

# Departments

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## Department of Criminal Justice

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The mission of the Department of Criminal Justice is to provide our students with the skills needed to study behavior from a sociological perspective and to develop critical thinking processes. The programs within the department concentrate on all aspects of society for the purpose of making a positive impact in people's lives. A sociological perspective provides an acknowledgement of the importance of diversity, creates informed citizens, and fosters a deep understanding of the many social forces that shape the lives and behaviors of individuals and groups. Studying sociological theories and methods of inquiry, combined with experiential opportunities, prepares students for rewarding careers in social work, law, government, teaching, public policy, marketing, and more.

Upon completing a program of study in the Department of Criminal Justice, students will:

- Be able to examine the relationship between the individual and society and recognize how race/ethnicity, gender, age and social class affect an individual's life and life choices.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of quantitative research.
- Develop analytical reading and writing ability.
- Demonstrate an understanding of course content specific to their major by successfully completing an internship.
- Prepare for graduate studies or rewarding careers in their field of study.

### **Majors**

Criminal Justice (Accelerated Degree Program and Traditional Undergraduate Program)

### **Minors**

Criminal Justice (Accelerated Degree Program and Traditional Undergraduate Program)