

Prepare to be a leader in today's justice system.

Why Study Criminal Justice at Rivier

Rivier's Criminal Justice program examines the law, the causes of crime, and the operations of the justice system. Students gain a strong foundation for success in a wide range of criminal-justice careers as well as for graduate study in fields such as law, psychology, business, and related disciplines.

Build Your Knowledge Base

The curriculum integrates coursework in criminal justice, law, political science, sociology, and history, giving students a broad understanding of the forces that shape justice systems. Graduates are prepared to excel in diverse roles and adapt as their careers evolve.

Gain Real-World Experience

The program emphasizes hands-on learning, requiring students to apply classroom knowledge in professional settings. Students complete at least one internship with a municipal, state, or federal law enforcement agency, correctional facility, law office, victim assistance organization, probation and parole department, drug court, or another justice-system agency, helping to build professional networks before graduation.

Begin Your Career

Criminal Justice major graduates may pursue careers in:

- Law enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels
- Corrections facilities
- Probation/parole
- Victim services
- Working with at-risk youth and juvenile offenders

Advanced Degrees

Criminal Justice graduates are well prepared to pursue graduate studies and attend law school.



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of educational
excellence



100%
of students receive
financial aid



100%
of students complete
internships, field
experiences, or service
learning programs



Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled [Journeys of Transformation](#), aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.



Major Requirements

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REQUIREMENTS

CRIM 160	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIM 200	Legal Writing and Research
CRIM 220	Criminal Law and Procedure
CRIM 240	Policing
CRIM 270	Introduction to Victimology
CRIM 326	Juvenile Justice
CRIM 330	Corrections and Community Supervision
CRIM 395	Internship Seminar
CRIM 400	Professional Ethics

SCIENCE, HISTORY, SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

PSYC 230	Forensic Psychology
SOCI 203	Criminology

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students complete 11 to 12 three-credit courses (33–36 credits) to fulfill the total credit requirement for the program.

Minor in Criminal Justice

A minor in Criminal Justice is available to students. Please visit Rivier's Undergraduate Academic Catalog for requirements.

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Employment Promise Program

Rivier's [Employment Promise Program](#) enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center and features a tailored four-year academic and professional development plan, integrating experiences that have been shown to enhance overall employability and improve job search success.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/EPP.



You're Invited

Attend an on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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