Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS

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This program exposes you to perspectives on why people commit crimes and what society does --- and can do better --- to prevent and respond to crime. Rooted in social science theories and methods, you will be prepared for careers in policing, courts, corrections, security and investigations.

Program Description

The BS program in criminology and criminal justice is for students who want to understand the causes of crime, the role of criminal justice agencies in the control of crime and the consequences of crime.

Students learn sociological, psychological, biological and economic explanations for individual crime as well as differences in crime across neighborhoods, states, countries and over time. They also learn about the history, legal issues and current practices of crime control via police agencies, the court system, prisons, probation and parole.

These topics are delivered by top-ranking research faculty who offer students hands-on research opportunities and by experienced criminal justice professionals with intimate knowledge of the daily realities of crime and criminals. Students are encouraged to take advantage of internship opportunities in more than 200 agencies, study abroad programs and flexible course scheduling offered in-person, online and across multiple campuses.

Students interested in completing the Bachelor of Science program in Yuma are encouraged to complete a TAG program. Admission requirements are below.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solution
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, West campus, ASU@Lake Havasu, ASU@Yuma or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No  
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics  
• **Math Intensity:** General

### Required Courses (Major Map)

- 2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)  
- 2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)  
- Major Map (Archives)

### Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's and master's degree** with:

- **Criminal Justice, MA**
- **Criminology and Criminal Justice, MS**

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

### Admission Requirements

#### General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

#### Transfer Admission Requirements:

Yuma Students: ASU has a pathway that allows students to complete the ASU Transfer Admission Guarantee in criminology and criminal justice, a prescribed sequence of courses that meets the requirements for the community college's Associate of Arts degree and the lower-division requirements for the ASU Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and criminology. Upon completion of the TAG, students will complete the remaining requirements for ASU’s bachelor's degree program. Visit [https://transfer.asu.edu](https://transfer.asu.edu) for more information about ASU degrees offered at local community colleges.
This program may also accept transfer credit in lieu of a TAG agreement. Please contact the department for details.

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries ranging from one week to one year, study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

Graduates of the criminology and criminal justice program find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities exist in:

- bank fraud
- corrections
- courts
- domestic terrorism
- federal agencies
- homeland security
- law enforcement
- legal offices
- parole offices
- private security
- probation offices
- victim advocate agencies

Graduates also may pursue advanced degrees in law, criminology and criminal justice, and other social science disciplines.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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