

Criminal Justice

Introductory Advising Guide 2014 - 2015

About the major:

The Department of Political Science coordinates a comprehensive major in Criminal Justice which examines contemporary issues associated with law enforcement, the courts, juvenile justice, and corrections. It includes coursework in Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Philosophy. The program's orientation prepares students for careers in a wide range of fields, including work as a police officer, conservation officer, correctional officer, probation officer, federal law enforcement agent, court services victim-assistance worker, youth worker, and insurance claims investigator. It also provides an excellent foundation for students interested in graduate training in criminal justice or law school.

Students can choose from over a dozen internship sites and earn up to six credits. Opportunities also exist for students to become involved in collaborative research projects with faculty.

Major: Comprehensive Major in Criminal Justice

Required GE courses:

Category IA: No specific course required

Category IB: MATH 246

Category II: No specific course required

Category III: Students should avoid taking additional GE III courses that are not required for the Criminal Justice major; required courses for the major include:

CRMJ 103

POLS 110

SOC 101

PSYC 100

Category IV: PHIL 120

There are upper division GEIV as options for the major; however students should refrain from taking these courses until they have completed the lower division prerequisite courses above.

Information for exploring students:

CRMJ 103 provides interested students with a general overview of the criminal justice system. It is a prerequisite for the Criminal Justice major as well as a GE Category III course.

The Student Criminal Justice Association meets regularly throughout the academic year. www.uwec.edu/cja

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For instructions about how to declare this major: www.uwec.edu/registrar/chgofmajor/procedures/

