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Criminology & Criminal Justice BS

The interdisciplinary curricula unify a body of knowledge from criminology, social science, law, public administration, and corrections, and provide the student with an understanding of the assumptions, values, and processes of the system of justice. Many pre-law students choose criminology and criminal justice as an undergraduate major because of the excellent preparation offered for law school.

Career Outlook

The orientation of the criminology and criminal justice faculty and of the degree program prepares the graduate to work professionally for local, state, and federal agencies concerned with maintaining public safety by the prevention of crime and apprehension and rehabilitation of offenders. The B.S. in criminology and criminal justice is also advantageous for careers with various social agencies, especially those connected with the juvenile court system, probation and parole, and local police. Many students use the B.S. in criminology and criminal justice as preparation for law school.

Future Career Options

- Legal Assistance
- Counseling Juvenile Justice
- Victim Advocacy
- Probation & Parole
- Law Enforcement
- Global Intelligence
- Forensics
- Casework Administration
- Corrections
- Teaching
- Research

Skills developed by degree completion

- Understand criminology and criminal justice, law, theory, research methods, statistics, and criminal justice policy
- Understand policing, courts and corrections
- Analyze the role that class, race, gender and culture play in crime and criminal justice
- Evaluate and report research findings and data in a professional and ethical manner
- Procure information from relevant scholarly literature and databases
- Design research projects and evaluate data critically
- Apply theory to practice in the public and private sectors
- Form and assess research questions

*Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.*

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

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