Criminal Justice Studies

The Criminal Justice Studies major introduces students to the fundamental foundations of criminal justice spanning from crime initiation to systems of punishment. Students will have the opportunity to take an in-depth look at mental health law, juvenile justice systems, police, court and corrections management and operations as well as a host of other options. In addition, students will be exposed to traditional public administration courses that impart core skill sets such as leadership, ethics, public and nonprofit management, and formation of public policy. Upon receipt of their degree students will be prepared to think critically in an increasingly complex and politicized society.

Criminal Justice Studies Courses

Students who choose this concentration may take courses in the following areas:

- Court Administration & Management
- Women & Youth in the Justice System
- Institutional & Community Corrections
- Crime & Public Policy
- Intelligence & U.S. National Security
- Juvenile Delinquency

For official degree requirements, please visit the General Catalog.

Criminal Justice Studies Careers

Careers in public sector organizations, including, but not limited to, careers in law enforcement, national security, and local, state, and federal government. Many of our graduates have sought and attained positions in local law enforcement, DEA, FBI, ICE, Border Patrol, and Arizona’s Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Our graduates have also gone on to attain advanced degrees in Law, Public Policy, Sociology, Social Work and Political Science. Review UA’s Degree Search resource for more career information.

Useful Resources:

Academic Catalog: academic policies, calendars, minor requirements, and general University information
http://catalog.arizona.edu/allcats.html

Schedule of Classes: use this to plan your schedule and determine which courses are being offered each semester
http://www.arizona.edu/information/current-students/academics/registering-classes

Think Tank: the one-stop-shop for all things tutoring and academic support, located in the Nugent Building
http://thinktank.arizona.edu/

@email.arizona.edu: your official communication tool with the University; you need to check this email regularly as this is the only address the University will send important information to

http://sgpp.arizona.edu/: School of Government and Public Policy website; you should visit this site for all information related to the School and your major.

CJS Majors listserv: official advising communication tool – if you do not read messages sent to the listserv, you will miss important information.

Academic Requirements Report: the official planning guide for your degree; can be found on UAccess student in the drop down box; should review periodically and bring any questions to your advisor.

Newsletter: http://sgpp.arizona.edu/content/sgpp-weekly-announcements