

Careers in Criminal Justice

“Employment of police and detectives is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2012. A more security-conscious society and concern about drug-related crimes should contribute to the increasing demand for police services. Applicants with college training... should have the best opportunities.”

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook

There are many careers available to criminal justice majors. Graduates often pursue careers in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, and other social service and legal professions. For example, jobs held by recent UW-Eau Claire criminal justice graduates include:

- Probation and Parole Agent
- Investigations Service, U. S. Office of Personnel Management
- Office of District Attorney, Victim/Witness Assistance Program
- Caseworker, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Police Officer, Detective Bureau
- Juvenile Justice Intake Officer
- EEO Counselor, U.S. Immigrations
- Lawyer
- Surveillance Investigator, Treasure Island
- Insurance Claim Representative, State Farm Mutual Insurance

Criminal Justice Association

The Criminal Justice Association is a student organization developed to assist, educate, and inform students about the criminal justice field. The CJA meets regularly during the academic year and brings criminal justice professionals to campus to discuss the unique aspects of their careers in the field. For more info, visit <http://www.uwec.edu/cja/>

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The Criminal Justice Advantage



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The Criminal Justice Major

The criminal justice program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a comprehensive major administered within the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The multidisciplinary criminal justice curriculum is designed to familiarize the student with the complex nature of the American criminal justice system. The program offers a broad mix of courses that prepare students for academic and professional success in the context of a strong liberal-arts education.

Students may choose to seek either a Bachelors of Science (B.S.) or Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degree in criminal justice. B.A. students study a foreign language and take additional courses in the humanities, while B.S. students take higher level courses in math and science.

An integral component of the criminal justice program at UW-Eau Claire is experiential learning. For example, students can elect to complete an internship, become involved in collaborative research with a faculty member, or engage in other service learning projects. Additionally, the liberal-arts orientation of the program prepares students for law school, graduate-level work in criminology and criminal justice, and for careers at the local, state, and federal levels in law enforcement, corrections, and court-related agencies.

Core Courses

- Crmj 103 - Survey of the Criminal Justice System
- Crmj 301 - Criminology Theory
- Crmj 302 - Youth Crime and Juvenile Justice
- Crmj 319 - Police in Society
- Crmj 342 - Confinement and Corrections
- Math 246 - Elementary Statistics
- Phil 310 - Philosophy of Law
- Pols 301 - State and Local Politics
- Pols 338 - Judicial Politics
- Pols 405 - U.S Constitutional Principles - Due Process and Criminal Law
- SW 309 - Probation and Parole

Other Required Courses

18 total credits within the following areas:

Law, Constitution, and Policy Area

(a minimum of 6 credits)

- Anth 422
- Phil 120
- Pols 305, 343, 346, 403, 404
- SW 383

Individual, Social, and Political Behavior Area

(a minimum of 6 credits)

- Hist 470
- Pols 342, 350, 353
- Psyc 245, 331, 332, 347, 351
- SW 285, 385
- Soc 312, 316, 321, 332, 351
- Wmns 310

Criminal Justice Intervention and Application Area

(a minimum of 3 credits)

- Crmj 498
- Pols 498
- Psyc 325, 346, 380
- SW 188, 424

Criminal Justice Internships

Students may choose from over a dozen internship sites and earn up to six credits by enrolling in Crmj 498. Internship sites available to criminal justice majors include:

- Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility
- Conservation Warden Program, DNR
- Eau Claire County Sheriff
- Eau Claire Juvenile Justice Center
- Eau Claire Office of District Attorney
- Eau Claire Police Department
- Eau Claire Public Defenders Office
- Federal Probation and Parole (Western District)
- Restorative Justice Center, Eau Claire
- United States Marshals Service (Milwaukee Office)
- United States Probation Office
- Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Chippewa Falls
- Wisconsin State Patrol, Eau Claire
- United States Secret Service (Madison and Minneapolis Offices)

Additional internship sites can be found by students who are interested in working in other areas.

