



Rivier

UNIVERSITY

B.S.

Criminal Justice

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

Why Study Criminal Justice at Rivier

Rivier's Criminal Justice degree examines the law, causes of crime, and the justice system, and it prepares students to succeed in the field of criminal justice and beyond.

Build Your Knowledge Base

The program draws upon multiple disciplines, including the law, political science, sociology, and history. So that students may succeed wherever life's journeys take them, courses emphasize skills that are essential for all professionals, such as analytical, critical reasoning, and communication skills.

Gain Real-World Experience

The curriculum focuses on experiential learning, requiring students to apply what they have learned to real-world situations. All students complete at least one internship with police departments, jails and prisons, prosecutor offices, victim assistance bureaus, adult and juvenile probation/parole, drug courts, and federal law enforcement agencies. This enables students to begin developing a professional network before they graduate. Study abroad opportunities, clubs, and co-curricular events offer learning and leadership activities outside of the classroom.

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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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

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 395 - 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

General Elective Courses

Students complete 33-36 credits/eleven or twelve 3-credit courses.

Minor In Criminal Justice

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

Innovative

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, career investment goals, and a specialized, four-year academic/professional development plan that incorporates experiences proven to increase overall employability and success in the job search process.

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 a virtual or 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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