Careers in the Field
Asset Protection
Attorney
Border Patrol
Case Manager
Correctional Officer
Correctional Counselor
Court Administrator
Criminal Investigator
Criminal Justice Specialist
Customs Officer
Deputy U.S. Marshall
FBI Agent
Federal Protective Officer
Fingerprint Technician
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Insurance Fraud Investigator
Internal Revenue Service
Private Investigator
Private Security
Parole Officer
Police Officer
Probation Officer
Research Analyst
Secret Service Agent
Youth Service Worker

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Mission Statement
To prepare students for roles as knowledgeable citizens and responsible criminal justice professionals in a global society.

Program Overview
The primary objective of the Criminal Justice Department at West Virginia State University is to welcome students who strive to make a difference within society and be successful professionals.

The Criminal Justice faculty are committed to assisting students achieve educational and professional goals. This program encourages the pursuit of excellence in order to prepare students for a career of professional service in the Criminal Justice field. The Criminal Justice Department assists in preparing these career pathways through a challenging curriculum encompassing areas of law enforcement, legal studies/court procedures, corrections and forensic investigation/science. This program’s educational experience embraces opportunities beyond the classroom, such as, internships, community outreach, student organizations and honor societies as well as participation/attendance at various conferences.

Program Learning Outcomes

Knowledge: Students will describe, analyze and evaluate the components of the Criminal Justice system and their responsibilities. Components include policing, courts, and corrections.

Critical Thinking: Students will comprehend, apply and synthesize critical thinking through interpretation of information, analyzing decisions, and evaluating facts, data, theories and terms.

Communication: Students will comprehend, apply and synthesize the ability to communicate using writing, speaking, listening, and understanding.

Diversity: Students will describe, analyze and synthesize the multiple perspectives of diversity including age, race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and sexual orientation.

Professional Integrity: Students will describe, analyze and evaluate the ethical standards of the components of the Criminal Justice field. Components include policing, courts and corrections.

Curriculum
The Department of Criminal Justice offers a curriculum that will provide students with a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system and its interrelationship with society. The courses will offer students an in-depth knowledge about the crime problem in society, perpetrators of crime, and theoretical causes of crime. This foundation will prepare students for successful careers in the field as well as graduate, law, or other professional schools. Completion of the program will also enhance opportunities for career advancement for those already in criminal justice careers.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
120 Hours for Graduation
General Education = 38-40 Hours
Major Courses = 39 Hours
CJ Cognate Courses = 12 Hours
15 Hours of Option Area Courses
Option Areas:
- Courts/Legal Studies
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- Forensic Investigation
General Electives = 14-16 Hours

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Forensic Science Option
120-121 Hours for Graduation
General Education = 32-33 Hours*
Major Courses = 40 Hours
Forensic/Natural Sci. Courses = 42 Hours
General Electives = 6 Hours