



Bachelor of Science in Corrections

College of Social and
Behavioral Sciences

Turn Your Calling Into a Career With a Degree In Corrections

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Corrections program can help you develop the skills and relevant knowledge to pursue a number of career choices in the field of corrections.¹ The curriculum provides a strong criminal justice foundation and also includes the rehabilitative component, so you have the flexibility to pursue a career working in law enforcement, corrections, or probation, or explore other career options within the private and public sectors. Our online platform offers the freedom to learn virtually anytime day or night. So you can learn and study according to your schedule.

Protecting Society Can Be a Rewarding Career

If you're passionate about a career in corrections, now is the time to prepare for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Kaplan University offers several graduate and undergraduate programs designed to help you turn your passion into a career. Programs are taught by working professionals who bring real-world expertise to the courses they teach, so you gain practical knowledge and skills you can immediately apply to your chosen career.

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The Corrections Field Needs Talented Professionals Like You

Nationwide, there are over 3,000 local jail facilities and over 120 federal correctional institutions. It's estimated these institutions facilitate care for nearly 1 million individuals.²

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. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, America will need more than 17,000 correctional officers between 2014 and 2024.³ A bachelor's degree is often a requirement for employment in federal prisons and for probation officer and correctional treatment specialist positions.⁴



One Degree Can Prepare You for a Wide Range of Careers.

The corrections industry boasts numerous career choices in a variety of public and private sector fields. With a Bachelor of Science in Corrections, you may qualify for employment opportunities related to adult and juvenile treatment and rehabilitation, corrections counseling, parole, probation, child protective services, sexual abuse response, juvenile justice, or law enforcement.

Graduates can use their degree to advance in police departments, seek careers in federal and local correction facilities, or pursue contractual jobs in the U.S. military. In addition, a bachelor's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue work in these environments:

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

Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:¹

- Law enforcement position (police officers and detectives; additional academy training is usually required)—Pursue and apprehend individuals who break the law, and issue citations and warnings or make arrests; work to keep the peace and protect the public.
- Corrections officer—Maintain security and inmate accountability to prevent disturbances, assaults, and escapes; enforce rules and regulations.
- Correctional treatment counselor—Help counsel and rehabilitate adult and youth offenders who are incarcerated within federal, state, or local prison facilities.
- Youth corrections case worker—Provide guidance and counseling to youthful offenders so they remain viable contributors to society.
- Probation officer—Gather information about offenders' backgrounds by talking to offenders, their families and friends, and other people who have relevant information.

Note: 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 Kaplan University's degree. You should fully research the requirements of any such position you intend to seek prior to enrolling in your program.

A Strong Foundation Starts With a Specialized Education

Kaplan University’s corrections program is designed to build a strong foundation of professional skills and relevant knowledge to enable you to specialize in your area of interest. You can choose courses from several different areas of focus including law enforcement, inmate treatment and rehabilitation, investigation, corrections, and adult or juvenile justice. Along with courses on these topics, this degree program features a pool of open electives that allows you to choose courses from inside and potentially even outside of the corrections area in subjects such as legal studies, public administration, and information technology. A capstone project at the end of the program gives you the opportunity to apply your new knowledge and skills to real-world criminal justice scenarios.

The program focuses on the following knowledge and abilities:

- An overview of the U.S. criminal justice system, its agencies, and the issues and challenges facing the system
- Theories of criminology including causes of crime and discipline-specific evaluation of human behavior
- Analytical skills such as the ability to use scientific methods of inquiry to arrive at reasoned decisions
- Criminal justice leadership practices including the role of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations
- An overview of how new technology is used in criminal justice, criminal enterprise, and in the operations of criminal justice agencies

Program Detail

Bachelor of Science in Corrections

Credit Hours: 180

Program may not be available in all states. Speak to an Admissions Advisor for details.

Our Instructors Are Professionals in the Corrections Field

Kaplan University’s faculty members have years of experience in the field of corrections. Many are working professionals who truly understand your career requirements and the challenges you face, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

Accelerated Master’s Degree Option

Interested in continuing on to pursue a graduate degree? Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward any of the following Kaplan University master’s degrees while you earn your bachelor’s degree:

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology

Complete both your bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Education Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor’s degree program.



Kaplan University Tuition Cap

This program is offered at Kaplan University Tuition Cap pricing, which limits the cost of completion for eligible enrollees. For complete details, including eligibility, associated fees, and how prior learning credits could further lower the cost of attendance, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/paying-school/tuition-reduction.aspx.

Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought®

We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes for an Introductory Period.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan CommitmentSM gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.⁵

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁶

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander

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Dean and Vice President,
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For comprehensive consumer information, visit kaplan.edu/info. For gainful employment information about our public safety programs, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/criminal-justice/ge.

1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional academy training and education may be required for law enforcement and corrections jobs. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

2 Source: American Jail Association, “Statistics of Note”, members.aja.org/About/StatisticsOfNote.aspx, and Federal Bureau of Prisons, “Our Locations”, www.bop.gov/locations/.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Correctional Officers, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/correctional-officers.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

4 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/probation-officers-and-correctional-treatment-specialists.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

5 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University 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 catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu and www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

6 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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