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

Admission to the Major Requirements
A student may be admitted as a Criminal Justice & Criminology major upon completing Crm J 101 and have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Suggested Classes for Freshmen
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

Suggested Classes for Transfer Students
Crm J 101: Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice
Crm J 201: Introduction to Criminological Theory
Crm J 311: Research Methods for Criminal Justice
Crm J 320: Criminal Law

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 311: Research Methods for Criminal Justice
Crm J 320: Criminal Law
Crm J 321: Quantitative Methods for Criminal Justice
Crm J 480: Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice and Criminology

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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