



Eastern Kentucky University is a nationally recognized public university located in Richmond, Kentucky. ECU began offering online degrees in 2006 and continues to service students with both on-campus and online offerings.

100% Online Programs Criminal Justice

Eastern Kentucky University is a recognized leader in the fields of criminology and criminal justice and offers some of the finest degree options in the nation. A criminal justice degree positions you to take on leadership roles in the field, serve your community, and promote equality under the law. Whether you want to start a new career or advance in your current one, ECU's online criminal justice degree programs can help you reach your goals.



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UNDERGRADUATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREES

- Associate of Arts in Police Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Police Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections & Juvenile Justice Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

BENEFITS

- Free textbooks for all students with EKU BookSmart
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[EKU Online Criminal Justice Programs](#)

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Associate in Police Studies

CORE COURSES...15 HOURS

Introduction to Criminal Justice - CRJ 101

A general overview of the criminal justice system including a description of the major agencies: police, prosecution, courts, and corrections, and an analysis of their interdependence in the criminal justice process.

Police, Order Maintenance and Crime - PLS 103

Overview of the role of police. The historical development of policing, police functions and bureaucratic organization are examined. Police misconduct, discretion and effectiveness receive special attention.

Ethical Decisions and Police - PLS 326

Examines the problems of ethical philosophies, theories and law in the context of policing. Consideration is given to problems of police judgment arising from unquestioned assumptions about morality. Focuses on forms of ethical violation at the individual, group and organization levels as well as strategies for prevention and control.

OR

Criminal Justice Ethics - CRJ 313

Examines the moral, legal and normative obligations of the state and criminal justice professionals. Surveys the philosophies and theories of ethics and deviance.

Social Forces and Policing Society - PLS 414

Examines the history and evolution of policing in the United States with an emphasis on the political, social, cultural, legal and organizational forces that have molded that history. The roles and functions of police in America are examined in detail within the context of race, class and gender.

Contemporary Police Strategies - PLS 415

Review of contemporary police issues, programs, and strategies. Detailed analysis and evaluation of police practices, including impact on the relationship between the police and the community. Assessment of police reform measures and accountability mechanism.

ELECTIVES...12 HOURS

Select from PLS, CRJ or COR electives.

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ASSOCIATE IN POLICE STUDIES...64 HOURS TOTAL

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Bachelor's in Police Studies

CORE COURSES...24 HOURS

Introduction to Criminal Justice - CRJ 101

A general overview of the criminal justice system including a description of the major agencies: police, prosecution, courts, and corrections, and an analysis of their interdependence in the criminal justice process.

Criminological Theory - CRJ 331

Overview of criminological theoretical perspectives that attempt to explain crime.

Research Methods - CRJ 388

Overview of the research process, with emphasis on finding, using, and evaluating criminal justice research. Examination of both quantitative and qualitative social science research methods and procedures appropriate to the study of crime policy and criminal justice.

Criminal Justice Statistics - CRJ 400

Analytical and statistical concepts and procedures relevant to crime and criminal justice data. Includes quantitative and qualitative techniques.

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MAJOR ELECTIVES...24 HOURS

Select from PLS, CRJ or COR electives (12 hrs must be upper division courses).

SUPPORTING ELECTIVES...6-9 HOURS

Select 9 hours from: **APS 210, EMC 102 or 110, FOR 301, FSE 250, or TRS 332**, or a combination to include 3 hours (200 level or above) of foreign language or American Sign Language (ASL) in consultation with major advisor.

FREE ELECTIVES...26-29 HOURS

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BACHELOR'S IN POLICE STUDIES...120 HOURS TOTAL

Bachelor's in Corrections & Juvenile Justice

CORE COURSES...24 HOURS

Introduction to Corrections - COR 201

Introduction to historical, philosophical, and operational frameworks of US corrections. Debates the goals of punishment and explores institutional and community-based sentencing options.

The Juvenile Justice System - COR 311

Examines the evolution of the juvenile justice system, police response to delinquency, and juvenile court's roles in protecting the public and serving children.

Rehabilitation Strategies for Adult and Juvenile Offenders - COR 360

Debates the rehabilitative goal of corrections and juvenile justice. Examines contemporary strategies and their effectiveness in controlling/changing offender behavior.

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MAJOR ELECTIVES...24 HOURS

Senior Seminar - CRJ 490

Capstone course consisting of development and production of a senior level research paper grounded in relevant criminal justice literature. Emphasis on integration of knowledge acquired in previous courses.

Or any upper division COR elective in consultation with major advisor.

Supporting Courses - 6 hours

Select any two of the following courses in consultation with major advisor: **any upper division CRJ course; HLS 101, 201, 321, 341; PLS 103, 216, 316, 380, 390, 415; PSY 200 or 200W(Element 5B), 308, 314.**

FREE ELECTIVES...38 HOURS

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**BACHELOR'S IN
CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE...120 HOURS TOTAL**



Bachelor's in Criminal Justice

CORE COURSES...24 HOURS

Introduction to Criminal Justice - CRJ 101

A general overview of the criminal justice system including a description of the major agencies: police, prosecution, courts, and corrections, and an analysis of their interdependence in the criminal justice process.

