

The faculty in Criminal Justice want to welcome you to **WAYNE STATE COLLEGE** and to your new major. We believe our degree program is a very solid preparation for success in the wide range of careers in Criminal Justice. Many of you will have already seen the enclosed material, but we want to be sure you come to **WAYNE STATE COLLEGE** with as much information about your major as we can give you.

Any time you have questions about the major or about specific courses, or about life at **WAYNE STATE COLLEGE**, please feel free to consult with any of the Criminal Justice faculty listed below. We strongly believe in an “open door policy”; if you need to see us, please come to our offices. We’ll either see you then, or will make an appointment for a more convenient time. With so many people in Criminal Justice, things may get a bit hectic in our offices, but you’ll find all of us receptive to your needs. Please ask if you have questions.

We have an active Criminal Justice Association. Please make a point to go to the first few WSCJA meetings in the semester; check it out and discover what this organization can do for enhancing your career.

Consult the Advisor List on the bulletin board outside the Dean’s Office at Connell Hall 101, learn the name of your faculty advisor, and make a point of showing your semester schedule to your advisor during the first week of the term, because the last day to make schedule changes is the end of the first week.

During the year there will be several times when you should see your advisor: discussing any down-slips, choosing concentrations and minors, scheduling for the following semester, summer plans, discussions about co-operative education and internship opportunities, and for discussions about the exciting careers in Criminal Justice.

Best wishes in your years at **WAYNE STATE COLLEGE**.

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## An Open Letter to Criminal Justice Majors

Before you get too involved in your chosen course of study, you should be aware of some of the special considerations for the field of criminal justice. Be aware of these things now and you may save yourself problems later. If you don't measure up to these standards, now, get another major.

1. Your physical condition is important. All law enforcement and most correctional agencies have some physical condition standards. Your eyesight and general health are examined. Obesity is grounds for rejection of any applicant. Many agencies will require a physical examination and physical fitness testing for employment. Get in shape now.
2. Have no current drug use or excessive use of alcohol and no significant criminal record or major traffic offense citations. Drunk or reckless driving charges could effectively bar you from police employment. Buying alcohol for minors, or an MIP, can hurt your career chances.
3. You must maintain financial responsibility: no bounced checks or excessive indebtedness. Gambling is considered a serious problem.
4. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to read and write effectively in Standard English. Speaking ability is assessed. There may be a spelling test and writing exercise in employment screening.
5. Your background and associates will be investigated. Past criminality, reputation, financial and emotional stability, family history, driving record, and school record-- all will be investigated.
6. You may be required to take psychological tests and polygraph examinations concerning your background investigations. Lying on a polygraph examination is cause for rejection of a candidate. Be truthful and specific.
7. The interview is important. Be prompt, neat, courteous, enthusiastic, and prepared. Many candidates are rejected simply because they could not articulate why they wanted a criminal justice career and why they should be hired rather than other candidates. Do practice interviews beforehand. Remember, every interview is a learning experience.
8. Who you are cannot change overnight. Your attitude, your manners, your assertiveness, your self-confidence, your attire, your ability to impress others, and your personality will show in the interview. Criminal justice is a conservative field. Be sure you are prepared to enter the career field by doing well in college and in your personal life. Employers check Face Book and MySpace, so don't have an embarrassing past.
9. Build your resume now. Join the Criminal Justice Association; get work and volunteer experience which shows you are employable in the field; do ride-alongs, job shadowing, CPR training, do an internship. Have the sort of grades which show diligence and intelligence. Prepare yourself for the career field. It is up to you.

**Graduation Requirements****2009 Catalog**

Minimum of 125 credit hours, 40 hours of which must be numbered 300+. Completion of a major (plus a second major or minor if the first major is under 48 hours)  
Completion of General Education requirements listed below.  
Must have at least 2.0 gpa in the major and 2.0 gpa overall.

**General Education Requirements (44 hrs) 2009 Catalog**

ENG 102 Composition (3) (must pass with at least a C grade)  
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (3)  
6 hours from Literature, Theater, Art, Music (two prefixes)  
Math (3) Any college level math course will be sufficient  
Biology (3) w/ Lab BIO 102 or BIO 104  
Physical Science (3) (most take PHS 102)  
HIS 120 World History (3)  
Six hours from POS100/110/SOC110/GEO120/ECO101 /PSY 101/SOC 101  
PED 103 Lifestyle Assess. (2)  
Foreign Language (Spanish recommended) (3)  
Six more hours by advisement from Lit, HIS, SOC, PSY, POS, GEO, ECO  
EPS 300 (3)

Your CJA faculty advisor will assist you through the process of choosing your General Education courses and can advise you on options.

