



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



University of Findlay

Program Overview

Findlay's Criminal Justice Program has a rich tradition of student-centered learning and professional development. You will be treated as an individual with unique goals and career aspirations. You will also receive one-on-one personalized academic and career advising by faculty members who are well qualified with strong academic backgrounds and extensive experience within the criminal justice profession.

Our criminal justice program offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that blends both knowledge and experience bridging the gap between theory and practice. You will be able to write and speak effectively, apply analytical strategies toward solving complex problems, work well with individuals of diverse backgrounds and exhibit the skills necessary to lead and manage people.

Students can select from two majors within the criminal justice program. The criminal justice major focuses on traditional topics such as corrections, law enforcement and homeland security. The second option focuses on white-collar crime and fraud investigation, which pertain to crimes that are financially motivated and occur within businesses, nonprofits, or governments.

Program Highlights

Career Flexibility - Provided through multi-disciplinary courses that prepare students for careers in many areas of criminal justice including, but not limited to, law enforcement, courts, corrections, risk assessment, crime analyst, or juvenile justice at the municipal, county, state, and federal levels of government and the non-profit and private sectors.

Experiential Learning - Through the utilization of the university's forensic science laboratory and crime scene house and the engagement in professional field experiences and internships locally and abroad, students gain essential real-world professional experience that prepares them for a successful and meaningful career in criminal justice.

Leadership Opportunities - Available to students through the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Club, a student organization that visits criminal justice institutions, meets experts, and plans and engages in community service events.

Expert Faculty - Credentialed knowledge and field experience in areas such as fraud, crime scene investigation, corrections, criminology, victimology, loss prevention, and juvenile justice.

WHY CRIMINAL JUSTICE?

The profession of criminal justice gives individuals the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the betterment of their communities and to positively shape the lives of those impacted by crime.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

University of Findlay criminal justice faculty are knowledgeable and have extensive professional experience in criminal justice and apply that knowledge and experience through student-centered approaches to prepare the next generation of students to be successful criminal justice professionals and leaders.

15:1*

campus-wide student-to-faculty ratio ensures individual attention

16

16-week capstone semester in individualized area of interest

1,000

Over 1,000 internship and fieldwork locations nationwide

RECENT GRADS WERE HIRED AT COMPANIES LIKE THESE:



State Medical Board of Ohio



CRIMINAL JUSTICE HIGHLIGHTS

- 100s of criminal justice career/internship opportunities in municipal, county, state, and federal governments as well as the non-profit and private sectors
- 3%-6% projected job growth in criminal justice careers through 2034 (for some criminal justice professions, the job growth outlook is up to 13%)

"A very positive experience."

"I've had a very positive experience in UF's criminal justice program. One of the things I've valued most is how supportive and approachable the professors are. They genuinely care about student success and are always willing to help both inside and outside the classroom. I also really appreciated the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through my internship, which allowed me to apply what I've learned in real-world settings and further confirm my passion for the field."

– Grace Kemmerling



SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Criminal Justice CORE Required Courses

Introduction to Research and Field Experience	3 hrs
Introduction to Criminal Justice*	3 hrs
The Juvenile Justice System	3 hrs
Introduction to Criminological Theory*	3 hrs
Police	3 hrs
Corrections	3 hrs
Criminal Investigation	3 hrs
Criminal Law	3 hrs
Legal Issues In Criminal Justice	3 hrs

Criminal Procedure	3 hrs
Research Methods in Criminal Justice	4 hrs
Probation and Parole	3 hrs
Professional Practices in Criminal Justice	3 hrs
Criminal Justice Management	3 hrs
Criminal Profiling	3 hrs
Forensic Science*	3 hrs
Seminar in Political Science	4 hrs

Criminal Justice Required Courses

Students must complete nine hours from the following:

Introduction to Law	3 hrs
Topics in Pre-Law	3 hrs
Introduction to Public Administration	3 hrs
Public Policy	3 hrs
Topics in Public Administration	3 hrs
American Politics	3 hrs
American Constitutional Law	3 hrs
Judicial Process	3 hrs
The Politics of Terrorism	3 hrs
General Psychology	3 hrs
Abnormal Psychology	3 hrs
Child and Adolescent Development	3 hrs
Introduction to Sociology	3 hrs
Contemporary Social Problems	3 hrs
Juvenile Delinquency*	3 hrs
Criminal Behavior	3 hrs
Topics in Sociology	2 to 4 hrs
Elementary Spanish I	3 hrs
Elementary Spanish II	3 hrs
Adv Strategies for Reading & Writing in Spanish	3 hrs
Spanish for Professionals	3 hrs

Students must complete 12 hours from the following:

Self-Defense/Stress Management*	3 hrs
Community-Based Corrections	3 hrs
Intermediate Sanctions	3 hrs
Forensic Evidence	3 hrs
Victimology	3 hrs
Comparative Criminal Justice	3 hrs
Issues in Correctional Treatment	3 hrs
Special Topics in Criminal Justice**	3 hrs
Fraud Examination and White-Collar Crime	3 hrs
Internship in Criminal Justice†*	3 to 12 hrs
Special Topics in Forensic Science	1 to 4 hrs

* Indicates courses that fulfill CORE+ general education requirements.

** May be repeated if topics are different

† Maximum of three hours for the major requirement. Remaining hours can be applied as elective.

Disclaimer: The plan outlined above is a suggested course sequence. It may be adjusted based on prior college credit or transfer coursework earned before enrollment.

"I will be forever grateful for the professors."

"The most enjoyable part of being a Criminal Justice major is how intensely caring the faculty is. Your professors remember you, your work, and your achievements. Once you initially experience that in class, you will quickly grow to realize how positively impactful that attention to care and detail is. I will be forever grateful for the professors in our department."

– Aidan Wright



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Scholarships may be available to eligible students.



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