

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal justice is a dynamic field that plays a crucial role in maintaining societal safety and upholding the rule of law. A Criminal Justice degree is the perfect path for students seeking careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, crime scene investigations, forensics, court and social services, homeland security, and private and corporate security. Studying Criminal Justice at Wayne State College provides you with essential skills in critical thinking, communication, and ethical decision-making, preparing you for a variety of rewarding careers. Whether you aspire to be a police officer, forensic scientist, or legal advocate, the program offers real-world experience through internships and community engagement. Choosing to major in Criminal Justice not only opens doors to numerous career opportunities but also empowers you to make a positive impact in your community. If you're passionate about justice and helping others, this could be the perfect path for you.

fast facts

Credit hours: 36

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Criminal Justice

School: Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

Popular pairings: Emergency Management, Forensic Studies, Human Services, Pre-Law, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Spanish

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Criminal law and procedure
- 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



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

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 honor society)
- Criminal Justice Association
- Legal Minds
- Pi Gamma Mu (social sciences honor society)

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

Take a foreign language course for CAT 2.

Criminal Justice Content Courses

CJA 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CJA 200 Criminal Law.....	3
CJA 203 Police and Society.....	3
CJA 210 Juvenile Delinquency.....	3
CJA 304 Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professionals.....	3
CJA 320 Correctional Institutions.....	3
CJA 325 Community-Based Corrections.....	3
CJA 351 Criminal Procedure.....	3
CJA 430 Criminology.....	3
CJA 488 Criminal Justice Senior Seminar.....	3
Select two of the following (one must be upper level).....	6
CJA 227 Forensic Crime Scene Investigation (3)	
CJA 226 Criminal Investigation (3)	
CJA 235 Security and Loss Prevention (3)	
CJA 327 Applied Forensic Crime Scene Investigation (3)	
CJA 360 Homeland Security and Terrorism (3)	
CJA 370 Crime and the Media (3)	
CJA 372 Environmental, White Collar, and Corporate Crime (3)	
CJA 377 Gangs and Organized 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 in Criminal Justice (3)	
CJA 451 Violent Crime and Victimology (3)	
CJA 460 Emergency Management (3)	
CJA 497 Internship (3)	
SOC 220 Social Problems (3)	
SOC 305 Sociology of Deviance (3)	
SOC 320 Social Welfare (3)	
SSC 300 Social Sciences Research Methods (3)	
SSC 319 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3)	

Student learning outcomes

1. Apply a theoretical foundation to case-based scenarios related to criminal justice.
2. Define pertinent criminal justice issues associated with their career-oriented goals.
3. Develop technical writing applications that illustrate a comprehensive knowledge of criminal justice material.

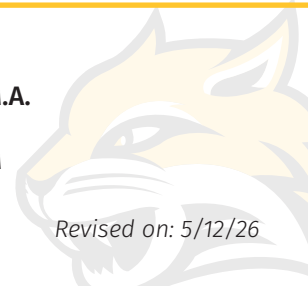
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