



# Criminal Justice & Criminology

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Degree Options

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice & Criminology

### Minors

Criminal Justice

### Program Strengths

- Graduates from our program receive a bachelor of arts in criminal justice and criminology. This differentiates WSU's program from other programs where criminal justice may be an emphasis area under another degree field rather than its own stand-alone degree.
- Our criminal justice program is a policy-based curriculum drawing from the social sciences, specifically from the areas of sociology, psychology, and political science. It is not a vocational/technical program, unlike programs found at some other schools.
- Our program is the oldest existing criminal justice program in the nation, established back in 1943 as the Department of Police Science.
- The criminal justice national honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma, was founded here at WSU and has grown to over 360 chapters nationwide.
- The department emphasizes learning beyond the classroom by encouraging students to participate in study abroad programs and internships. Our program sends students to London and the Netherlands to visit various criminal justice system components (i.e. International Criminal Court, Parliament, Scotland Yard) and our interns have worked with various local, state, and federal agencies ranging from the WSU Police Department to the State Legislature in Olympia.

### Career Options

Law enforcement  
Crime analysis  
Community corrections  
Victim advocacy  
Child protective services  
Border security  
Cyber-crime prevention  
Security loss prevention  
Private security  
Court administration  
Law

### Certification Requirements

24 completed semester credits  
2.5 minimum grade point average  
Completion of Crm J 101

### Suggested Classes for Freshmen

Crm J 101: Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice  
Crm J 205: Realizing Justice in a Multicultural Society  
Pol S 101: American National Government

### Suggested Classes for Transfer Students

Crm J 101: Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice  
Crm J 201: Introduction to Criminological Theory  
Crm J 205: Realizing Justice in a Multicultural Society  
Crm J 330: Crime Control Policies  
Pol S 101: American National Government

### Math Requirement

Any UCORE, most commonly:  
Math 105: Exploring Mathematics  
Fin 223: Personal Finance  
Phil 201: Elementary Logic

### Core Courses

Crm J 101: Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice  
Crm J 201: Introduction to Criminological Theory  
Crm J 205: Realizing Justice in a Multicultural Society  
Crm J 330: Crime Control Policies  
Crm J 320: Criminal Law  
OR  
Crm J 420: Criminal Procedure  
Crm J 365: Juvenile Justice and Corrections  
OR  
Crm J 390: Criminal Justice Management  
Crm J 450: Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

### Student Clubs

- Alpha Phi Sigma (The National Criminal Justice Honor Society)
- Minimum 3.2 CUM GPA & completion of four Crm J courses required.
- The Criminal Justice Club - Open to all Crm J majors regardless of GPA or class standing.

### Experiential Learning Opportunities in Criminal Justice

**Internship Opportunities:** The following are some of the various internships that students have participated and earned credits applicable toward their degree.

- **WSU Police Corps Program:** This is a competitive internship program. Selected students participate in a mini version of the police academy and are exposed to day-to-day policing operations.
- **CCTV Public Safety Internship:** This program is a collaboration between the Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology and the City of Pullman Police Dept. Interns provide crucial public safety and community service and are trained to monitor surveillance cameras and to dispatch officers when needed.
- **ASWSU Student Legal Services:** This is a student run program offering free legal advice to current WSU students. Interns have the opportunity to work with a lawyer, interview clients, and prepare the necessary documents/information needed for the legal team.
- **WA State Legislative Internship Program:** This is a competitive paid internship program. Interns will work full-time during the spring semester in Olympia either with the Senate or House of Representatives.

**Faculty-led Study Abroad Program:** A faculty member in the department leads a group of selected students during the week of Spring Break. Students will have the opportunity to learn about other criminal justice systems. Trips have gone to London and to the Netherlands. During the Criminal Justice in London Program students had the opportunity to tour New Scotland Yard, went inside a correctional facility, sat in on court cases, and so much more related to the British criminal justice system. During the Netherlands trip, students visited Europol, the National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism.

**Research:** Selected students have the opportunity to work on current research with a faculty member. Past participants researched on topics like Quantitative Methods & Meta-Analysis for Social Science, International Mortality Statistics and Community & Institutional Corrections, Police/Community Interactions and Law Enforcement and the Legalization of Marijuana.

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