



### 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).

### DEGREE OPTIONS

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



Hands-on learning

Top  
**90%**  
in the ACAT

**\$45K**  
Average  
starting salary



Peace Officer Training  
Program (POST)



Degree available  
entirely online

## ▼ Career opportunities

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)

#### 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

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

Electives (37 SH)

View course descriptions at [MinotStateU.edu/cj](http://MinotStateU.edu/cj).

All courses subject to change.

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