

Program Overview

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary social science involving the study of crime and societal responses to it. Seattle University's Criminal Justice Department offers the *Bachelor of Criminal Justice*, *Bachelor of Criminal Justice with Departmental Honors*, *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*, *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with Departmental Honors*, and *Minor in Criminal Justice*. The criminal justice major is designed to provide students with knowledge of the components of criminal justice system and stages of criminal justice process with focused study of specific fields within the discipline. The core criminal justice curriculum required for all majors includes coursework in criminal justice and criminology, organizational theory and criminal justice ethics, and research methods and statistics with focused coursework in a particular specialization area. The BS degree options require additional credits in the physical sciences and mathematics to prepare students for careers and/or graduate study that require coursework beyond the traditional criminal justice degree (e.g., in forensic science).



Degrees and Specializations

BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Administration of Justice
- Criminology & CJ Theory
- Forensic Psychology
- Forensic Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Forensic Psychology
- Forensic Science



Faculty work closely with students to select the most appropriate degree/specialization option based on students' individual goals. All criminal justice graduates (regardless of the degree/ specialization selected) earn a criminal justice degree with strong foundation in criminological theory, social science research methods and statistics, criminal justice ethics, and organizational analysis of criminal justice agencies. Degree and specialization options allow students to design their program of study to prepare for career and/or graduate education goals.



Internships, Research, and Volunteer Opportunities

Internship, research experience, volunteer opportunities, and tours of criminal justice agencies are available to assist students in preparing for future career and educational goals. Students may earn credits while gaining practical experience working as interns and volunteers in the criminal justice system in prisons and jails, community corrections, juvenile detention facilities, local and federal law enforcement agencies, victim services, law firms and court services, medical examiners offices, crime labs, and private security.



What can you do with a degree in Criminal Justice?

Criminal justice graduates seek careers in law enforcement, public safety, court services, corrections, forensic science, private security and investigation, crime prevention, juvenile justice, victim services, mental health and social service, and/or pursue graduate study in criminal justice, criminology, forensic psychology, forensic science, or law. The BCJ prepares students for positions in the criminal justice system that do not require an extensive physical science background. The BS/Forensic Science degree prepares students for criminal justice positions that require background in the physical sciences such as crime lab forensic scientist and medicolegal death investigator positions in medical examiners offices, and for entrance into forensic science graduate programs. The BS/Forensic Psychology degree prepares students for positions in corrections, mental health agencies, and for entrance into forensic psychology graduate programs that require a strong physical science and math background.



Faculty

A. DAKTARI ALEXANDER, PHD

Assistant Professor

Research/teaching interests in juvenile justice and delinquency, police-juvenile interaction, race/ethnicity, and justice, criminological theory, and prisoner rehabilitation.

ELAINE GUNNISON, PHD

Assistant Professor/Graduate Program/Internship Director

Research/teaching interests in life-course criminology, female offenders, comparative criminal justice, and corrections.

JACQUELINE HELFGOTT, PHD

Professor/Department Chair

Research/teaching interests in criminal behavior, psychopathy, crime and popular culture, corrections, offender reentry, and restorative justice.

MATTHEW HICKMAN, PHD

Assistant Professor

Research/teaching interests in law enforcement, police integrity and ethics, quantitative methods, criminal justice decision-making, and criminological theory.

MICHAEL KELLIHER, SJ, D.CRIM

Associate Professor

Research/teaching interests in restorative justice, victimology, polygraph, criminology & literature, and white collar crime.

STEPHEN RICE, PHD

Assistant Professor

Research/teaching interests in procedural and restorative justice, race/ethnicity and justice, terrorism, the social psychology of punishment, and criminological theory.

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