

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Justice 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

- Outline the various structures and processes of the American Justice System.
- Identify and discuss the rules, laws, procedures, and policies which are the basis of the American Justice System.
- Identify and describe the roles and responsibilities of the various participants in the American Justice System.
- Define criminology and discuss its role in society
- Identify and describe the major types of crime that occur in the United States
- Identify the basic terms, concepts, and techniques used in criminal justice research and explain the research process

Critical Thinking

- Compare and contrast major theoretical explanations for criminal behavior
- Evaluate and critically assess criminal justice research.
- Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the current criminal justice system
- Compare and contrast major sources of crime data
- Critically assess the advantages and disadvantages of methods utilized in criminal justice research
- Compare and contrast normative standards with contemporary criminal justice practices

Communication

- Create written papers based on relevant criminal justice topics.
- Participate in discussions regarding contemporary and historical crime and justice issues.
- Prepare and deliver oral presentations.
- Demonstrate competency in using APA writing and referencing style.
- Effectively communicate criminal justice research to inform public policy.

Integrity/Values

- Describe the importance of ethics in the context of conducting criminal justice research.
- Identify and discuss ethical issues faced by professionals who work in the American Justice System.
- Analyze ethical dilemmas in the American Justice System.
- Describe the importance of including the study of ethics in the American Justice System.
- Outline rights and responsibilities in the context of constitutional guarantees in the American justice system

Project Management

- Develop and organize papers and presentations regarding the American Justice System.
- Collaborate with others to investigate and report on pertinent justice system topics.
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively manage time and meet deadlines for project completion
- Prepare and develop projects based on accepted methods in criminal justice

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	Local Law Enforcement
Corrections Officer	Victim Advocate
Fraud Investigator	Juvenile Justice Specialist
Child Protection	Juvenile Aftercare
Insurance Investigator	School Resource Officer
Private Security	Investigator for Medical Examiner
Federal Law Enforcement	Military Security
State Law Enforcement	Research Analyst

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