Program Overview

The major in Criminal Justice seeks to equip learners with an understanding of the nature of delinquency and crime, criminal law and procedure, the goals and essential components of the American criminal justice system, and to teach basic management and administrative skills to run organizations in this area.

The program also works to familiarize students with current trends, research techniques, and technological advances in the various aspects of criminal justice. Such broad-based knowledge enables learners to understand and evaluate the kinds of societal needs and issues that are impacting criminal justice practice and reform and to become effective problem-solvers and administrators in the criminal justice community. Course work includes such topics as corrections and judicial systems, criminal law and the legal process, police-community relations, white collar and organized crime investigations, and criminal procedure and evidence.

Career Fields

Criminal justice careers put you on the front line, protecting and serving your community. This program is right for you if you are currently employed in the criminal justice field, if you are interested in pursuing a career in criminal justice, or if you have a strong desire to make your community a better place in which to live. The program will help you succeed in a variety of criminal justice positions, including courtroom administrator, police officer, private security officer, probation or parole officer, juvenile delinquency case manager, corrections officer, or police detective. People who choose this major are often pursuing entry-level officer positions or career advancement within law enforcement agencies, corrections departments, and federal regulatory or enforcement agencies.

Contact Us

If you are up for the challenge and would like to learn more, contact us at any location.

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About the Grand Island / Lincoln / Omaha Campuses

At Doane College, you will join an institution where exceptional faculty, staff, students and alumni challenge themselves to achieve success and provide the best education for all students. The Doane College Grand Island, Lincoln, and Omaha campuses are geared toward working adults, focusing on applied learning and practical experience that you can utilize in your work setting.

Core Requirements

CRJ 205 American Legal System
CRJ 210 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJ 215 Police & Society
CRJ 310 Corrections
CRJ 312 Juvenile Justice
CRJ 320 Rules of Evidence
CRJ 330 Criminal Law
CRJ 340 Criminal Investigation
CRJ 410 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
CRJ 420 Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice
CRJ 496 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice

Cognate Requirements

BUS 215 Applied Statistics
CMS 220 Interpersonal Communication
CMS 334 Interviewing and Investigation
IDS 206 Introduction to Research
SOC 109 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 288 Deviance
SOC 324 Race and Nationality