



Minot State
UNIVERSITY



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DEGREE OPTIONS

- **Bachelor of Science (BS) with a Major in Criminal Justice**
- **Minor in Criminal Justice**
- **Minor in Police Management and Investigations**
- **Minor in Law and Legal Studies**
- **Minor in Offenders, Risk Assessment, and Corrections**
- **Concentration in Criminal Justice Research and Policy Evaluation**

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Minot State University's **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** program exposes students to relevant social, political, economic, and philosophical issues confronting the justice system both within the U.S. and in other countries. To meet the demands created by issues such as prison overcrowding, rising crime rates and violence, domestic abuse, and international and domestic terrorism, the need for qualified graduates has increased significantly in recent years.

The students of the Department of Criminal Justice's programs not only gain knowledge about the etiology and dynamics of crime, the structures and functions of agencies, and the general operation of the criminal justice system, but they also acquire practical skill to implement this knowledge for developing evidence-based approaches and solutions to the ever-changing issues facing contemporary society.

Coursework

The curriculum offered by the MSU Criminal Justice program is one of the most comprehensive in the upper Midwest. The well-balanced course of study addresses issues in each component of the criminal justice system. Students are required to augment their studies with courses in sociology, psychology, political science, humanities, science, math, English, and physical education.

Students can augment their degree with minors in Police Management and Investigation; Law and Legal Studies; and Offenders, Risk Assessment and Corrections, as well as a concentration in Criminal Justice Research and Policy Evaluation. 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 MSU 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 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 (3)
- CJ 330 Criminological Theory (3)
- CJ 340 Juvenile Justice System (3)
- CJ 380 Corrections (3)
- CJ 491 Senior Seminar (3)
- LEGL 322 Criminal Law (3)
- LEGL 370 Court Processing & Sentencing (3)

Required Criminal Justice Elective Courses (21 cr)

Choose any combination of seven of the following courses; no substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted with advisor and department chair approval.

- CJ 226 Intro. to Criminal Investigation
- CJ 227 Crimes Against Children
- CJ 229 Interviewing and Interrogation
- CJ 299 Special Topics
- CJ 302 Use of Force in Policing
- CJ 320 Community Corrections
- CJ 332 Restorative Justice
- CJ 344 Media, Internet and Crime
- CJ 345 Policy Issues in Criminal Justice
- CJ 348 Legal/Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

- CJ 362 Gender Issues in Criminal Justice
- CJ 364 Cybercrime
- CJ 366 International Crime
- CJ 368 Campus Crime
- CJ 375 Gangs
- CJ 381 Institutional Corrections
- CJ 382 Correctional Rehabilitation
- CJ 383 Offender Risk Assessment & Typology
- CJ 384 Special Correctional Populations
- CJ 385 Terrorism & Homeland Security
- CJ 386 Juvenile Corrections
- CJ 387 Punishment – from Corporal to Capital
- CJ 390 Criminal Justice in Indian Country
- CJ 394 Independent Study General CJ
- CJ 395 Victims & Victimology
- CJ 401 Administration of CJ Systems
- CJ 402 Management Issues in Criminal Justice
- CJ 450 White-Collar Crime
- CJ 480 Research Methods in CJ
- CJ 481 Data Analysis Strategies in CJ
- CJ 494 Directed Criminal Justice Research
- CJ 497 Field Experience
- CJ 499 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- LEGL 350 Procedural Law
- LEGL 365 Law & Society
- LEGL 372 Juries
- LEGL 374 Comparative CJ/Legal Systems

Electives (37 cr)

All courses subject to change.

For a complete listing of courses and descriptions, go to MinotStateU.edu/cj.

Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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