

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice is designed for individuals seeking a professional career in criminal justice. Through evidence-based knowledge and practical skills, students learn their role in promoting social justice, restorative justice, and quality of life in the diverse communities they will serve. This program is for students who want to serve in one of the governmental or social service organizations tasked with enforcing laws and serving communities affected by crime.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Minor

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Criminal Justice program is for students who want to serve in one of the governmental or social institutions tasked with enforcing laws and serving communities affected by crime. The program has a flexible major that allows students to choose a specific focus through a minor concentration and tailoring the major courses to meet individual interests, preparing students for careers in a wide variety of criminal justice-related fields.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Computer Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Good Listener
- Helping Skills

CAREERS

- Offender Programs
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Restorative Justice
- Victim Advocacy
- Crime Prevention
- Courts, Community Organizations

EMPLOYERS

- Chelsey Law Firm
- Colombia Heights Police Department
- Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Mystic Lake Casino

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

92.2%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 55
Respondents: 44
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$69,030

The median annual wage for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary, at link.mnsu.edu/criminal-justice-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



hss.mnsu.edu/criminal-justice



SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) POL 111 United States Government (4) CJ 231 Criminal Law & Procedures (4)	CJ 201 Criminal Justice Systems (3) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
CJ 255 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice (3) CJ 310 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Writing Intensive Course (3)	CJ 309 Drugs and Society (3) CJ 321 Victims/Survivors: Criminal Justice Response (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) Diverse Cultures Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
CJ 401 Advance Crime Prevention and Theory (3) General Education Course (4) Writing Intensive Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3)	CJ 371 Criminal Justice Community Experiences (1) CJ 402 Criminal Justice Ethics and Leadership (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
CJ 323 Cultural Competency in Criminal Justice (3) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) General Elective Course (3)	CJ 371 Criminal Justice Community Experiences (1) General Education Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Minor (3) General Elective Course (3) General Elective Course (3)

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