

Overview:

A major in criminal justice will help you prepare for a career as you learn to write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly and work well with others on a team. Students majoring in criminal justice will have appropriate preparation for a wide variety of fields, and your future career may relate to your personal career interests, work values and transferable skills.

The University of Wisconsin-Richland offers a variety of courses to help you gain a general knowledge of legal structures, skills in research and scientific methodology, a general understanding of the nature of crimes, and familiarity with the basics of the criminal justice system. During your freshman and sophomore years, you'll take courses focusing on writing and presentation skills, research strategies, quantitative skills, computer literacy, critical thinking, ethics and moral values, considerations of gender and race, as well as courses to hone your ability to identify and analyze social problems, and course that provide you with a solid background in humanities, social science, and natural science. Your junior and senior years will increasingly be devoted to course work in your criminal justice major.

Career Opportunities:

A major in criminal justice can prepare you for a wide variety of careers. Some careers may require education beyond a bachelors' degree. Job titles of people who graduate with a major in criminal justice include attorney, child support agency worker, CIA agent, corrections officer, criminal investigator, environmental conservation officer, fish & game warden, paralegal, police officer, probation & parole officer, sheriff, substance abuse counselor, and US Customs agent.

Websites you may want to visit:

US Department of Justice	http://www.usdoj.gov/
Federal Bureau of Investigation	http://www.fbi.gov
National Association of Legal Assistants	http://www.nala.org/
Central Intelligence Agency	http://www.cia.gov
American Bar Association	http://www.abanet.org/
National Drug Enforcement Officers Association	http://www.ndeo.org
National Sheriff's Association	http://www.sheriffs.org/
National Security Agency	http://www.nsa.gov

Suggested course of study for a criminal justice major:

University of Wisconsin-Richland can offer you the freshman/sophomore curriculum needed to begin a criminal justice major. The four-semester program outlined below is to be used as a guide. Additional information and transfer planning sheets for specific majors and universities are available in the Student Services Office. UW-Richland offers the freshman/sophomore curriculum appropriate to a criminal justice major and includes required general education courses. Consult your *academic advisor* for individualized program planning assistance.

First Year

Semester I

English*	3 credits
Mathematics*	3 credits
Natural Science	3 - 5 credits
Psychology 202	3 credits
Sociology 101	3 credits

Semester II

English*	3 credits
Natural Science	4-5 credits
Fine arts	3 credits
Sociology 231	3 credits
Elective	1-2 credits

Second Year

Semester III

Psychology 210 or Math 117	3 credits
Humanities	3 credits
Political Science 104	3 credits
Sociology 234	3 credits
Interdisciplinary studies	3 credits

Semester IV

Sociology elective	3 credits
Sociology 246	3 credits
Fine arts or humanities	3 credits
Psychology 309	3 credits
Physical Education 127	2 credits
Elective	1 credit

Courses in a foreign language are recommended. Placement in English and mathematics will be determined on the basis of placement tests; see *. Students completing the requirements for the Associate of Arts & Science Degree must include in their course of study an interdisciplinary studies component.

Explore career possibilities by visiting The Resource Center, located in the Student Services area of Melvill Hall. There you'll find career information, self-assessment videos and career assessment testing. Interactive computer programs are available to help you identify your work-related interests, skills and values. Knowing these characteristics can help you discover compatible occupations. The programs also provide information about educational requirements, potential salary, and employment outlooks for occupations in Wisconsin and nationwide.

For more information on majors in the UW System, go to: <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/majormanial> .

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