**About the Faculty:**

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PhD, Sociology, Utah State University, 1986

MS, Sociology, Utah State University, 1979

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## WSC Criminal Justice Major, 57 hours 2009 Catalog

### Criminal Justice (CJA)

Department of Sociology, Psychology and Criminal Justice  
School of Natural and Social Sciences, Wayne State College

**Objectives:** The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide students with the necessary practical knowledge and skills for careers in the Criminal Justice field and knowledge of the theoretical basis for understanding the economic, political, and social environments in which the criminal justice process operates. The CJ comprehensive major consists of a total of 57 hours, with available concentrations in Law Enforcement and Corrections. For students in majors other than Criminal Justice, a minor in Criminal Justice is available. The Criminal Justice program is offered in cooperation between Wayne State College and Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, about 30 miles away. Certain courses are offered by Northeast faculty on the Wayne State campus. Completion of the Criminal Justice degree program, or portions thereof, is not a guarantee of employment in the career field. Agencies may require background investigations, medical/psychological/physical fitness evaluations, interviews, and additional training.

**Major in Criminal Justice (BA or BS) 57 hours:** Spanish (3) is required in General Education for all Criminal Justice majors. In addition, CJ majors should plan to meet their General Education requirement in the BLOCK 3 requirements by taking SOC 101 and PSY 101. The major requires the Core and at least one of the Concentrations .

CORE (39 hours)

CJA 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

CJA 200 Criminal Law (3)

CJA 203 Police and Society (3)

CJA 235 Security and Loss Prevention (3)

CJA 325 Community Based Corrections (3)

CJA 365 Juvenile Delinquency (3)

CJA 375 Criminal Justice Management (3)

CJA 425 Substance Abuse Management (3)

CJA 444 Topics in Criminal Justice (3)

CJA 488 Criminal Justice Senior Seminar (3)

SSC 300 Research in Social Sciences (3)

SSC 319 Statistics for Social Sciences (3)

SOC 200 Deviance (3) or SOC 220 Social Problems (3)

### CONCENTRATIONS (18 hrs each)

#### Law Enforcement Concentration:

CJA 127 Criminalistics (3)

CJA 226 Criminal Investigation (3)

CJA 405 Family Violence (3)

CJA 475 Issues and Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)

6 hrs program electives

#### Corrections Concentration:

CJA 320 Correctional Institutions (3)

SOC 320 Social Welfare (3)

SOC 345 Multicultural America (3) or SOC460 Social Stratification (3)

CJA 475 Issues and Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)

6 hrs program electives

**PROGRAM ELECTIVES for Law Enforcement and Corrections concentrations,  
and for the Criminal Justice minor:**

Choose 6 hours from the attached list, or take additional classes prefixed CJA, but note that at most 3 hours of classes prefixed CJA may count toward the program electives. Program electives in the minor must be upper level courses.

**Business**

- BUS 222 Business Law (3)
- BUS 308 Strategic Communications (3)
- BUS 322 Managerial Finance (3)
- BUS 401 Office Management (3)
- BUS 418 Legal Environment of Business(3)\*
- BUS 463 Diversity in the Workplace(3)
- BUS 464 Human Resource Management(3)\*
- BUS 466 Labor Law Management (3)

**Criminal Justice**

- CJA 394 Co-operative Education Experience (3)
- CJA 395 Independent Study (honors) (3)
- CJA 405 Family Violence (3)
- CJA 444 Topics (cannot count any Topics credit also used in the CJA major) (3)
- CJA 497 Internship  
(6 hrs, but only 3 credit hours will count as Program Electives)
- CJA 499 Independent Study (honors) (3)

**Communication**

- CNA 201 Small Group Communication (3)
- CNA 210 Interpersonal Communication (3)
- CNA 262 Writing for Mass Media (3)
- CNA 346 Organizational Communication I (3)
- CNA 374 Public Relations (3)
- CNA 470 Family Communication (3)

**Counseling**

- CSL 324 Fundamentals of Counseling (3) \*
- CSL 342 Interviewing Skills (3)\*
- CSL 440 Chemical Dependency Counseling (3)\*

**Economics**

- ECO 320 Labor Economics (3)\*

**Geography**

- GEO 300 Human Geography (3) \*
- GEO 320 Urban Geography (3)\*
- GEO 430 Geographic Information Systems (3)
- GEO 435 Computer Mapping (3)

**History**

- HIS 465 Civil Rights Movement (3)

**Political Science**

POS 300 State and Local Politics (3)\*

POS 355 The Supreme Court (3)

POS 380 Public Policy (3)\*

POS 420 American Constitutional Law (3)\*

**Psychology**

PSY 230 Lifespan Development (3)\*

Or any upper level PYS course (3)

**Sociology**

Any upper level SOC course (3)

**Social Sciences**

SSC 444 Topics (3)(per advisement according to the topic)

\* denotes prerequisites exist in these courses. See your advisor.

