

# CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



### WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN 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.
- 8. Preparation:** The department offers several workshops that will enhance students' skills and competitiveness when applying for jobs in the field (e.g.; police academy prep workshop, interviewing skills, etc).

### MAJORS

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

### MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

- Minor in Applied Forensics and Criminal Justice
- 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+3 Widener University: School of Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (BA) 3+3 Duquesne University: School of Law

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## CAREER OUTCOMES

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)
- FBI
- 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

### **Madalynn Bonadio, '21** *Counselor and Training Specialist at Adelphoi Village, Latrobe, PA*

"My experience at SRU has been a rewarding one. I enjoyed growing as a student and having opportunities to expand my knowledge. The professors are passionate and knowledgeable, allowing you to work with them to ensure that you have the proper education and a comprehensive understanding of the material. The department offers valuable workshops for students to further develop their interviewing skills and preparation, along with providing them with more information about their desired career path. The program has prepared me to jump straight into the workforce with opportunities to take targeted classes directed towards my career, such as Juvenile Delinquency, which has been beneficial when working with at-risk youth and understanding the juvenile justice system. I am very thankful for the opportunity to have attended the American Society of Criminology conference, had hands-on experience in Criminal investigations, and participated in the Inside-Out class at Butler County Prison."

### **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."

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