

Criminal Justice

Major

Comprehensive major (no minor required)

- **Criminal Justice**

Where you'll find our grads

- Police officer, detective bureau
- Probation and parole agent
- Investigations Service, United States Office of Personnel Management
- Office of District Attorney, victim/witness assistance program
- Case worker, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Juvenile justice intake office
- Federal Air Marshal Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Surveillance investigator, Treasure Island Resort and Casino
- Insurance claim representative, State Farm Mutual Insurance

Prepared for Success

This is the university's largest multidisciplinary program with about 300 students in the major. Courses include political science, psychology, sociology, social work and philosophy. UW-Eau Claire's criminal justice program combines this interdisciplinary coursework with practical experience, putting our graduates in high demand. In addition, we offer a rigorous liberal arts-based academic program that prepares students for success in graduate programs and law school.

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Graduates of our criminal justice program have a variety of career opportunities. Some go into law enforcement, while others go to graduate school, many to pursue their law degree. Others find careers in youth services, probation and parole, victim witness programs, etc. Typical positions held by criminal justice graduates include police officer, juvenile intake officer, I.R.S. agent, prison correctional officer, probation officer, D.E.A. agent, victim assistance coordinator, border patrol officer, private security, insurance claims agent, lawyer, parole officer, sheriff, state patrol.

Why UW-Eau Claire

Hands-On Experience

Students can gain in-depth exposure to a topic by working one-on-one with faculty through independent and directed study opportunities. Students can also earn up to 6 credits of on-the-job experience at over a dozen regional and national internship sites such as law enforcement, youth services, court services, and corrections. Popular internship sites include the Eau Claire County District Attorney's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), US Marshall Service in Madison and Federal Probation and Parole Services

Internships

Some advantages criminal justice majors enjoy at UW-Eau Claire include small classes at the upper division level; a broad range of internship

choices for students; and funded opportunities for student-faculty collaborative research. All these opportunities help students to do their best.

Get Involved / Student Orgs

You will learn from outstanding faculty, who have been recognized for their research and public service. In addition, you will enjoy engaging with an active student Criminal Justice Association that sponsors field trips and meets regularly with criminal justice professionals to discuss career opportunities and pathways.

Research Opportunities

The criminal justice program often sends students to professional conferences to present individual projects or collaborative research with faculty, funded through UW-Eau Claire's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Recently, two students presented research papers at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference in Chicago.

First-Year Suggested Curriculum

- American National Politics
- General Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- University writing requirement—depending on placement exam. For test-out options, see uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout.
- Moral Problems in Contemporary Life

The Power of **AND**

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Eau Claire

Criminal Justice (continued)

- Survey of the Criminal Justice System
- General electives

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

Students should plan to take the core courses in Criminal Justice once they have completed the prerequisite courses identified below and earned at least 30 credits.

Special Admission Guidelines

Students are encouraged to do well in English composition, mathematics, and social studies. Strong communication skills, verbal and written, should be developed as well.