

# CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A.

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Students earning a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice study all aspects of crime from prevention to community response. Grounded in theory and policy analysis, this interdisciplinary degree equips students with the problem-solving and critical-thinking skills necessary to be successful in the workforce or graduate studies, including law school.

The program of study for the B.A. degree has a strong research emphasis and encourages volunteer work and involvement in the criminal justice field as part of students' training. Graduates of our program can find employment opportunities within local, state, or federal agencies or the private or non-profit sectors in fields such as victim assistance, justice administration, crime prevention, law enforcement, counseling, law and more.

In addition to the traditional B.A. tracks, students may continue on to earn a graduate degree, such as a master's, Ph.D., or a dual master's and Juris Doctor. Our department also offers an accelerated bachelor's degree or senior privilege to earn graduate hours.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to identify and understand the relationships between the core institutions of the American criminal justice system: police, corrections, and courts.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of social research design and measurement.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of a wide range of ethical issues in the field of criminal justice.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how criminological theories are used to explain individual and collective deviant behavior.