

## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

WILLIAM PATERSON  
UNIVERSITY

# Criminology and Criminal Justice Major (Bachelor of Arts)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## About Criminology and Criminal Justice

Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, causes, and consequences of crime as well as responses to crime. Criminal justice science is the study of official responses to crime in the areas of law, policing, courts, corrections, and treatment and advocacy. Our BA in criminology and criminal justice provides the knowledge and skills needed to be proficient in both fields and prepares students to enter a wide range of criminology and criminal justice-related occupations.

## Careers

- Law enforcement (local, state, federal)
- Community corrections: probation, parole, re-entry, etc.
- Prison and jail programs
- Juvenile corrections and youth services
- Court operations
- Victim advocacy and services
- Private security
- Academics and law (via graduate study or law school)

Thanks to our smaller class sizes, I've had a great relationship with my professors. Not only can I have one-on-one conversations with them about classwork, but they also give me advice about how to network and pursue my professional goals. You're not just a student ID number here, you're a person.

**Jackeline Reyes '18**  
Criminal justice and psychology



## Sample Courses

- Essentials of Criminal Justice
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Victimology
- Policing
- Criminal Investigations
- Corrections
- Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- Sociology of Law
- Forensic Social Psychology

# Examples of Internship Placements

- Municipal, county, or state police departments)
- Municipal, county, or state courts
- Probation/parole offices
- Public and private prisoner re-entry services
- Juvenile correctional agencies
- Public and private youth service agencies
- Public and private victim service agencies
- Offender treatment programs
- Law offices
- Child protection services
- Women's services
- Family services
- Substance abuse treatment centers

## Criminal Justice Internships

Students complete an internship during their senior year, which helps them gain practical knowledge, professional experience, and credits (typically three) toward their degree. Our internship coordinator assists students in acquiring positions relevant to their interests.

## Faculty Expertise

The renowned faculty members who teach in the program have diverse expertise in such areas as:

**sociology of police work • crime and the media • white collar crime • issues of incarceration • criminal reentry • prison-based animal programs • victimology • hate crimes • juvenile delinquency • policing in urban communities • jail violence • domestic violence • race and crime, and many more**

## Our greatest strength is helping you find yours

At William Paterson, we help students expand their potential and discover abilities they may not have been able to see for themselves. As with other programs at WP, the criminology and criminal justice major provides:

- Hands-on experience to enhance career marketability
- Opportunity to get involved in research or scholarly activities with faculty
- Professors who bring real world experience to the classroom
- Chance to work with industry professionals through internships
- State-of-the-art campus facilities
- Civic engagement/service learning opportunities

Criminology and criminal justice students have opportunities to learn and develop outside of the classroom, such as joining the Sociology/Criminal Justice Club, engaging with community groups and organizations, special presentations, conducting research with professors, and presenting at conferences.



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**For more about the criminology and criminal justice major:**  
[wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/sociology/](http://wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/sociology/)

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