PREPARE FOR DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES IN CORRECTIONS

The supervision, counseling, and rehabilitation of both juvenile and adult offenders as well as community corrections, probation, and parole are important priorities for our society. Purdue University Global’s Bachelor of Science in Corrections program can help you develop the skills and knowledge to advance your career in this complex, evolving field. The curriculum provides a strong criminal justice foundation and also includes the rehabilitative component, so you have the flexibility to pursue opportunities in law enforcement, corrections, or probation, or to explore career options within the private and public sectors.
WHY STUDY CORRECTIONS 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
Receive credit for up to 75% of your degree requirements for your military, academic, and work experience—including industry training and certifications.¹ In addition, if you are a certified law enforcement officer, you can earn credit for your national Peace Officer Standard Training (POST).²

Our average bachelor’s graduate with transfer credits saves 44% on University tuition.³

FACULTY ARE ACTIVE IN THE FIELD
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in criminal justice, corrections, and public safety. All professors possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials.

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.

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.⁴

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.⁵

Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.⁶
CURRICULUM

In addition to providing a broad knowledge of corrections, our comprehensive curriculum focuses on specialized areas such as security factors, treatment opportunities, prison and rehab facility regulations, and the role of technology. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Preparing for a career in public safety
- History of the criminal justice system
- Criminology
- The American prison system
- Correctional law
- Criminal procedure
- Criminal justice ethics
- Corrections in the twenty-first century
- Juvenile justice
- Probation and parole
- Research methods in criminal justice
- Correctional alternatives and administration
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Capstone Project
The program culminates in a final capstone project, which gives you the opportunity to apply the skills and concepts you study online to current issues in criminal justice.

Electives
Tailor your degree to your career goals. Choose from a wide pool of open electives to specialize in areas such as: adult and juvenile treatment and rehabilitation, corrections counseling, parole, probation, child protective services, sexual abuse response, juvenile justice, or law enforcement.

PROGRAM DETAIL
Credit Hours: 180
Program Length: 2–4 years
Course Load: 2–3 per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Throughout the year

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
You can work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in public administration, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor’s degree. Complete both degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
- Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- The American criminal justice system holds more than 2 million people in over 100 federal prisons, and thousands of state prisons, juvenile correctional facilities, local jails, and other correctional institutions.¹
- When including people on probation and parole, the total adult correctional population is over 6.6 million,² which fuels the demand for professionals equipped to manage the supervision, treatment, rehabilitation, and reentry of these individuals.
- Because community corrections is viewed as a viable alternative to incarceration in some cases, demand for probation officers, parole officers, and correctional treatment specialists is expected to continue through 2028.³
- Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists are usually required to possess a bachelor’s degree.⁴

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES⁵

**Roles**
- Law enforcement position (police officer or detective)
- Corrections officer
- Correctional treatment counselor
- Youth corrections caseworker
- Probation/parole officer

**Settings/Industries**
- Federal, state, and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Corrections (prisons and jails)
- Juvenile justice
- Correctional administration
- Military

CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Specialists offer the following services:
- Job search and networking support
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- 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 while promoting employment opportunities, providing educational opportunities, and stimulating 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 HLC.commission.org or call 800-621-7440.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

¹ Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

² Students must currently be a certified law enforcement officer or a federal agent (FBI, DEA, ATF, etc.), or must have been certified in either of these roles within 24 months of their enrollment date.

³ Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2018–2019 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of $29,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning 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.

⁴ 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/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

⁵ Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2016–2017 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Criminal Justice and Corrections, and Fire Protection, ncse.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.

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⁷ The average program length for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2018–2019 academic year was 1.9 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, August 2019.

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 Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Total Correctional Population, April 2018; Federal Bureau of Prisons, Our Locations; and American Jail Association.

¹⁰ Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Local, state, and federal correctional/probation officer jobs and law enforcement positions may require additional training or education including 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.