

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mission Statement

The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice and Legal studies is to inspire and challenge students, faculty, and staff through a variety of opportunities to achieve personal and professional growth for a lifetime.

Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Criminal Justice graduates should be able to do the following:

Content

- Recognize and describe concepts and principles of criminal justice, specifically in the areas of law enforcement, courts, and corrections
- Identify and describe the major theoretical perspectives and historical trends in criminal justice studies
- Identify and define basic research methods in criminal justice

Critical Thinking

- Apply criminal justice theories, concepts, or principles to criminological problems
- Acquire and critically analyze information obtained from texts, journal articles, reports, or data
- Clearly identify criminal justice problems and the factors that contributed to the problem's origins
- Select and conduct appropriately designed research to solve criminal justice problems
- Integrate knowledge across criminal justice and social science fields to enhance decision-making

Communication

- Interpret a variety of sources of information (e.g., textual, numerical, verbal, and graphical)
- Read and use relevant literature in the discipline with appropriate APA citation practices
- Effectively use information technology to gather and disseminate information
- Communicate effectively in oral, textual, numerical and graphical forms to both professional and nonprofessional audiences

Integrity/Values

- Recognize legal and ethical problems that occur in criminal justice
- Identify and recall ethical principles related to the criminal justice system
- Analyze complex ethical situations in criminal justice and design appropriate solutions
- Exhibit professional and disciplinary standards in ethical reasoning
- Recognize and respect the views and opinions of others

Project Management

- Identify individual and collective goals and execute responsibilities related to project completion
- Collaborate effectively with diverse groups
- Provide leadership to appropriately facilitate project completion
- Design and execute reasonable timelines for project completion
- Evaluate performance of self and others as team members

Application Skills

- Describe social issues and speculate about alternative frameworks for improving public services
- Articulate the rationale for progressive social change in criminal justice contexts
- Identify reasonable solutions to complex social problems
- Enhance the community through successful collaboration strategies that empower diverse community members

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Throughout the criminal justice program, students demonstrate what they have learned through traditional classroom assignments and examinations, as well as applied research and creative activities. The program's curriculum emphasizes both collaborative and individualized projects that engage students in synthesizing their knowledge and skills from across the curriculum.

Job Prospects for Criminal Justice Graduates

Crime Analyst
Corrections Officer
Fraud Investigator
Child Protection
Insurance Investigator
Private Security
Federal Law Enforcement
State Law Enforcement

Local Law Enforcement
Victim Advocate
Juvenile Justice Specialist
Juvenile Aftercare
School Resource Officer
Investigator for Medical
Examiner Military Security
Research Analyst

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