

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

bachelor of arts

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

Criminal justice has long been about more than just enforcing the law. Many criminal justice professionals hold responsible positions in law enforcement, but others investigate the nature and causes of crime, examine the purposes and activities of the criminal justice system, work with crime victims, and measure the impact of crime on society. Homeland security issues and a growing intolerance with street crime will increase demand for those who can protect society.

ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Faculty experience.** Our professors are criminologists, sociologists and political scientists, and hold degrees from such institutions as the University of California, Berkeley, Indiana University, and Pennsylvania State University. Adjunct faculty work in law enforcement, corrections and human service agencies, and share their expertise with students.
- **Apply yourself.** Internship opportunities exist through UIS' Applied Study Term. ASTs enable students to integrate classroom studies with practical experience and earn credit at the same time. Recent placements include: Illinois State Police, Logan Correctional Center, U.S. Marshall's Office, Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police, Sojourn Shelter and Services for Battered Women, and Sangamon County Adult Probation.

What can I do with this degree?

Our graduates work as probation officers, wardens and other corrections officials, director-level and comparable administrative positions in law enforcement, conservation police, child abuse investigators, domestic violence experts, and substance abuse counselors, to name a few. Many students choose to pursue advanced degrees, including the Ph.D. and J.D.

Recent employers include:

Illinois State Police
Sangamon County Probation
Illinois Department of Corrections
Center for Prevention of Abuse
Illinois Department of Natural
Resources Conservation Police
Illinois Department of Human Services

Triple threat.

Interested in crime scene analysis? Combine criminal justice, science, and forensic science through coordinated study with the Biology and Clinical Laboratory Science programs.

Expertise.

UIS provides basic and advanced training to Probation, Detention, and Court Services personnel in downstate Illinois through the Center for State Policy and Leadership. This expertise creates an extraordinary learning opportunity for students interested in the growing field of probation. UIS students may intern at probation offices in central Illinois - several of which are run by UIS graduates - where they are assigned a caseload under professional supervision and gain invaluable experience.

Wise Words

Clay Dowis, '06
Chief of Investigations
Springfield, IL Police Department

"The Criminal Justice program at UIS was critical to my advancement within the police department. I found the professors very knowledgeable and dedicated to my success. I regret not returning to school sooner than I did."



UIS Downstate Innocence Project.

UIS students can participate in the only recognized undergraduate innocence project in the country. Students provide research and investigative assistance to cases where there is a strong likelihood that a convicted person is actually innocent.

Criminal justice is an interdisciplinary field that studies crime and the ways society responds to crime. The criminal justice curriculum examines the nature and causes of crime, the purposes and activities of the criminal justice system, and the impact of crime on victims and society. Since crime is a social problem, many courses include the study of community-based programs and social service agencies as well as the components of the criminal justice system. The criminal justice department, located within the College of Public Affairs and Administration, emphasizes the study of public policy and change efforts as an essential part of its curriculum. Students have the opportunity to participate in public affairs research projects conducted by department faculty.

Faculty Leanne Brecklin, Jay Gilliam, Juanita Ortiz, Beverly Rivera, Stephen Schnebly, Ryan Williams

Adjunct Faculty Chris Bolinger, Jonna Cooley, Robert Jones, Steve Kossman, Bruce Liebe

Program Description

The criminal justice degree program is designed for students interested in the general study of crime and the administration of justice and those pursuing professional careers in criminal justice or related fields. The degree also prepares students for entrance into graduate or professional schools in criminal justice, law, public administration, social work, and the social sciences. The criminal justice major provides an integrated program of study that emphasizes problem-solving and analytical skills, an approach favored by many criminal justice agencies and employers. The curriculum reflects the multidisciplinary character of the field, drawing on a variety of liberal arts and professional areas of expertise. Faculty associated with the department have degrees in fields such as criminal justice, criminology, law, political science, psychology, and sociology. Student majors take a core curriculum that familiarizes them with a range of perspectives, methods, and content areas of the criminal justice field. They may use their electives to take additional courses or to minor in another field. Majors also have the opportunity to study abroad.

Entrance Requirements

Students who have been admitted to UIS and who have a grade-point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale qualify for full admission to the criminal justice program. Students admitted to UIS with a GPA below 2.50 may be granted conditional admission to the major, which permits enrollment in up to 12 semester hours of adviser-approved courses during the first semester. The final decision on admission to the major for conditionally admitted students is made after completion of 8 to 12 hours at UIS.

Program Requirements
Core Courses

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| CRJ 239 Intro to CRJ (or equivalent) | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ 315 Critical Thinking in CRJ | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ 342 Quantitative Reasoning | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ 345 Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ 421 Criminological Theory | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ 489 Senior Seminar | 3 Hrs. |
| CRJ electives | 18 Hrs. |
| Upper-division general electives (non-CRJ courses selected by student) | 9 Hrs. |

UIS Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 13 semester hours of UIS requirements. For CRJ majors, this would include six hours of an engagement experience, one semester hour of speakers series, three semester hours of U.S. Communities, and three semester hours of Global Awareness.

The Minor in Criminal Justice

15 hours of UIS CRJ courses make up the minor. At least 9 hours of the electives must be taken at the 300-400 level.

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| CRJ 221 Intro to Criminology | 3 Hrs. |
| <i>or</i> | |
| CRJ 239 Intro to Criminal Justice | |
| Criminal Justice elective courses | 12 Hrs. 15 Hrs. |

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 The Criminal Justice Program is also offered at the UIS Peoria Center.
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