ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

PROTECTING SOCIETY IS MORE THAN A CAREER—IT’S A CALLING

Understanding the criminal mind and patterns associated with criminal behavior and activity can improve law enforcement response, enhance crime prevention efforts, and have a positive impact on our communities. This program teaches you to gather, analyze, and interpret criminal data and patterns to help predict and prevent criminal activities and behavior. Prepare for a rewarding career in areas such as law enforcement, criminological research, the courts, adult and juvenile justice, and public safety.
WHY STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CREDIT FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE
Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements for your military, academic, and work experience—including industry training and certifications.2

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in criminal justice, criminology, and public safety. All criminal justice professors possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials. Many are currently active in the field, so they understand the unique requirements and challenges of this line of work, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

AFFORDABLE TUITION
Lower the cost of your education through military discounts, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.3 Our average associate’s graduate saves 48% on tuition with credit for prior learning.4

INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.5

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.6

Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.7

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EDUCATION

PREPARE FOR A DIVERSE RANGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Be ready to take on roles in areas such as computer crime, corrections, counterterrorism, detention, fraud investigation, homeland security, or private investigation. In addition, you can choose from a wide pool of open electives to gain specialized knowledge in subjects including legal studies, public administration, and information technology.

GAIN THE CORE SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND
Develop the practical skills and technical competencies required by many law enforcement agencies and private security firms.

BUILD A PATHWAY TO A BACHELOR’S OR MASTER’S DEGREE
Get a head start on a future degree. Once you earn your associate’s degree, you can transfer it directly into your Purdue Global bachelor’s.8

| AAS in Criminal Justice and Criminology | Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice or Corrections | Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Legal Studies, or Psychology |
CURRICULUM

Through our comprehensive curriculum you will learn to analyze crime data, predict patterns of criminal behavior, create criminal profiles, and establish agency protocols and procedures. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

CORE COURSEWORK TOPICS INCLUDE:
- Criminology
- Crime analysis
- Forensic psychology
- Psychological profiling
- Deviance and violence
- Constitutional law
- Sociology
- Preparing for a public safety career

CAPSTONE PROJECT
Demonstrate your ability to apply the critical thinking skills and concepts you study online to real-world criminal justice scenarios.

PROGRAM DETAIL
Credit Hours: 90
Completion Time: 1–2 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global associate’s degree graduates in 2018-2019 was less than 18 months.)
Course Load: 2 courses per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Throughout the year

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
- Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of private detectives and investigators is expected to grow faster than average from 2018 to 2028.
- Employment in the protective service field is also projected to grow, creating about 95,200 new jobs in the timeframe.
- Many federal agencies and some police departments require college experience and a significant number of applicants for entry-level police jobs are college graduates.
- Heightened security concerns, the increased need to protect confidential information and property, and continued demand for public safety are likely to continue driving growth in this field.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles
- Police officer
- Patrol officer
- Private investigator
- Detective/criminal investigator
- Public safety officer
- Crime scene investigator

Settings
- State and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Correction facilities (prisons and jails)
- Private detective agencies
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

CAREER SERVICES

Our Criminal Justice Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Public Safety Club

The Public Safety Club encourages networking and promotes employment opportunities, provides educational opportunities, and stimulates discussions related to the interests of the members.

Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Local, state, and federal law enforcement jobs may require additional training or education beyond the associate's level. Some positions require a 4-year bachelor's degree and/or additional state-approved higher education beyond the Purdue Global degree. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information. Graduates of Purdue Global criminal justice programs are not eligible to attend police academies in Minnesota.

2 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

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4 Purdue Global online associate's degree students who graduated in the 2018–2019 academic year and entered their program with eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of nearly $16,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning credit savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

5 No financial obligation beyond the application fee. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.


7 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2016–2017 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Criminal Justice and Corrections, and Fire Protection, nces.ed.gov/IPEDS. Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Kaplan University compared to other Title IV institutions. Note: these data were reported prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global.

8 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

9 The average completion time for Purdue Global online associate's degree students who graduated in the 2018–2019 academic year was 1.3 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, August 2019.


11 Purdue Global’s programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, the University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.