Consider a career in criminal justice
Our criminal justice (CJ) program will expose you 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.

As a CJ major, you will gain knowledge about the etiology and dynamics of crime, the structures and functions of agencies, and the general operation of the criminal justice system, while also acquiring the practical skills needed to implement this knowledge for developing evidence-based approaches and solutions to the ever-changing issues facing contemporary society.

Learn with Minot State
Our curriculum is one of the most comprehensive in the upper Midwest and is delivered in both traditional and online formats. The course of study addresses issues in each component of the criminal justice system.

You can augment your 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.

Our 2018 students scored in the top 92% nationally on the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT).
The focus of Minot State’s undergraduate education in criminal justice is directed towards the development of both applied practitioners and the advanced training of those seeking to pursue a master’s or doctoral degree. Our criminal justice program prepares you for a wide variety of career opportunities in law, law enforcement, the courts, corrections, and juvenile justice.

As a criminal justice professional, you 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 CJ program, in collaboration with Lake Region State College, offers the ND Peace Officer training program each spring semester. The program runs for 16 weeks and gives CJ students interested in a law enforcement related career the opportunity to graduate with their undergraduate degree and POST certification.

**Air University Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC)**
Minot State is a partner with the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) as part of our commitment to our Airmen. In 60 semester hours, you can achieve an advanced education beyond your associate degree. Our long-standing relationship with the Minot Air Force Base will empower you.

Our Veterans Services staff is available to guide active duty, transitioning active duty, veterans, dependents, and spouses through the application process.

**COURSES REQUIRED**

**Bachelor of Science with a major in Criminal Justice (120 SH)**

**General Education (38 SH)**
- 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 CJ
- 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

**Required CJ Core Courses (24 SH)**
- 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 CJ Elective Courses (21 SH)**
- 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 CJ
- CJ 362 Gender Issues in CJ
- LEGL 375 Gangs
- LEGL 376 Legal Issues in CJ
- LEGL 377 Legal Issues in CJ
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- LEGL 379 Legal Issues in CJ

**Electives (37 SH)**
- View course descriptions at MinotStateU.edu/cj.

All courses subject to change.