Admission

Students are admitted to the major when they apply for admission to the University of Arizona. Continuing students in good academic standing may declare the Criminal Justice Studies major by completing the online major information session. The session is available at the beginning and end of the spring and fall semesters. Session dates are posted at sgpp.arizona.edu.
Criminal Justice Courses

Students may take courses in the following areas:

- Police Management
- The Crime Problem
- Crime and Public Policy
- Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
- Women and Youth in the Justice System
- White Collar Crime: Law and Public Policy
- US National Security and the Use of Covert Action
- History of US Intelligence: Organization and Policy

For more information on the Criminal Justice Studies major requirements, please visit sgpp.arizona.edu.

Internship Opportunities

With prior approval, we grant academic credit for internships served in specific governmental agencies and other public institutions.

Our students have interned with Pima County Attorney’s Office; Marshall’s Office; CIA; FBI; Postal Inspector; Pima County Sheriff’s Department; Oro Valley and Tucson Police Departments; Public Defender’s Office; Victim Witness; Homicide Survivors; Department of State in Washington, D.C. and abroad; congressional offices; and the White House.

Internships can present an invaluable opportunity to:

- Apply knowledge gained in the classroom in professional situations
- Assess skills and abilities in a professional setting and narrow areas of interest
- Network and secure connections for future employment
- Build experience that can be reflected on a professional résumé

Careers in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice majors qualify for many different 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.

Extracurricular Learning

This new major is sponsored and financially supported by the Rombach Institute of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections. The Institute has had a presence on campus since its founding in 1997. The mission of the Rombach Institute is to advance the knowledge, pursuit and evaluation of significant public policy issues as they relate to the field of criminal justice.

The Institute will continue to provide student financial assistance; support public policy research through reports, conferences and publications; assist State criminal justice officials with evaluation, analysis and training; host guest speakers and public forums; and present student and faculty awards and fellowships.

The main focus of the Institute in the future will be to provide students with a well-rounded experience that evolves with the field of criminal justice.

Major Overview

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.