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MAJOR ELECTIVES...27 HOURS

Select at least one course from each of the three areas: (12 hours must be upper division).

Corrections: CRJ 204, 302, 303 or 360.

Law and Juvenile Justice: PLS 216, PLS 316, PLS 416, CRJ 312, CRJ 314, or CRJ 311.

Policing: PLS 103, 340, 401, 411 or 420.

Supporting Course Requirements - 9 hours

Select courses from at least two of the following areas in consultation with major advisor: AFA, APP, ENV, HLS, POL, PSY, SJS, SOC, or WGS.

FREE ELECTIVES OR MINOR...32 HOURS

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BACHELOR'S IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE...120 HOURS TOTAL

What can I do with this degree?

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 5 percent before 2028, and employment of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is projected to grow 3 before 2018 to 2028.

Police Officer

Enforce federal, state, and local laws and protect life and property. Patrol assigned zones, respond to calls, serve civil and criminal court papers, provide first aid and CPR, provide traffic control, testify in judicial proceedings, and complete all required reports and forms.

Case Manager

Facilitate client care by helping those with chronic illness, mental health issues or life-altering conditions to gain access to rehabilitation programs and other community services. Achieve the best outcomes for clients by assessing the needs of clients and their families, connecting clients with professional services and maintaining consistent communication with clients to gauge their wellbeing and make changes to their treatment plan as needed.

Correctional Officer

Enforce the rules and maintain routines at a jail, prison or another correctional facility. Maintain security and control through a consistent routine and demeanor, inspect jail cells according to security protocols and safety codes, supervise inmates during meals and recreational time and diffuse conflicts between inmates to help preserve peace and order.

Parole Officer

Act as a liaison between the offender and enforcement officials. Testify in court. Maintain and prepare reports and records on offenders. Provide supervision and counsel for offenders.

Adult Probation Officer

Provide counseling and facilitate support groups for probationers. Implement and track compliance with court-ordered services, terms and programs, including substance abuse treatment. Administer drug and alcohol testing and prepare case files and maintain records on probationers.

Juvenile Probation Officer

Supervise the youth and ensure compliance with the court's orders. Conduct regular visits to the juvenile's home, school, work, and other areas of the community which the juvenile frequents.

[SALARY ESTIMATES](#)

Why should I choose ECU Online?

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

When you talk about a criminal justice program, almost immediately ECU is at the top of the list. And that's nationwide. The professors and my classmates are so supportive. You feel like you're set up for success from day one.

- Dominique Blessin,
ECU Online Criminal Justice Student

[SEE OTHER ECU STUDENT STORIES](#)



Can I afford to go back to school?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for school doesn't have to be overwhelming. Almost everyone, regardless of income, can qualify for some form of financial aid. Learn about available options and what may be right for your unique situation.

- Grants
- Federal Loans
- Private Loans
- Military Benefits
- Departmental Scholarships
- Outside Scholarships
- Foundation Scholarships
- Employer Tuition Reimbursement

MORE FINANCIAL AID INFO

Questions about financial aid?

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EKU Online offers a range of scholarships designed to address the financial needs of our students, lower the overall cost of attendance and reward a student's scholastic achievements.

EKU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Start Strong Scholarship Fund

undergraduate programs only

The Start Strong Scholarship provides up to \$2,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for newly admitted undergraduate students. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Stay Strong Scholarship Fund

undergraduate programs only

The Stay Strong Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 per year of need-based scholarship funds for qualified undergraduate students who have completed two semesters with EKU Online and have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher their previous semester. Candidates must have a completed FAFSA application, but are not required to be eligible for FAFSA awarded funding.

Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society Scholarship Fund

In recognition of your accomplishments as an online student, Omega Nu Lambda Honor Society provides members with an opportunity to apply for a scholarship in both fall and spring. Fall scholarships are announced in November and spring are announced in April.

EKU Foundation Scholarship

The Eastern Kentucky University Foundation, through the generosity of its donors, offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to deserving students. [EKU Foundation scholarships](#) are awarded through the University Scholarship Office and at college and department levels. New and renewable awards of EKU Foundation scholarships are subject to available funds each year.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFO

When will I start classes?

APPLICATION DEADLINES

TERM	APPLY BY	BEGIN CLASSES
Fall A	July 5	August
Fall B	August 31	October
Spring A	November 30	January
Spring B	January 31	March
Summer A	April 5	May
Summer B	May 31	June

What do I need to apply?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-Time Freshman

- Standard Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.50 or higher
- Success First Admission:
high school cumulative GPA (unweighted): 2.00-2.49
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

While test scores are not required for admissions purposes, students are encouraged to submit test scores for proper course placement in English and mathematics courses.

