

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE



EXTRAORDINARY INVESTMENT IN INDIVIDUALS

The mission of the Criminology and Criminal Justice program is to provide a student-centered curriculum that enables students to think critically about the causes and consequences of crime and criminal behavior. Using an interdisciplinary approach students learn and apply classical and contemporary theories of crime and the law, evaluate the major components of the criminal justice system, and develop the research skills relevant to practice in the field. By combining components of both Criminology and Criminal Justice students study and learn about both the causes and consequences of crime and criminal behavior and the systems designed to control crime.

- + 46 HOURS TO DEGREE COMPLETION (15 COURSES)
- + EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- + STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- + COMPETITIVE AND AFFORDABLE
- + INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The goals of the Criminology and Criminal Justice program are to:

- Provide students with an understanding of the theoretical explanations of crime and criminal behavior
- Analyze the major institutions and processes of the criminal justice system.
- Teach students the analytical skills necessary to understand and interpret statistical data, research questions related to crime and the criminal justice system, and test criminological theories.
- Assist students in the development of effective critical thinking and communication skills.

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CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires 46 hours (15 courses) of coursework. Nine core courses are required (e.g. Introduction to Criminology, Criminological Theory, Philosophy of Law) and students select an additional six Criminology and Criminal Justice electives that suit their individual and professional interests. Given the interdisciplinary design of this degree program students can easily complete one, or more, academic minors and can, through careful planning with an academic advisor, double major in a related discipline.

SAMPLE COURSEWORK

Sociological Analysis of Juvenile Delinquency
Criminological Theory
Deviant Behavior
Crime & Media: A Criminological Analysis
Philosophy of Law
Policing: A Sociological Analysis
Criminal Law
Drugs & Society
Abnormal Psychology

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students that meet internship requirements are eligible to complete internships with various criminal justice, government, and social-service agencies. Internships are non-graded, practical work experiences intended to expose students to various dimensions and settings in the criminal justice system. Successful completion of an internship can contribute up to 12 hours of upper-division credit toward graduation.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Enables students to belong to an organization which will stimulate high academic expectation, personal achievement and thoughtful engagement on campus and in the community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Criminology and Criminal Justice program prepares students for a range of career options including: law enforcement, probation/parole officer, caseworker, corrections officer, victim advocacy, youth programming and counseling, crime prevention specialist, substance abuse counseling, and private/corporate security. The program also prepares students for graduate-level study in criminology, criminal justice, law, sociology, and other social science disciplines.

