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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Established in 1968, the Criminal Justice program at Minot State University has been in existence for over 25 years. During that time, the program has changed from a vocational curriculum geared almost entirely toward in-service training for employed police officers or students interested exclusively in law enforcement careers with a consideration towards a broader criminal justice orientation. The changes, for the most part, reflect both change in the demographic characteristics of students as well as changing professional interests of faculty.

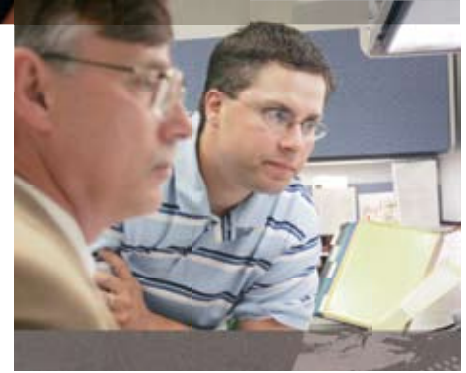
The Criminal Justice program at Minot State University exposes students to relevant social, political, economic, and philosophical issues confronting the justice system both within the United States and in other countries. In meeting the demands created by such issues as prison overcrowding, rising crime rates and violence, domestic abuse, and international and domestic terrorism, the demand for qualified graduates has increased significantly in recent years.

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 master of science (M.S.) degree in criminal justice for students who wish to continue their studies at the graduate level and 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 University 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.



Get Informed...

PROGRAM DETAILS

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Program Outline

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1. General Education 38 credits

2. Required Criminal Justice Core

Courses 24 credits

(No substitutions; equivalent courses from other universities may be counted; advisor and department chair approval required for waivers of the following required core courses.)

CJ 120 Introduction to Criminal Justice (prerequisite)	3
CJ 230 Criminal Law	3
CJ 300 Policing	3
CJ 330 Criminological Theory	3
CJ 340 Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 370 Court Processing	3
CJ 380 Corrections	3
CJ 491 Senior Seminar (must be taken final semester)	3

3. Required Criminal Justice Elective

Courses 21 credits

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

CJ 226 Introduction to Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 299 Special Topics	3

CJ 320 Probation, Parole, & Intermediate Punishments	3
CJ 345 Policy Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 350 Criminal Procedure	3
(Prerequisites: CJ 120 & 230)	
CJ 362 Women in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJ 365 Law & Society	3
CJ 375 Gangs	3
CJ 385 Terrorism	3
CJ 394 Independent Study	3
CJ 395 Victims & Victimology	3
CJ 410 Administration of Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 450 White Collar Crime	3
CJ 471 Mental Health Law & Justice	3
(Prerequisite: CJ 120; restricted to Jr. & Sr.)	
CJ 480 Criminal Justice Research & Data Analysis	
(Prerequisites: CJ 120 & MATH 240; restricted to Jr. & Sr.)	
CJ 490 Role Conflicts	3
CJ 497 Field Experience	3-6
(May be repeated once for 3 credit hours; consent of instructor)	
CJ 499 Special Topics	3
(Prerequisites: all core courses must be completed)	

4. Electives 45 credits

Minimum Total for Graduation. 128 credits

Additional Graduation Requirements

Must earn at least 60 credit hours from a 4-year college or university.

Must earn at least 30 credit hours in residence from Minot State University.

Must meet the minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

Required Courses..... 21 credits

CJ 120 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 230 Criminal Law	3
CJ 300 Policing and Police-Community Relations	3
CJ 330 Criminological Theory	3
CJ 340 Juvenile Justice Systems	3
CJ 370 Court Processes and Sentencing	3
CJ 380 Corrections	3

Minimum Total for Minor..... 21 credits