MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM exposes students to relevant social, political, economic, and philosophical issues confronting the justice system both within the United States and in other countries. In meeting the demands created by such issues as prison overcrowding, rising crime rates and violence, domestic abuse, and international and domestic terrorism, the demand for qualified graduates has increased significantly in recent years.

Coursework
The program incorporates a well-balanced curriculum that addresses issues in each component part of the criminal justice system. Students are also required to augment their studies with coursework in sociology, psychology, political science, humanities, science, math, English, and physical education. Consideration should also be given to coursework in business, foreign language, computer science, counseling, and other academic areas which best correspond to the student’s established career goals.

Minot State also offers a collaborative doctorate (Ph.D.) program with the University of North Dakota.

Career Opportunities
The focus of undergraduate education in Criminal Justice at Minot State is directed towards the development of both applied practitioners and the advanced training of those seeking to pursue a master’s or doctoral degree. As a social and behavioral science degree, the criminal justice program prepares students for a wide variety of career opportunities in law, law enforcement, the courts, corrections, and juvenile justice.

Criminal Justice professionals may interact with agencies at the federal, state and local level and with professionals in private security, loss prevention, counseling and treatment.
POST (Peace Officer Training Program)
The Minot State University Criminal Justice Program, in collaboration with Lake Region State College offers the North Dakota Peace Officer training program each spring semester. The program, which runs for 16 weeks starting after Martin Luther King Day, gives Minot State criminal justice students interested in a law enforcement related career, the opportunity to graduate with their undergraduate degree AND the POST certification.

Courses required

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (120 cr)
General Education (38 cr)

Required Criminal Justice Core Courses (24 cr)
No substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted with advisor and department chair approval.

CJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 300 Policing & Police-Community Relations (3)
CJ 322 Criminal Law (3)
CJ 330 Criminological Theory (3)
CJ 340 Juvenile Justice System (3)
CJ 370 Court Processing and Sentencing (3)
CJ 380 Corrections (3)
CJ 491 Senior Seminar (3)

Required Criminal Justice Elective Courses (21 cr)
Choose any combination of the following; no substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted with advisor and department chair approval.

Choose seven:
CJ 226 Introduction to Criminal Investigation
CJ 227 Children and Youth as Crime Victims
CJ 229 Interviewing and Interrogation
CJ 299 Special Topics
CJ 320 Probation, Parole, & Intermediate Punishment
CJ 335 Private Security and Private Justice Organizations
CJ 345 Policy Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 348 Legal/Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice: Interface with Homeland Security and FEMA
CJ 350 Criminal Procedure
CJ 362 Women in the Criminal Justice System
CJ 365 Law & Society
CJ 375 Gangs
CJ 385 Terrorism
CJ 390 Criminal Justice in Indian Country
CJ 394 Independent Study General CJ
CJ 395 Victims & Victimology
CJ 401 Administration of Criminal Justice Systems
CJ 420 Homeland Security Advance
CJ 450 White-Collar Crime
CJ 480 CJ Research and Data Analysis
CJ 497 Field Experience
CJ 499 Special Topics Criminal Justice

Electives (37 cr)
For a complete listing of courses and descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/cj.

All courses subject to change.