



Corrections (a Criminal Justice Major)

■ What Is Corrections?

Corrections is one of the components of the criminal justice system. It involves the confinement and rehabilitation of those convicted of offenses against the law, including those suspected of a crime and awaiting trial. Usually it is divided into two systems, adult and juvenile, depending on the age of the offender and sometimes the seriousness of the offense. Corrections encompasses halfway houses, probation programs, prisons, jails and parole programs.

Correctional professionals frequently work in a high stress environment, but perform services vital to the criminal justice system.

■ Success Factors

Good judgment and the ability to think and act quickly are indispensable. You must have high ethical standards. You must also be able to pass drug testing and background checks. Emotional stability and the ability to work well under pressure are essential.

If you work as a correctional officer, you must be in good physical condition since most employment requires meeting formal standards of physical fitness, eyesight, and hearing. You must be able to work long hours standing or walking, sometimes outdoors, in unpleasant weather or surroundings.

■ Career Possibilities

If you specialize in corrections, you may pursue several different careers. Some of your opportunities for employment include correctional officer, detention officer, parole officer and probation officer.

Students who continue their education and earn a bachelor's or graduate degree generally enjoy a broader choice of career opportunities. These more advanced degrees in criminal justice tend to benefit law enforcement officers in terms of promotions and duty assignments. Most federal agencies (such as the FBI) require both a baccalaureate degree and a number of years of experience or more advanced academic preparation.

■ Majoring In Corrections

Corrections is a major in the criminal justice technology program. (Criminal justice technology students may major in corrections, forensics, law enforcement or loss prevention.) It is for traditional students wishing to prepare for careers in criminal justice as well as for working professionals who wish to enhance their employment credentials. The program emphasizes the practical application of both conceptual knowledge and physical skills.

You should be able to complete this program in 2 years, attending full-time fall, winter and spring quarters.

You may use your associate degree as an immediate career goal or as the first half of a bachelor's degree program. We offer a bachelor-completion program in criminal justice (on our campus) through a partnership with University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services.

■ Program Requirements

You should check with your academic advisor every quarter *before* you register for classes. Two years is really a short time to squeeze in all of your degree requirements. We cannot offer every course every quarter. If you miss taking a prerequisite for a required course, or don't take a particular course the only quarter it is offered during the year, you can jeopardize your ability to complete your degree on time.

CORE COURSES	Cr. Hrs.
Introduction to Information Processing	3
Interviewing, Interrogating and Testifying	3
Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
American Criminal Justice System	3
Probation and Parole.....	3
Juvenile Corrections.....	3
Criminal Procedures I, II	6
Criminal Law	3
Managing Conflict and Assaultive Behavior	3
Career/Life Stress Analysis	3
Adult Detention Facilities	3
Corrections Alternatives.....	3
Legal Issues in Corrections	3
Effective Public Speaking	3
English Composition I, II.....	6
Intermediate Composition.....	3
Communication for Professional Services I	3
Crisis Intervention	3
Contemporary Moral Issues.....	3
First Emergency Responder.....	3
Substance Abuse/American Society.....	3
Deviance	3
Approved elective	3
History/Literature/Science electives	9
Mathematics elective.....	6
Social Science electives	6
TOTAL.....	93

■ Advantages & Special Opportunities

The Clermont campus is on 92 wooded acres located in Batavia, Ohio, in the heart of Clermont County. We are relatively small and our faculty to student ratio is low. You will find our small class size and personal interaction with your instructors create the ideal learning environment. Parking is convenient and at no additional charge. Plus, our tuition is the lowest of the UC colleges.

The program coordinator and criminal justice faculty are available for academic advising and career counseling. You will have opportunities to interact with the heads of various justice agencies through class exercises, guest speakers, and special seminars. We place extra emphasis on helping you develop the writing and testing skills necessary to assure your successful placement.

■ Admissions

UC Clermont College is an open admissions campus. If you have your high school diploma, GED, or its equivalent, we will admit you. We accept applications all year long and you may start any quarter. Financial aid takes 6-8 weeks to process. We recommend that you apply at least 10 weeks prior to your desired attendance.

While there are no special admissions requirements for the corrections program, you should be aware that most employment in the field will require fingerprinting and a background check. Felony conviction, domestic violence conviction, or multiple DUI convictions will very likely prevent your employment in corrections.

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