

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Careers in the exciting fields of law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, crime scene investigations, forensics, court and social services, homeland security, and private and corporate security are more popular than ever. For these careers, a degree in Criminal Justice is the perfect route. The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide you with the necessary practical knowledge and skills for rewarding careers in this field. It's also offered online for those who are already working in the field and wish to obtain a degree. The Criminal Justice degree program covers the basis for understanding the economic, political, and social environments in which the criminal justice process operates, which means you have the flexibility to apply your degree to a variety of careers.

fast facts

Hours:

36 hours for major
30 hours in general education

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You must select a minor or second major to meet these requirements.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Criminal Justice

School: Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

Internship: Not required, but can be used for elective credit

Popular minors: Emergency Management, Sociology, Political Science, Pre-Law, Spanish, Psychology

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Criminal law and procedure
- Role and function of policing in society
- Correctional processes and the role of probation and parole
- Theoretical criminology
- Forensic crime scene investigations and criminal investigations
- Homeland security and the nature of terrorism
- Understanding of gangs, violent crime, and victimology

Possible Careers

- Police officer / sheriff
- Crime scene investigator
- Forensic analyst
- Anti-terrorism agent
- Correctional officer
- Probation/parole officer
- Border patrol agent
- U.S. Marshal
- Case manager
- Juvenile services

Types of Employers

- Law enforcement agencies
- Federal agencies
- Anti-terrorism units
- Probation offices
- Correctional facilities
- Security companies
- Child protective services
- Immigration services
- Crime scene labs
- Emergency management agencies

outside the classroom

Activities / Opportunities

- Utilization of on-campus CSI laboratory
- Attend parole hearings
- Tour prisons and law enforcement agencies
- Connect with crime lab specialists and other experts in the field

Clubs / Organizations

- Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honorary)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)
- Wayne State Criminal Justice Association

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.



Sample program of study

2024-25 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

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Freshman - 1st semester

CJA 105 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
Coursework in the minor.....	3
General Studies CAT 1	3
General Studies CAT 2	3
Spanish (recommended) or other foreign language (General Studies CAT 6).....	3

Freshman - 2nd semester

CJA 203 Police and Society.....	3
Coursework in the minor.....	3
General Studies CAT 3.....	3

Sophomore - 1st semester

CJA 200 Criminal Law	3
CJA 210 Juvenile Delinquency.....	3
General Studies CAT 4.....	3
General Studies CAT 5.....	3

Sophomore - 2nd semester

CJA 304 Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professionals	3
CJA elective.....	3
Coursework in the minor.....	3
General Studies CAT 7	3
General Studies CAT 8.....	3

Junior - 1st semester

CJA 325 Community-Based Corrections.....	3
CJA 351 Criminal Procedure	3
Coursework in the minor.....	3
General Studies CAT 9.....	6

Junior - 2nd semester

CJA 320 Correctional Institutions.....	3
CJA elective.....	3
General Studies CAT 10.....	3
Coursework in the minor.....	6

Senior

CJA 430 Criminology.....	3
CJA 488 Senior Seminar	3

Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor, and graduation requirements of 120 credit hours.

Electives

Pick two electives for a total of 6 hours. At least 3 hours must be upper level:

CJA 127 Intro to Forensic Crime Scene Investigation	3
CJA 226 Criminal Investigation.....	3
CJA 235 Security and Loss Prevention	3
CJA 360 Homeland Security.....	3
CJA 377 Gangs and Organized Crime	3
CJA 370 Crime and the Media	3
CJA 372 Environmental, White Collar, and Corporate Crime	3
CJA 380 Cybercrime.....	3
CJA 382 Capital Punishment in America.....	3
CJA 404 Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime	3
CJA 405 Family Violence	3
CJA 444 Topics.....	3
CJA 451 Violent Crime and Victimology.....	3
CJA 460 Emergency Management.....	3
CJA 497 Internship (only 3 hours count toward CJ electives).....	1-6
SOC 220 Social Problems or SOC 320 Social Welfare	3
SOC 305 Sociology of Deviance.....	3
SSC 300 Social Sciences Research Methods or SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences.....	3

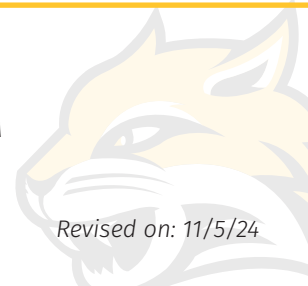
criminal justice faculty



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