Note: If a student takes both Sociology of Deviance (SOC 200) and Social Problems (SOC 220) one will count as an elective within the major. SSC courses may count as program electives, by advisement. Also, any other CJA course from NECC will transfer in as program electives in Criminal Justice.

**A reminder from the CJA faculty:**

Criminal Justice careers demand much: responsibility, tolerance, self motivation, conformity, discipline, a very strong sense of duty, good listening skills, quick wits, quick decision making, and absolute honesty. Students are expected to show these personality traits and skills in their degree program. We expect students to have and maintain high standards of behavior, and we expect students to be motivated to perform at superior levels in all classes and activities. Attitude and motivation are important.

Writing skills are very important in this program and in the career field. We expect college level communication skills (vocabulary, grammar, spelling, punctuation, structure); we grade communication skills in all assignments and in all classes; and, we will address writing deficiencies vigorously, so you can write well, with clarity and career field appropriate vocabulary. Help is available for those deficiencies. Furthermore, we assume computer literacy for all our students. Some courses make extensive use of on line communication for assignments and supplemental materials.

**MINORS:**

**Because CJA major is a 57 hour major, no minor is required. However, students wishing to enhance their qualifications may choose a minor from among any of the 80+ minors in the WSC catalog. Two of those minors are offered by CJA:**

**MINOR in Emergency Management (21 hours)**

This minor prepares students to participate in developing, planning, implementing and evaluating emergency management policies and activities at local, regional, and national levels. The program requires a student practicum in an agency. The Emergency Management minor is administered and advised by the Criminal Justice faculty in Connell Hall.

- \_\_\_ CJA 360 Homeland Security and Terrorism (3)
- \_\_\_ CJA 460 Emergency Management (3)
- \_\_\_ GEO 410 Hazards and Disasters (3)
- \_\_\_ GEO 430 Geographic Information Systems (3) or GEO 435 Computer Mapping (3)
- \_\_\_ CJA 497 Emergency Management Field Experience/Practicum (3)

Plus two of the following courses:

- \_\_\_ BUS 214 Information Management (3)
- \_\_\_ POS 390 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)
- \_\_\_ POS 444 Topics: Grant Writing Seminar (3)
- \_\_\_ PSY 406 Death and Dying (3)
- \_\_\_ PSY 410 Psychology of Small Group Behavior (3)

**MINOR in CRIMINAL JUSTICE (21 Hours, not permitted for CJA majors)**

- \_\_\_ CJA 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

plus 3 hours from each of two areas:

\_\_\_ **Law Enforcement area:**

CJA 203 Police and Society (3) or CJA 226 Criminal Investigation (3)

\_\_\_ **Corrections area:**

CJA 325 Community Based Corrections(3)or CJA 320 Correctional Institutions (3)

- \_\_\_ CJA 365 Juvenile Delinquency (3)

\_\_\_ plus 9 hours of Program electives by advisement

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See your advisor for assistance in either or both minors.

Remember, no minor is required for the CJA major.

# What can you do with a degree in Criminal Justice?

Jobs people have after graduating in Criminal Justice at Wayne State College:

## REAL JOBS

## REAL PEOPLE

Police Officer  
Sheriff's deputy  
State Patrol Trooper  
Jail Officer  
Corrections Officer  
Correctional Counselor  
Corrections Education Center staff  
Correctional facility manager  
Adult Parole Officer  
Juvenile Parole Officer  
Adult Probation Officer  
Juvenile Probation Officer  
Alcohol and Drug Counselor  
Child Protective Services Officer  
Residential manager of a Children's Home  
Investigator, County Public Defender's Office  
Investigator, County Attorney's Office  
Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent  
Immigration and Naturalization Service Agent  
US. Marshals Service  
Secret Service Agent  
US Capitol Police Officer  
Defense Investigative Service Officer  
Federal Probation Officer  
Director of a Recreation Center, Federal Prison  
Personnel Officer  
Loss Prevention Agent  
Fraud Investigator  
National Transportation Safety Bureau Rail Road Accident Team Investigator  
Bank Examiner  
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Agency worker  
Associate Prison Warden  
Attorney  
Law School Student  
Professor of Criminal Justice  
Safety Investigator  
Campus Security Officer  
Court Translator  
Criminalistics Laboratory Investigator  
Nuclear Power Station Security Manager  
Juvenile Detention Center manager  
Juvenile Home staff  
Insurance Fraud Investigator  
Emergency Services Director

**See any Criminal Justice faculty member for information about these and other Criminal Justice careers**