

Have You Seen This Major?

CRIMINOLOGY

The Criminology and Criminal Justice major provides a solid foundation for the study of the nature, causes, and control of criminal behavior through academic courses, internship opportunities and community partnerships. Students in this major should have a desire to work with people, possess good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to think critically. This major will provide you career opportunities which are diverse, challenging, exciting and allow you the opportunity with a variety of agencies throughout the country and even the world!



SUGGESTED READING MATERIALS:

Books: The Book of United States Government Jobs, Careers in Criminal Justice and Related Fields and Work in Criminal Justice: An A-Z Guide

Internet: USAJOBS.com, policeone.com, doc.mo.gov and dss.mo.gov



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE DEGREE

Does this major require a minor? What minors work well with this major?

The student, in conjunction with their advisor, may choose a minor which meets their future career goals. Minors typically chosen by Criminology and Criminal Justice majors include: Psychology, Sociology, Communication, General Business, Computer Science, Accounting and Spanish.

Does this major require a practicum or internship?

No. Students have the option to take an internship course for three credit hours after completion of 18 hours in the Criminology and Criminal Justice major.

What courses should a student take to explore this major?

Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System (CRM 210) provides the student with an overview of the criminal and juvenile justice system, its functions, problems and potential solutions.

What are the admission requirements to the major?

Students admitted to the university are eligible to be admitted into the major. You must declare your major with the Academic Advisement Center.

AFTER THE DEGREE

How would you describe the demand for graduates with this major?

The positions and demand for majors has continued to grow. The increased emphasis on homeland security, alternatives to incarceration and community-based agencies has provided many new opportunities for our graduates. Many graduates go on to law school or for an advanced degree.

What are some typical jobs for graduates with this major?

Law Enforcement Officers, Private Security Officers, Pretrial Officers, Victim Advocates, Correctional Officers, Correctional Counselors, Probation and Parole Officers, Child Abuse Investigators, Halfway House Counselors, Juvenile Residential Facility Counselors and Insurance Claims Adjusters

What are some of the most successful graduates from the major doing?

Many students have obtained positions in law enforcement at the federal, state, county and local levels of government throughout the country. Students with an emphasis in corrections are employed as juvenile and adult probation officers, federal, state and local correctional officers and working with a variety of social services agencies. Others have gone on for a law degree and become lawyers and/or successful business people.

Do careers in this field require or prefer graduate study?

Entry level positions usually require a bachelor's degree although some federal and administrative positions may require a graduate degree.

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