAR 4	
FOURTH YEAR FALL	FOURTH YEAR SPRING
*JUS510 Contemporary Criminal Justice: Issues & Trends	*JUS525 Legal & Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
DEC400 Dragon Education: Impact	COR420 Agency Management
FOR344 Psychology of Violence & Aggression	FOR347 Psychology of Sex Crimes
FOR423 Case Management	FOR430 Crisis Intervention Strategies
Open Elective (200 level or above)	SCS470 Internship

**Signifies a graduate-level class. Graduate-level classes taken in your senior year will count toward both your undergraduate and graduate degrees.*

Stay on track!

YEAR 1

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure your plan meets your career goals and considers options such as possible minors, dual enrollment and unique internship opportunities.
- Consider job shadowing/exploration opportunities.
- Explore student groups, fellowships, clubs and extracurriculars on campus that apply to your career goals.
- Make sure you complete DEC100.

YEAR 2

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Develop your resume.
- Continue job shadowing to build a professional network.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Make sure you complete DEC200.
- Begin exploring internships and graduate schools/programs (if applicable).

YEAR 3

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Visit Career Services regularly to plan for your internship and begin practicing skills related to your upcoming job search (interview practice, dress for success seminars, etiquette 101, etc.)
- Work with the school's internship coordinator to help secure an appropriate internship.
- Fine-tune your resume and cover letter with Career Services.
- Make sure you complete DEC300.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Finalize graduate school plans.
- Complete your internship.

YEAR 4

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Complete/submit graduate school applications by deadlines.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Begin your job search and submit applications for potential opportunities.
- Make sure you complete DEC400.
- Apply for graduation through the Registrar's Office at TU.



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