Criminal Justice

Have you always been interested in law enforcement, security, justice, courts and the legal system, and corrections? If so, perhaps a major in criminal justice is for you.

Wichita State University, a forerunner in criminal justice education, was one of the first institutions in the United States to offer college coursework in police science. Since its beginning in 1934 as a police program, the department has broadened its scope to include the entire criminal justice system.

The department currently offers two degree programs—a bachelor of science in criminal justice, and at the graduate level, a master of arts in criminal justice. Degrees can be completed in the classroom or entirely online.

Job opportunities for criminal justice majors are very diverse. Hiring agencies include local, state and federal law enforcement; courts and correctional agencies; juvenile justice; private security; and related fields.

Admission

When you choose to study criminal justice you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned an advisor in the criminal justice program who will help you develop your program of study.

If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

Criminal justice students may participate in cooperative education and internship programs that provide related employment opportunities with local and federal criminal justice agencies.

If eligible, you may be selected for university academic honor societies such as Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs

If you are interested in criminal justice, you might consider combining the degree with study in the following areas: investigative reporting, journalism, Spanish, the laboratory sciences, psychology, social work and sociology. The increasing use of automated data systems makes a minor in computer science marketable as well.

Faculty

- Andra Bannister, Professor
- Michael Birzer, Professor and Director
- Michael Palmiotto, Professor
- Martha Smith, Associate Professor
- Yumi Suzuki, Assistant Professor
- Szde Yu, Associate Professor
- David Klamm, Instructor, Forensic Science

General Education Program

Well-Rounded Learning

Wichita State strives to offer the most complete college experience possible to produce well-rounded, successful Shocker graduates. Through general education courses, students explore subjects outside of their major, expanding their knowledge, perspective and skills and making a positive impact on their career and life.

Benefits of general education courses:

• Improved critical thinking skills
• Better communication, written and spoken
• Increased analytical reasoning and problem solving
• An acquired knowledge of natural and social science, the arts and humanities

Improve skills by taking courses that include diversity content, study abroad experiences, service learning and experience-based learning.

For more information

If you have further questions or would like to schedule a campus visit, please contact the Office of Admissions.

Marcus Welcome Center      wichita.edu/admissions
Office of Admissions       wichita.edu/visit
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Wichita, KS 67260-0124
### Major Requirements

**Required of all**
- Criminal Justice hours - 36-50 credit hours

**Core Courses - 21 hours minimum**
CJ 598 must be taken in the last two semesters of study. All other core must be completed before enrolling in CJ 598.
- CJ 191 Introduction to Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours
- CJ 391 Corrections - 3 credit hours
- CJ 392 Law Enforcement - 3 credit hours
- CJ 394 Courts & Judicial Systems - 3 credit hours
- CJ 407 Intro to Research Methods - 3 credit hours
- CJ 593 Crime Causation & Criminal Justice Policy - 3 credit hours
- CJ 598 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours

**Electives - 15 hours minimum**
- CJ 310 Community-Based Corrections - 3 credit hours
- CJ 315 Criminal Law - 3 credit hours
- CJ 320 Criminal Procedure - 3 credit hours
- CJ 341 Criminality & Scientific Crime Detection - 3 credit hours
- CJ 343 Special Investigations - 3 credit hours
- CJ 351 The Victim in Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours
- CJ 353 Organized & White Collar Crime - 3 credit hours
- CJ 355 Special Populations in the Criminal Justice System - 3 credit hours
- CJ 381 Special Topics - 3 credit hours
- CJ 393 Serial Killers - 3 credit hours
- CJ 401 Management of Criminal Justice Agencies - 3 credit hours
- CJ 420 Criminal Evidence - 3 credit hours
- CJ 451Q International Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours
- CJ 453 Crime Prevention - 3 credit hours
- CJ 481 Cooperative Education* - 3 credit hours
- CJ 483 Individual Directed Study* - 3 credit hours
- CJ 501 Integrity in Public Service - 3 credit hours
- CJ 513 Violent Crime - 3 credit hours
- CJ 515 Sex Crimes - 3 credit hours
- CJ 516 Profiling - 3 credit hours
- CJ 517 Homicide Investigations - 3 credit hours
- CJ 518 Criminal Justice & Crime in Film - 3 credit hours
- CJ 541 Medical & Legal Aspects of Death Investigation - 3 credit hours
- CJ 551 Workshop in Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours
- CJ 600 Forensic Anthropology - 3 credit hours
- CJ 610 Correctional Counseling - 3 credit hours
- CJ 641 Forensic Psychiatry - 3 credit hours
- CJ 643 Forensic Science - 3 credit hours
- CJ 651 Dispute Resolution - 3 credit hours
- CJ 652 Juvenile Justice - 3 credit hours
- CJ 692 Community Policing - 3 credit hours
- CJ 783 Advanced Special Topics - 3 credit hours
- CJ 796 Criminal Typologies - 3 credit hours
- CJ 797 Policy Analysis & Program Evaluation - 3 credit hours

*CJ 481 and 483 cannot exceed 6 hours total.

### Other Requirements
- Eng 210 Business, Professional & Technical Writing - 3 credit hours
- Eth S 360 Dealing with Diversity - 3 credit hours

### Requirements for the Minor (18 CJ hours)
- CJ 191Q Introduction to Criminal Justice - 3 credit hours
- Two of the following (but not more than three): CJ 391, 392, 394 and 593

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For more information on Criminal Justice at WSU visit wichita.edu/cj or call (316) 978-7200.