Bachelor of Science Degree
Criminal Justice

Advancing the nation’s workforce
one graduate at a time
The Criminal Justice Major

The online bachelor’s degree program that will boost your career with the critical skills you need to excel in the field of criminal justice.

The Program

Beyond the core of criminal justice academic work, the Criminal Justice bachelor’s degree prepares students for a variety of roles in the field, including corrections, offender rehabilitation, substance abuse counseling, conflict resolution, policy development, law enforcement, and law.

Students who graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice will be able to:

• explain the scope and nature of three major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections
• apply the theoretical models that attempt to explain the causes of crime
• explain how the fair and just operation of the criminal justice system is dependent upon the ethical and professional behavior of those working in the criminal justice system
• apply research and statistics to the analysis of data
• communicate effectively
The Criminal Justice Major Curriculum

Major Requirements:

CRJ 101  Criminal Justice
PSY 101  Psychology
MAT 105 Statistics or PSY 216 Statistics for Behavioral Science
CRJ 215  Criminology

CRJ 315  Race, Class, Gender
POL 321  Constitutional Law
CRJ 325  Ethics in Criminal Justice
PSY 410  Research Methods
CRJ 495  Capstone

**Criminal Justice majors must complete 15 credits from one of the two concentrations below:**

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<td>SOC 449  Social Problems in the Workplace</td>
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Already a law enforcement professional? Consider the Public Safety Administration Major

The degree is for personnel already established in the field and looking for career advancement. The PSA major allows you to share your professional experience in an academic setting with your peers from all over the country while you learn from others.

For more information go to www.CharterOak.edu or call 860-515-3701.
Academic Requirements

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• General Education: Minimum of 40 credits
• Major: Minimum of 42 credits
• Elective credits: To bring the total to 120 credits
• 30 credits must be at the upper level
• At least 60 of the 120 credits need to be in liberal arts subjects

Academic Residency

Cornerstone: All students must successfully complete the three-credit Cornerstone Seminar (IDS 101).

Capstone: Students preparing to graduate with a bachelor’s degree must complete the Criminal Justice Capstone at Charter Oak State College with a grade of “C” or higher.

Use the credits you’ve earned! We accept credits from:

• College-level examinations
• Non-collegiate courses evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE) or National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS)
• ACE evaluated military credit
• Most credits earned at other regionally-accredited institutions including up to 87 credits from two year colleges
• Credit for qualified academy training and military service
“Based on several conversations with friends and coworkers who went to either a four-year college immediately following high school or graduated after part-time studies at a traditional institution, I believe I received an education at Charter Oak that was not just comparable (which I would have been very happy with) but was exceptional to their traditional academic experiences.”

Ruth Garby Torres, Former Connecticut State Police Officer, ’08

“I had a fantastic experience at Charter Oak. The staff was extremely helpful. It was easy to get enrolled and navigating through the classes was simple. Charter Oak’s best attributes have to be the instructors. They are top notch. Most are current professionals in the field that they teach. The level of knowledge and expertise that each instructor brings to the class is invaluable.”

Retired Lieutenant Pete Bergen Holtz, Commander of the Hartford Police Academy, ’10
Advance your Career…Change your Life
Charter Oak State College is Connecticut’s public online college offering associate and bachelor’s degree completion programs in a number of high-demand fields including Cyber Security, Public Safety Administration, and Business Administration. Our students complete degrees through the use of our online courses and by combining other sources of credit. Our institution is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

“Charter Oak was a perfectly sized institution; not so small that course offerings were limited, and not so big that you couldn’t talk to a real human being when you called…it is “right sized,” allowing professors, counselors, and staff to know their students and help them through challenging circumstances. It’s the niche Charter Oak holds over other institutions.”

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