



THE PROGRAM

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary major that focuses on the political, social, and psychological aspects of crime and the criminal justice system. The study of Criminal Justice requires strong research and writing skills. Criminal Justice majors must analyze and synthesize data and effectively explain their conclusions to others. In addition to the research and writing involved in individual courses, each major completes a methodology sequence during the sophomore year and a research paper during the senior year. The Senior Research Paper is done under the direction of two faculty members in related areas of research.

FACILITIES

Located in the most historic building on Ohio Northern's campus, Hill Memorial, which includes multi-media classrooms and a state-of-the-art computer laboratory.

DEGREE OFFERED

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Options: Accounting, Business, Economics, Forensics Science

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CURRICULUM

Orientation

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Research Methods I & II

Police in America

Corrections in America

Judicial Process and Criminal Law

Criminology

Delinquency and Juvenile Justice

Constitutional Law II

Senior Research Paper I and II

Students also take elective courses in sociology, psychology, and political science

FORENSIC SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

General Biology

Introduction of Zoology

Introductory Genetics

Intro to Molecular Biology

Human Anatomy

One year of Introductory Chemistry

Intro to Forensic Science I & II

Criminal Investigation

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- An option or dual major with an emphasis in Forensics Science
- Students participate in regional and national conferences
- Students participate in the National Model United Nations in New York City and the global Model United Nations and help sponsor Ohio Northern's Model United Nations for high school students
- Students participate in the regional and national Mock Trial competitions
- The department hosts nationally recognized speakers
- The department organizes field trips related to subject
- Excellent study abroad and internship opportunities are available
- Departmental orientation is designed to help each student maximize the opportunities afforded by the college experience
- Specific departmental advisors for prelaw, study abroad, and internship programs
- Department hosts an invitational mock trial tournament

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Phi Sigma - Criminal Justice

Honorary

Phi Alpha Theta - History Honorary

Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science

Honorary

Regional and National Mock Trial

Competitions

Regional and National Model United

Nations

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

Study abroad exchanges and internships are encouraged. Internships are individually designed to complement the student's interests and career goals. In addition to independent internships, the department works closely with The Washington Center in Washington, D.C. to help find the ideal internship for each student.

EXAMPLES OF INTERNSHIPS INCLUDE:

The White House, U.S. Congress, Federal Trade Commission, Ohio State Legislature, courts and correctional facilities, various federal, state, and local government agencies, law firms, Department of Treasury

PLACEMENT AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Departmental orientation introduces majors to the Career Services Center during their first quarter on campus. Students are encouraged to work closely with Career Services in the development of career strategies, resumes, and summer employment throughout their college career.

Employers value the skills fostered by the Criminal Justice major. These research and communication skills are readily transferrable to a variety of employment opportunities. Many ONU Criminal Justice majors follow the traditional paths of teaching or graduate education in Criminal Justice, Public Administrations, or Law. Other graduates pursue careers in government or business.

For those students interested in the science of Criminal Justice, the Forensics Option will prepare them to work effectively with Forensic Scientists and understand the language, need, and implications of their work. Criminal Justice is one of the nation's fastest growing professions, and the career opportunities for students are expected to increase. The following represent only a partial list of the career opportunities for students who complete a criminal justice major:

- Policy Analyst
- Probation and Parole Officers
- Youth Service Advocate
- Industrial or Retail Security Analyst
- Law Enforcement Officer (all levels)
- FBI
- Drug Enforcement Officer
- Customs
- Investigator
- Case Worker
- U.S. Marshall
- Academician

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

*SAMPLE ANNUAL COURSE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

FRESHMAN

Fall

HSPS 000 Orientation
PLSC 121 Introduction to Criminal Justice
HIST 110 Western Civilization 1
ENGL 110 Writing 1
Modern Language

Winter

PLSC 122 Police in America
SOC 105 Sociology
ENGL 111 Writing 2
Modern Language
Physical Education

Spring

PLSC 123 Corrections in America
HIST 111 Western Civilization 2
Modern Language
PLSC 202 State and Local Politics

SOPHOMORE

Fall

STAT 142 Introduction to Statistics
PSYC 100 Psychology
Philosophy Elective
SOC 261 Criminology
Institute for Social Research (1 credit)

Winter

ISR 253 Research Methods 1
COMM 211 Public Speaking or
COMM 225 Interpersonal
Communication
Religion Elective
ENGL 204 Great Works of Literature
Institute for Social Research (1 credit)
Physical Education

Spring

ISR 254 Research Methods 2
Political Science CJ Elective
Institute for Social Research
(1 credit)
Fine Arts Elective
Chemistry or Physics
Physical Education

JUNIOR

Fall

SOC 361 Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
PLSC 342 Judicial Process and Criminal Law
Contemporary Area Studies
Sociology CJ Elective
Institute for Social Research (1 credit)

Winter

Internship

Spring

PLSC 351 Constitutional Law and
Civil Liberties
Psychology CJ Elective
Sociology CJ Elective
Institute for Social Research
(1 credit)
General Elective*

SENIOR

Fall

PLSC 488 Senior Research Paper 1
Political Science CJ Elective
Psychology CJ Elective
Institute for Social Research (1 credit)
General Elective*

Winter

Criminal Justice Elective
Institute for Social Research (1 credit)
PLSC 489 Senior Research Paper 2
3 General Electives*

Spring

4 General Electives*
Institute for Social Research
(1 credit)

*General Electives can be taken to enhance a major, complete a dual major, minor or an option, especially in GIS or Forensic Science.