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 BA 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.

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PETER COLLINS, PhD
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Research/teaching interests in criminal justice organizations and management, drug policy and substance abuse treatment, statistics and quantitative methods

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Assistant Professor
Research/teaching interests in victimology, crime prevention, school-based crime, fear of crime and perceptions of risk, deviance, and criminological theory.

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Professor/Graduate Program Director
Research/teaching interests in life-course criminology, female offenders, corrections, offender reentry.

JACQUELINE HELFGOTT, PhD
Professor/Director, Crime and Justice Research Center
Research/teaching interests in criminal behavior, psychopathy, copycat crime, correction/offender reentry, and community justice.

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

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Associate Professor
Research and teaching interests in domestic extremism and terrorism, victimization, media and the criminal justice system, and mixed methods research.

STEPHEN RICE, PhD
Associate Professor/Internship Director
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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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.

Program Overview

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary social science involving the study of crime and societal responses to it. Our department offers the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts 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).

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