Mission Statement

The mission of UIW’s Criminal Justice program is to develop an awareness and knowledge of the criminal justice system in American society. This program offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and is built from an integrated liberal-arts orientation. Emphasizing the history and current operations of the criminal courts, law enforcement, and corrections, the program seeks to foster a critical analysis of criminal justice as a social institution. The Criminal Justice program aims to develop informed and conscientious students who understand the responsibilities of working in the criminal justice field. Shaped by the values of an Incarnate Word education, the Criminal Justice program will advance the search for truth, social justice, and the common good.

Studying Criminal Justice at UIW

Particularly since September 11, 2001, criminal justice has emerged as a major industry in American society. The system employs approximately 2.4 million people, and federal, state, and local governments spend more than $200 billion on criminal and civil justice systems. There are tremendous employment opportunities in the criminal justice system (law enforcement, criminal courts, and corrections) for those with a baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice. It is also a useful major for one preparing for a career in law or social work. The curriculum for a degree in Criminal Justice is structured to cover the main areas of the discipline while maintaining the integrity of a UIW education. Hence, we will have courses in ethics, justice (with an emphasis on social justice), and civil rights and civil liberties.

Employment Possibilities with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

- Texas Ranger
- Juvenile Court Counselor
- Probation Officer
- Police Officer
- Park Ranger
- Parole Officer
- FBI Agent
- U.S. Marshal
- State Trooper
- CIA
- Victim Services Specialist
- U.S. Customs Agent
- Fish and Game Warden
- Corrections Officer
- Postal Service Investigator
- Pre-Trial Services Officer
- U.S. Secret Service
- ICE Agent
- Attorney
- Court Administrator
- Criminal Investigator
- Police Detective
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Social worker

Curriculum (36 semester hours)

A. 24 hours of required courses:
- CRJU 1311 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJU 2392 Introduction to the U.S. Legal System (cross-list with GOVT)
- CRJU 3322 Criminology (cross-list with SOCI)
- CRJU 3330 Law Enforcement in America
- CRJU 3340 Corrections
- CRJU 3381 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (cross-list with SOCI)
- CRJU 3384 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 4301 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice

B. 12 hours from the following courses:
- CRJU 3323 Issues in Contemporary Criminal Justice (cross-list with SOCI)
- CRJU 3341 Community Corrections
- CRJU 3342 Correctional Casework and Counseling
- CRJU 3345 Sociology of the Death Penalty (cross-list with SOCI)
- CRJU 3350 Juvenile Justice
- CRJU 3360 Ethics in Criminal Justice
- CRJU 3365 Media and Crime
- CRJU 3370 Texas Criminal Justice System
- PHIL 3385 Justice: Tradition and Transformation
- CRJU 3390 Internship in Criminal Justice
- GOVT 4316 Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

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Minor in Criminal Justice

12 semester hours (6 upper-division) in Criminal Justice

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