

# COURTS, LAW AND SOCIETY CERTIFICATE

## Introduction

The Undergraduate Certificate in Courts, Law, and Society provides detailed, comprehensive, and advanced instruction in court processes and concepts, as well as an innovative education and analysis on the intersections of law and society. It provides students with the opportunity to explore temporal, spatial, social, political, economic, and other relationships between stakeholders within and between various systems and institutions and particularly focuses on the connections between legal and social change. This program is designed for students who are employed or plan to work in a field related to courts or criminal justice legal practices. The program will also prepare students for an advanced education in criminal justice or related disciplines, or law school.

## Program Delivery

- Courses are offered on campus, online, and occasionally in remote and occasionally hybrid formats. Students should be aware that certain classes may only be offered online or on campus and not all classes are offered in both formats.

## Declaring This Major

- Please contact [spa.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:spa.advising@ucdenver.edu).
- Click here (<https://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-public-affairs/#policiestext>) to go to information about declaring a major.

## Program Requirements

1. The Courts, Law and Society Certificate will require 18 credit hours.
2. No more than 6 credit hours of transfer coursework may apply to the Courts, Law, and Society Certificate.
3. Students must receive a minimum C- grade in each course applied to the certificate.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Required</i>		9
CRJU 1000	Criminology and Criminal Justice: An Overview	
CRJU 4044	Courts and Judicial Process	
CRJU 4430	Law and Society	
<i>Topic Area Electives</i>		6
Select two courses from the list below		
CRJU 3250	Violence in Society	
CRJU 3252	Violent Offenders	
CRJU 3420	Pleas, Trials and Sentences	
CRJU 3600	Introduction to Federal Wildlife and Environmental Laws	
CRJU 4100	Administration of Criminal Justice	
CRJU 4172	Crime Forensics	
CRJU 4252	Criminal Offenders: Evidence-Based Decision-Making	
CRJU 4410	Criminal Law and Constitutional Procedures	
CRJU 4440	Courts and Social Policy	

CRJU 4600	Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice <sup>1</sup>	
CRJU 4840	Independent Study: CRJU <sup>2</sup>	
<i>Professional Setting Electives</i>		3
Select one course from the list below		
CRJU 2000	Professional Development in Criminal Justice	
CRJU 4700	Community-Based Field Experience and Seminar	
CRJU 4939	Internship <sup>3</sup>	
PUAD 3002	Organizational and Strategic Management	
PUAD 3110	Seminar in Nonprofit Management	
PUAD 4002	Leading and Engaging for the Public Good	
PUAD 4003	Strategic Communications for Public Engagement	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> For CRJU 4600 Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice to count toward an elective, it must be related to courts, law, or the legal system and be pre-approved. See your academic advisor for more information.

<sup>2</sup> For CRJU 4840 Independent Study to count toward an elective, it must be related to courts, law, or the legal system and be pre-approved. See your academic advisor for more information.

<sup>3</sup> For CRJU 4939 Internship to count toward an elective, it must be related to courts, law, or the legal system and pre-approved. See your academic advisor for more information.