# Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminal Justice

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1. Recommend MATH 1342 or MATH 1332.
2. WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as three hours of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
3. CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science).
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The BA in Criminal Justice is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking.
- Written and oral communication.
- Analytical research.
- Proactive and action oriented.