Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Prepare to be a leader in today’s criminal justice arena.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE
Whether you dream of working in law enforcement, corrections, probation/parole, with at-risk youth or with victims of crime, Rivier’s Criminal Justice program can help make your dream a reality. Small classes with personal attention from faculty help you examine the criminal justice system, learn how to conduct criminal investigations and explore social welfare issues.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission—“transforming hearts and minds to serve the world”—ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Rivier’s Criminal Justice program combines faculty experts and real-world experience in a variety of disciplines, including law, political science, sociology, and history. Computer labs and electronic databases allow students to conduct the research and data collection crucial to their major. The Criminal Justice program takes students beyond the classroom and encourages them to apply what they have learned to real-life situations. Students will have the opportunity to go on police ride-alongs, tour prisons, and visit courtrooms, and learn from faculty and guest lecturers currently practicing in the field.

ACCESS THE WORLD
Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities
Vocational areas available to criminal justice graduates include law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, case management, victim services and working with at-risk youth. Students are given the opportunity to participate in multiple internships beginning after their freshman year — the curriculum challenges students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations through a series of foundational courses culminating in a senior internship/practicum in a legal setting such as a police department, prosecutor’s or public defender’s office, probation/parole office, or a correctional facility. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in various study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led week-long study tours to entire semesters spent at a university abroad.

CAREERS
Rivier’s Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program prepares students for a career in the wide array of public and private opportunities in the field of criminal justice including law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, case management, victim services and working with at-risk youth, and more.

Graduates from the Criminal Justice degree program might pursue a career in one of the following fields:
- Law Enforcement, including at the local, state and federal levels
- Corrections
- Probation and parole
- Caseworker
- Victim Services
- Working with at-risk youth
- As a paralegal

Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
CJ 160 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 200 - Legal Writing and Research
CJ 220 - Criminal Law and Procedure
CJ 240 - Policing
CJ 270 - Introduction to Victimology
CJ 326 - Juvenile Justice
CJ 330 - Corrections and Community Supervision
CJ 400 - Professional Ethics
CJ 495 - Internship/Practicum

RELATED SCIENCE, HISTORY, SOCIAL SCIENCE
HIS 102 - United States History II
HIS 401 - Constitutional History of the U.S.
POL 252 - U.S. Federal, State and Local Government
PSY 230 - Forensic Psychology
SOC 203 - Criminology

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION
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