Criminal Justice Administration | Major

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

The Criminal Justice Department at Alvernia University is dedicated to providing the theoretical, practical and professional knowledge needed in today's environment to be successful in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, courts, probation and parole, loss prevention, private security and related careers. Emphasis is placed on preparing students to enter the professional workplace or continue studies in graduate school. The curriculum is designed to provide students with expert instruction on the most current trends, policies and practices in the field. All Criminal Justice students are assigned an advisor who is a former practitioner in the Criminal Justice discipline.

ACADEMIC QUALITY

The Alvernia University Criminal Justice full-time faculty members include a former FBI agent, a former Pennsylvania state trooper, a former probation and parole officer and a former Texas police officer/forensic psychologist. The part-time Alvernia University Criminal Justice faculty members include a chief of police, a Berks County assistant district attorney and a retired FBI agent. The strength of the department lies in the philosophy that the faculty has worked as criminal justice practitioners. Class instruction is as current as the events of the day, taught by professionals who have experienced a variety of careers in Criminal Justice.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Criminal Justice Association: Alvernia University has an active Criminal Justice Association. Membership is open to all Criminal Justice and Forensic Science students, both majors and minors.

Alpha Phi Sigma: Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honor society for Criminal Justice majors. The goal of the society is to honor and promote academic excellence, service, leadership and unity.

The mission is to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship and lifelong learning. Alvernia University Criminal Justice students who obtain 15 credits in Criminal Justice and maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade point average in Criminal Justice and overall are eligible to join Alpha Phi Sigma.

Saint Thomas More: Saint Thomas More is the Alvernia University Honor Society and is open to Alvernia University Criminal Justice students with the same qualifications as above for Alpha Phi Sigma.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ATF Agent
Border Patrol Agent
DEA Agent
Deputy Sheriff
FBI Agent
Forest Ranger
Fraud Investigator
Local Police Officer
Loss Prevention Officer
Pre-Law/Law School

Probation/Parole Officer
Secret Service Agent
State Police Officer
United States Customs Officer
U.S. Marshal
BA/Criminal Justice Administration
Liberal Arts Core (54/55 credits)*
General Elective requirements (as needed)**

CJ Administration Major Requirements (48 credits)
CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 102 Criminology
CJ 201 Criminal Law
CJ 216 Gender and the Criminal Justice System –or–
CJ 218 Multicultural Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 220 Writing for the Criminal Justice Professional
CJ 221 Research Methods I for Criminal Justice
CJ 272 Probation and Parole –or–
CJ 274 Corrections and Rehabilitation
CJ 302 Judicial Process and Procedures
CJ 350 Professional Seminar/Criminal Justice
CJ 377 Juvenile Justice System
CJ 379 Ethics in Criminal Justice
CJ 403 Senior Seminar
CJ 408 Agency Practicum
CJ 422 Crisis Management
Plus 1 elective course (3 credits)
All required Criminal Justice courses must have a grade of C or higher.

*All students must complete the Alvernia University Liberal Arts Core in addition to their major and related requirements.

**A minimum total of 123 credits are required to earn a bachelor’s degree. To adhere to Franciscan Values, community service hours are also required. Transfer students admitted to Alvernia’s Mid-Degree Program must complete a minimum of 30 Alvernia credits at the 300/+ level.

LOCATIONS
Students can choose to take classes where and when it is most convenient. This program is offered on campus at our Reading, Philadelphia and Pottsville locations.

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