Transfer Students

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- In good academic and financial standing at previous institution
- Students who have earned 23 hours or fewer of college credits after high school graduation must also provide a final high school transcript and meet the requirements for incoming freshmen

ADMISSION INFORMATION

How do I apply?

APPLICATION PROCESS

First-time Freshman:

Step 1: Complete the free online application at:

https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

START MY APPLICATION

Step 2: Submit your high school transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

Step 3: Submit ACT or SAT scores (not required, but encouraged for determining appropriate course placement).

Transfer Students:

Step 1: Complete the free ECU Graduate School's online application at:

https://application.eku.edu/portal/apply_eku

START MY APPLICATION

Step 2: Send us your high school transcript (if you have 23 or fewer credit hours).

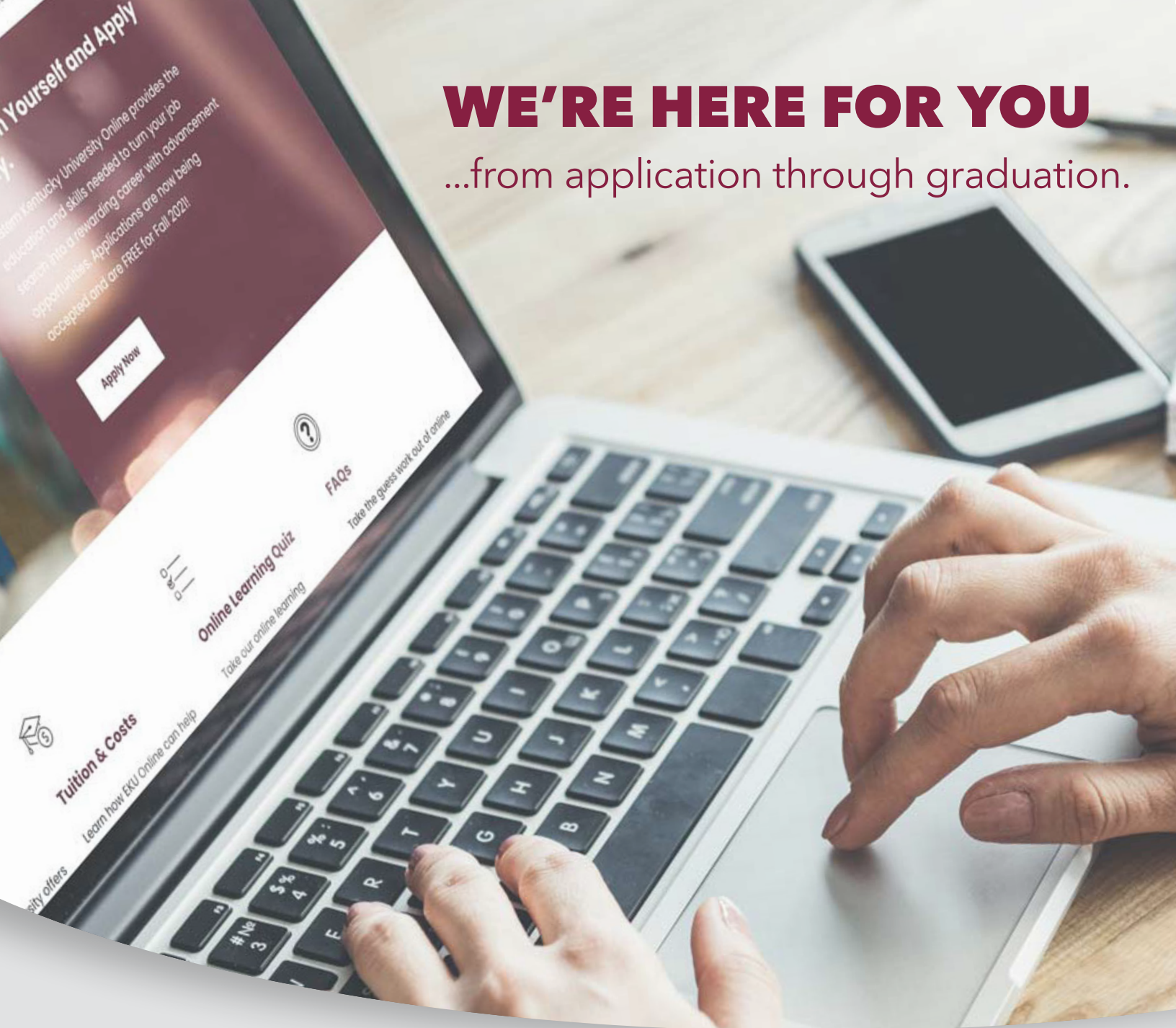
Step 3: Send us your official transcripts from each accredited university you attended, including dual credit from high school.

What are you waiting for?

GET STARTED TODAY!



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU
...from application through graduation.



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