



Criminal Justice Program FAQs

1. What can I do with a Criminal Justice Degree?

Our criminal justice program prepares students to tackle some of the most challenging issues facing the 21st century. A degree in criminal justice opens doors in many fields such as:

- Law enforcement & Private Security
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Federal Law Enforcement Agent
- Adult & Juvenile Probation Officer
- Victim Advocate
- Youth Counselor
- Lawyer
- Court Clerk
- Research & Data Analyst
- Policy Advocate
- Forensic Accountant (with additional accounting training)
- Forensic Psychologist (with additional psychology training)
- Social Work (co-major with Criminal Justice)

2. What are the requirements for a criminal justice major?

Students can major or minor in Criminal Justice (SOCJ). Coursework introduces students to theories, concepts, and research methods while providing a comprehensive overview of the U.S. criminal justice system. Students have an opportunity to take courses from experienced practitioners through CJUS offerings. The major prepares students for employment in law enforcement, private security, court services, victim services, corrections, and prepares students for law school or graduate school. Required are take 11 courses for the major and 5 courses for the minor. Check out our [website](#) for more details.

3. Do you have scholarships for Criminal Justice majors?

Yes, the Mikulay/Misencik scholarships help support educational diversity at the university, particularly in its criminal justice program. The scholarship is awarded every spring for the following academic year.

4. What opportunities are there to get involved with faculty and other students in the program?

- Dr. Gladney provides cultural awareness training for local police departments where she also collects data on the training. Students can work as a research assistant to record the data and develop papers.
- Many faculty engage with nonprofit organizations within courses. Opportunities are available to collaborate on projects fulfilling organizations' missions and outreach efforts in our local communities while working to advance the common good.
- The Sociology & Criminal Justice Club offers networking opportunities and hosts events such as guest speakers, volunteer activities, and alumni discussions.

5. What types of internship opportunities are there for students?

- Past internships include non-profit organizations, social service agencies, law firms, and agencies such as the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and United States Postal Inspection.
- An annual Career Expo, with approximately 25 local and federal agencies and organizations, allows students to explore future careers, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

6. What other disciplines do criminal justice students tend to double-major or minor in?

It depends on the career path and goals. Many criminal justice students double major or minor in Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Justice and Peace Studies, or Legal Studies. We have several interdisciplinary programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, such as Family Studies, American Culture and Difference, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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