

Criminal Justice Studies

Department of Social Sciences

College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

The Field

Criminal justice is an interdisciplinary field that focuses on the study of criminal behavior and society's response to it. The field draws upon the insights of the social and behavioral sciences, the physical sciences, statistics, and the humanities to illuminate the issues of maintaining social order in a constitutional democracy committed to individual freedom, equality, and justice. More specifically, the field focuses on the causes and prevention of criminal behavior. The criminal justice system is composed of the police agencies, prosecutors, the legal profession, the courts, and correctional agencies, among others. The system is part of a larger social system which inevitably influences the effectiveness and fairness of law enforcement. Criminal justice analyzes system responses to changes in social structure and cultural values, and the reciprocal relationship between societal values and law enforcement.

Opportunities in Criminal Justice

The program is intended to prepare students for careers in public security, criminal justice administration, law and paralegal professions, public administration, policy analysis, and graduate study in the social and behavioral sciences.

The Program

Criminal justice is a joint program of interdisciplinary study between the University of Michigan–Dearborn and participating community colleges that offer an associate's degree in criminal justice. Students can continue their criminal justice studies at UM–Dearborn and earn a bachelor of arts degree. The program is designed for students interested in law enforcement who seek a broad liberal arts approach to the study of criminal justice

issues. The program produces thoughtful, humane leaders with the technical skills and the social and ethical sensitivity needed to succeed in the criminal justice field.

Requirements for Admission to the Program

The basic requirements for entry into the UM–Dearborn program are 20 hours of criminal justice course work at the community college level in either a law enforcement or a corrections/parole/probation track. In addition, candidates must meet the University's requirements for transfer students as outlined in the *Undergraduate Announcement*.

The Concentration

Thirty additional criminal justice (CRJ) credits at the 300 level or above are required. (PHIL 240, however, will count toward this requirement.) At least 15 credits must be taken at UM–Dearborn. Internship, co-op, and internship-related directed studies are limited to three hours toward the 30-hour total.

The *Undergraduate Announcement* provides complete details on program requirements. For the most current information, consult the Criminal Justice Program Director, Department of Social Sciences, 313-593-5096.

Cognates

An additional six hours of cognates from the approved course list of 300-level or above. For the list of courses that qualify as cognates, consult a program advisor.

Criminal Justice as a Minor or Area of Focus

A criminal justice minor consists of 15 hours of upper-division criminal justice course work, including CRJ 468 and two courses from CRJ 363, 470, or 469.

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Evening and Saturday Offerings

The criminal justice faculty are committed to offering both a day and evening/weekend program. Evening students should watch for infrequently offered courses and take them when available. If a required course is not offered during a reasonable period, a full-time evening student may petition to substitute another course.

Internships

An internship or co-op experience of three hours is required. Students may opt out of this requirement if they already have had comparable experience in the criminal justice field.

Community College Courses

Twenty hours of criminal justice courses at the community college level in a law enforcement or corrections/ parole/ probation track.

UM-Dearborn Courses

CRJ 240 Ethics
CRJ 300 Political Analysis
CRJ 302 Theory of the Law
CRJ 303 Justice
CRJ 305 Race, Justice, Freedom in America
CRJ 308 Moral and Political Dilemmas
CRJ 316 American Judicial Process
CRJ 322 Psychology of Prejudice
CRJ 323 Urban Politics
CRJ 325 Psychology of Interpersonal Relations
CRJ 335 Philosophy of Law
CRJ 350 Poverty and Inequality
CRJ 362 Women, Politics, and the Law
CRJ 363 Criminal Justice Policy & Administration
CRJ 369 Civil Rights Movement in America
CRJ 382 Social Psychology
CRJ 383 Introduction to Statistics
CRJ 384 Immigration in America
CRJ 403 Minority Groups
CRJ 407 Psychology of Adolescence
CRJ 410 Social Research (4 credits)
CRJ 413 American Constitutional Law
CRJ 414 Civil Rights and Liberties
CRJ 416 Criminal Law
CRJ 421 Group Processes
CRJ 423 American Social Classes
CRJ 425 Lab in Social Psychology (4 credits)
CRJ 435 Urban Sociology
CRJ 440 Abnormal Psychology
CRJ 443 Gender Roles
CRJ 445 Contemporary Ethical Theory
CRJ 446 Marriage and Family Problems
CRJ 447 Family Violence
CRJ 453 Sociology of Law
CRJ 455 Immigrant Community in North America

CRJ 465 Deviant Behavior and Social Disorganization
CRJ 466 Drugs, Alcohol, and Society
CRJ 467 Drugs, Crime, and Justice
CRJ 468 Criminology
CRJ 469 Juvenile Delinquency
CRJ 470 Current Issues in Criminal Justice
CRJ 471 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CRJ 472 Corrections
CRJ 478 Criminal Justice Studies/Sociology Internship
CRJ 479 Women's Studies Internship
CRJ 485 Psychology Internship
CRJ 490 Topics in Criminal Justice
CRJ 490C Topics in Criminal Justice: Homeland Security
CRJ 494 Political Science Internship Seminar (3 credits)
CRJ 495 Political Science Internship (3-6 credits)
CRJ 497 Washington DC Internship (3-6 credits)
CRJ 498 Directed Studies

Program Committee

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