

Criminal Justice

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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Focus on faith

A Christian perspective is central to everything we do at Northwestern. It's what sets us apart from other colleges and universities where faith is on the margins or missing altogether. As a criminal justice student, you'll learn to serve victims, offenders, and communities with truth, compassion, and justice—empowering you to land a successful career *and* lead a faithful life.

Real-world opportunities

Apply your learning outside the classroom and intern at a police station, courtroom or correctional institution. Whether you stick close to campus or venture to an urban center like Chicago or Denver, Northwestern's Compass Center for Career & Calling will help you find a placement that matches your interests.

Interested in law?

Northwestern graduates who attend law school major in a wide variety of disciplines. Introduce yourself to various areas of law by taking our recommended pre-law courses or begin the process of earning your J.D. through a partnership with Drake University. Either way, Northwestern will prepare you for the academic rigor of law school while broadening your perspectives on the world and the pursuit of justice.

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100% placement

100% of criminal justice majors find a job or enroll in grad school within six months of graduation.



Scholars & profs

Our faculty have presented research on gender inequality, the dynamics of protests and interfaith dialogue.



Law degree in 6 years

Northwestern has partnered with Drake University to help you earn B.A. *and* J.D. degrees in six years.

Outcomes

With recent national conversations about police accountability and reform, the need for professional, trustworthy law enforcement is at an all-time high. Legal positions are also projected to grow—increasing 9% before 2030. Join our standout criminal justice alumni at employers and graduate schools such as:

- Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA
- Iowa State Patrol
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Omaha, NE
- San Diego Sheriff's Department, San Diego, CA
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

| Fall Year 1 | | Spring Year 1 | |
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| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| CRJ 218: Deviance & Social Control | 4 | CRJ 202: Social Problems | 4 |
| Fall Year 2 | | Spring Year 2 | |
| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| CRJ 220: Criminal Justice System | 4 | CRJ 340: Research Methods | 4 |
| PSC 101 SS: American Government | 4 | PSC 225: Intro to Law | 4 |
| Fall Year 3 | | Spring Year 3 | |
| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| CRJ 307: Corrections | 4 | CRJ 310: Criminology | 4 |
| | | CRJ 304: Ethnicity, Power, and Identity | 4 |
| Fall Year 4 | | Spring Year 4 | |
| Course | Credits | Course | Credits |
| CRJ 410: Restorative Justice | 4 | CRJ 417: Internship | 4 |
| CRJ 305: Policing & Law Enforcement | 4 | CRJ 450SR: Justice | 4 |

CJ Classes Required

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| CRJ 202: Social Problems | 4 |
| CRJ 218: Deviance & Social Control | 4 |
| CRJ 220: Criminal Justice | 4 |
| CRJ 304: Ethnicity, Power, and Identity | 4 |
| CRJ 305: Policing & Law Enforcement | 4 |
| CRJ 307: Corrections | 4 |
| CRJ 310: Criminology | 4 |
| CRJ 340: Research Methods | 4 |
| CRJ 410: Restorative Justice | 4 |
| CRJ 417: Internship | 4 |
| CRJ 450SR: Justice | 4 |
| Cognates | |
| PSC 225: Intro to Law | 4 |
| PSC 101 SS: American Government | 4 |
| Total Credits: | 52 |