CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVESTIGATES all aspects of crime and delinquency in our society from types, incidence, prevalence and distribution to causes and remedies. It further explores the philosophy and ideology, theory and practice, structure and process, policy and programs, and problems and issues of police, courts and corrections. Students also examine the fundamental elements of criminal and constitutional law, and develop the skills to perform, analyze and evaluate social research.

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice

Minors: Criminal justice, corrections
Certificate in Criminalistics (forensic science)

The Xavier Advantage:

► Gain solid competence and be ready to work within criminal justice agencies or institutions that focus on crime and justice.
► Complete a practicum/internship and explore career paths at such sites as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and various police and law enforcement agencies.
► Enhance your study of criminal justice and prepare for your career by participating in the Criminal Justice Society, which sponsors activities, speakers and service activities for students.
► Earn recognition for outstanding academic achievements by the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society.
► Establish professional contacts in the field through the undergraduate mentorship program.

Xavier criminal justice graduates go on to:

► Adult and juvenile correctional facilities
► Crime labs
► Federal Bureau of Investigation
► Private corporations in global security
► Graduate programs in law, criminal justice and other fields

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THE PROGRAM

The Department of Criminal Justice offers the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice. Along with this degree, students also may choose to obtain a Certificate in Criminalistics (forensic science). The department also offers minors in criminal justice and in corrections.

Criminal justice faculty members engage in research and publishing, and are active in a wide array of professional and civic organizations. Professors are committed, first and foremost, to teaching. The faculty is readily available to work with students outside the classroom. Classes are typically small, and students and faculty get to know each other on an individual basis.

In addition to their classroom studies, students are required to complete a 150-clock-hour practicum/internship. Internship sites include:

- Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
- County prosecutor offices
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Hamilton Choices
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections
- Police/law enforcement agencies
- Procter & Gamble
- Probation agencies
- Talbert (Halfway) House
- U.S. Bureau of Prisons

The criminal justice advisory board helps the department formulate curriculum strategy to ensure that courses are current, applicable and relevant to the professional community. Advisory board members also are invited to serve as mentors for undergraduate students and participate in faculty recruitment. In addition, they provide strategic advice on the outreach activities of the department in order to provide internship and other opportunities to students. Advisory board members represent such firms as the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Ohio Court of Appeal-First District, Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Warren County Prosecutor’s Office, Procter & Gamble Global Security, Cincinnati Police Department and Luxottica Retail Loss Prevention.

RESOURCES

The Xavier Department of Criminal Justice offers students the unique opportunity to spend time behind bars while earning three credit hours. The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program is a semester-long course that meets inside a prison located approximately 25 miles north of Xavier University. The class combines Xavier students with an equal number of incarcerated men at Lebanon Correctional Institution. Both Xavier and Lebanon students have the same syllabus and academic requirements. Since 2007, dozens of Xavier students—from all majors—have been transformed by the Inside-Out class.

OUTCOMES

A degree in criminal justice prepares students for a wide range of occupations in the private sector and for careers in federal, state and local government.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall opportunities in local police departments will be favorable for individuals who meet the psychological, personal and physical qualifications. Many openings will be created by the need to replace workers who retire and those who leave local agencies for federal jobs and private-sector security jobs. Employment of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is projected to grow about 19 percent through 2018, faster than the average for all occupations.

Recent Xavier graduates have accepted positions in:
- Adult and juvenile correctional facilities
- Crime labs
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Private corporations in global security
- Police/law enforcement agencies
- Probation agencies
- Talbert (Halfway) House
- U.S. Bureau of Prisons

Xavier graduates in criminal justice also have been accepted to graduate programs at the following institutions:
- Cleveland State
- Golden Gate University
- John Jay College
- Northern Kentucky University
- Ohio Northern University
- University of Central Florida
- University of Cincinnati

Criminal justice graduates also have chosen to pursue law (J.D.) degrees at the following law schools:
- Capital University
- Cleveland State
- Northern Kentucky University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton

The course focuses on such current social justice topics as: why people commit crime; what prisons are for; punishment; rehabilitation; victims and victimization; restorative justice; myths and realities of prison life; and analysis of the American justice system. To be considered for the course, students must complete a separate application and be interviewed. Students from any major may apply.
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION (CSSHE)

The Criminal Justice Department is part of the CSSHE, whose programs have a special focus on society in the areas of education, health, community services and more. The College houses a wide variety of departments that include undergraduate programs, master’s degree programs and a doctoral program in psychology.

The CSSHE prepares undergraduate and graduate students in the Jesuit Catholic tradition intellectually, morally and spiritually for careers and professions of service by:

- Challenging students to strive for academic excellence and life-long learning.
- Providing applied experiences grounded in theoretical foundations.
- Promoting collaboration and community partnerships.
- Incorporating research, scholarship, and innovation.
- Integrating ethical behavior and a respect for individual differences and diversity.

CORE CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum: Minimum 69 credit hours

Major in criminal justice: 39 semester hours of criminal justice courses, which include 30 hours of required courses including: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Law Enforcement, Introduction to Corrections, Basic Constitutional Law & American Justice, Criminology, Criminal Law, Senior Capstone Seminar Methods of Research and a practicum (150 clock hours). Nine hours of major elective courses are also required, which may include (but are not limited to): Criminalistics (Forensic Science), Juvenile Justice, Legal Aspects of Corrections, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Women in the Criminal Justice System, and Terrorism & Homeland Security.

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