

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE?

If you want to help people and assist with protecting the public, Criminology and Criminal Justice is the perfect major. Criminology and Criminal Justice is a broad-based field that seeks to understand, treat and respond to criminal behavior. Students can work for nonprofit, private, state and federal agencies in the areas of security, law enforcement, probation, parole, victim's rights, investigations, substance abuse treatment and counseling. Career opportunities include police officer, court administrator, correctional officer, treatment specialist and many more. The program also prepares students for law school and other graduate programs.

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT SRU

The Criminology and Criminal Justice curriculum includes classes in criminological theory, policing, courts and adjudication, corrections, research methodology and justice administration. The broad array of elective courses allows students to explore their specific areas of interests, including: crime and the media, inside-out, sexual violence, white collar crime, criminal investigations and criminal justice policy.

WHY CHOOSE CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT SRU?

- 1. Learn outside of the classroom:** Students have the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom through our study-abroad program and Inside-Out class, which is a class students take with inmates in prison.
- 2. Hands-on experience:** Students use our crime lab to apply their knowledge in the areas of criminal investigations, police response to crime scenes, and role-playing scenarios.
- 3. Activities:** Students can actively participate in the student-run CRIM Club, take part in prison tours and other field trips, hear guest speakers and network with practitioners and professionals in the field.
- 4. Support and guidance:** Each student is assigned a faculty member as their academic adviser who will mentor and guide them through the program and assist with career planning.
- 5. Small class sizes:** The average class size is 33, providing students with the opportunity to get to know their professors, receive individualized instruction and participate in small group exercises.
- 6. Faculty-student research:** Students have the opportunity to work on various research projects with faculty members as well as presenting their research at local, state and national conferences.
- 7. Experienced faculty:** Students are taught by full-time faculty members, not graduate assistants. Our faculty have received the highest degrees in their disciplines and bring real-life examples and research and/or practitioner knowledge to enhance the learning experience.

MAJOR

- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA) w/ a concentration in Community Corrections

MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

- Minor in Criminology
- Certificate in Criminal Justice and Spanish Cultural & Language Competency
- Certificate in Re-entry Nonprofit Organizations

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA) 3+1 Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (SRU)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA) 3+3 Widener University: School of Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA) 3+3 Duquesne University: School of Law

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Criminology and criminal justice students have completed internships at various locations including:

- U.S. Marshals Service
- U.S. Secret Service
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers
- Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole
- U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services
- Police Departments (city and township) and Sheriff's Offices
- State and County Prisons
- Juvenile and Adult Probation Offices
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers
- Department of Homeland Security

CAREER OUTCOMES

While many criminology and criminal justice majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degrees, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Pittsburgh Bureau of Police (police officer)
- Allegheny County Juvenile Courts (probation officer)
- U.S. Secret Service (agent)
- Renewal Inc. (community corrections monitor)
- PA State Correctional Institute – Mercer (correctional officer)
- New Horizons Treatment Center (outpatient addictions counselor)
- Lawrence County Children and Youth Services (intake supervisor)
- Pennsylvania State Police (police officer)
- TSA (agent)
- U.S. Army Military Police (officer)
- George Junior Republic (behavioral health technician)
- Drug and Veterans Courts (coordinator)

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- CRIM Club
- Alpha Phi Sigma



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Halle St. Clair, '19

Graduate Student and Lawrence County Adult Probation, New Castle PA

"I truly loved the criminal justice program and without the amazing and inspiring staff that have influenced me so much and truly sparked my never ending interest in the criminal justice field, I would not have had the opportunity to further my education and study for my masters."

Seth Armstrong, '17

Transportation security officer, Department of Homeland Security, Franklin, PA

"The program was just the right fit for me and all the professors in the department knew the information inside and out. They made class enjoyable and added current events to the curriculum to make for strong and positive class discussion and to reinforce the class material."

Alexa Webster, B.A. '14 and M.A. '16

Outpatient addictions counselor, New Horizons Treatment Center, New Castle, PA

"The program prepares students for the challenges they may face while employed within the criminal justice system, such as utilizing critical thinking and applying specific methods to enhance communication with the criminal justice population. After graduation, I felt prepared to enter the workforce with a well-rounded education in a difficult field. I will always be very proud to share that I've received my degrees from SRU."

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