



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

A liberal arts approach. The Criminal Justice major is interdisciplinary in nature consisting of not only CRJ designated courses but also select courses in Psychology, Sociology and Political Science relevant to the field of study. Accordingly, the sequence of courses within the major is intended to enable students to understand the psychological, sociological and political factors underlying criminal and delinquent behavior as well as to understand and analyze critical issues within the Criminal Justice System.

Solid preparation for diverse goals. Academically, the Criminal Justice major is intended to provide students with an appropriate preparation for graduate school in Criminal Justice. The major can also serve as a relevant undergraduate preparation for students interested in going on to law school; this would be especially relevant to students who aspire to become prosecutors or criminal defense attorneys within the Criminal Justice system. The Criminal Justice Program prepares students to apply for various practitioner positions in the areas of law enforcement, courts and corrections.

Criminal Justice/Sociology Club. Although Criminal Justice and Sociology are separate and distinct majors, we have established a joint club; all Criminal Justice majors are encouraged to join and participate in the club activities. The club sponsors various guest speakers including practitioners in the Criminal Justice system such as federal agents, judges and others occupying roles within the justice realm.

Make a connection. A Criminal Justice networking program has been established consisting of a number of our CRJ alumni as well as other practitioners in the Criminal Justice System. Members of our networking group allow our current students to meet with them on a one-on-one basis to learn more about possible careers in criminal justice through conducting informational interviews.

Learn from the pros. A number of faculty bring experience from the field of criminal justice into the classroom— integrating theory and practice into a unique learning opportunity.

Gain valuable experience. Internships provide experiential learning opportunities and are encouraged for all qualifying students. B-W's proximity to local and national criminal justice agencies provide students with hands-on, applicable experience.

Be successful. The Criminal Justice Program enrolls approximately one hundred majors. Graduates of the Program have been employed in various areas of the Criminal Justice System including juvenile justice, corrections, probation, parole and law enforcement on the local, county, state, and federal levels. Those who have gone on to complete law school and pass the bar have secured positions such as prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, as well as other areas within the practice of law.

WHAT CAN I Be WITH THIS MAJOR?

Law Enforcement at the federal, state, and local levels

Prosecuting or Defense Attorney

Victim Advocate

Juvenile & Adult Probation Officer

Parole Officer

Corrections Officer

Uniform Division Officer— U. S. Secret Service

Border Patrol

Analyst for the FBI or other federal agencies

Deputy County Sheriff

RECENT INTERNSHIPS

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| United States Secret Service | Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office |
| Federal Bureau of Investigation (Honors Internship) | Medina County Adult Probation Department |
| Drug Enforcement Administration | Garfield Heights Municipal Court (probation and legal internships) |
| Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Investigative Support Center | City of Cleveland Municipal Probation Department |
| Lorain County Juvenile Court | City of Brecksville Prosecutors Office |
| Lakewood, Medina, Strongsville, and Westlake Police Departments | Berea Municipal Probation Department |
| Berea City Police Department | |

OUTCOMES

Alumni of our Criminal Justice Program occupy a variety of positions of responsibility within the CRJ system. Such roles include the following:

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| Police officers at various ranks | U.S. Secret Service agents | Vision Quest (juvenile corrections) |
| Chief of police | Department of Defense agents | Corrections officer |
| Detectives in municipal police departments | Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents | Parole Officers (Adult) |
| Patrol Officers | | County Deputy Sheriff |
| Public defender | Drug Enforcement Administration, Etc. | Fraud Investigator |
| Prosecutor | FBI Analyst | Ohio HIDTA - Drug Task Force Member |
| Federal Bureau of Investigation agents | Victim advocate | |

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING MAJORS

Each May the Cuyahoga County Chiefs of Police Association present awards to outstanding Criminal Justice majors:

Chiefs' Award
J. Edgar Hoover Award

FACULTY

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SUNY Albany
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