CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AT THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice ONLINE
Minor in Criminal Justice

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA
Welcome to the School of Social Work and Criminal Justice at the University of Washington Tacoma. I am proud of our innovative and unique multidisciplinary school, that is committed to pillars of academic excellence through research, instruction, and community engagement. If you are interested in a Criminal Justice degree, you will find a community of diverse scholars and leaders who are devoted to your personal, intellectual, and professional growth. Paramount is student success, and we look forward to you joining us in advancing our mission, priorities, and values.

WE OFFER AN INNOVATIVE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE with both on-campus and online options, along with a criminal justice minor. A social justice focus is applied to each course, making it a unique approach to criminal justice education.

The curriculum attracts students who plan to seek employment with agencies serving crime victims, offenders and their families, or those interested in law enforcement, correctional settings and graduate degrees such as law school.

WHAT MAKES CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT UW TACOMA different?

AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE EMPHASIZES

- Social Justice
- Diversity
- Community Partnerships
- Systems Thinking
- Skill Development

UW Tacoma’s Criminal Justice Program is excellent. It covers a wide array of topics and applies it to current day problems and the professors are very passionate about teaching.

Gavin Wolfe
BACJ Online '22
Did you know?

56% of our undergraduates are first-in-their-family to attend college.

UW TACOMA IS THE ONLY UW CAMPUS to offer a degree in Criminal Justice

#1 IN THE STATE
Best Bang for the Buck in the West
Washington Monthly, 2021

#8 IN THE NATION
Top Performer on Social Mobility
U.S. News and World Report, 2021
How did our current criminal justice system and the challenges it faces come to be? What does change look like and how can it be achieved? Students in the criminal justice program at UW Tacoma will learn the history of the systems that shaped current policy and inform our understanding of crime and justice. Criminal justice students will also explore alternatives to our present system and how policy is being updated to reflect the times.

Our students are involved!

COMMITTED TO CAMPUS AND BEYOND

Active student groups create opportunities for service and leadership at UW Tacoma’s urban-serving campus.

Center for Service & Leadership

The Criminal Justice League

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society

Formerly Incarcerated Student Association

Pre-Law Society

Our students have traveled to and participated in national conferences (American Society of Criminology) and sponsored campus events like Take Back the Night, The Clothesline Project and the Poverty Immersion Workshop.
Did you know?

**YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR CJ DEGREE ONLINE**

A sequenced, cohort model follows the same curriculum and major requirements as the on-campus CJ major. All credits required will be available online, alongside other online UW Tacoma courses to help fulfill your degree requirements. Receive all the benefits of a classroom without the commute! Cj Online admits students for the autumn quarter only.

I was able to learn about the justice system in great depth. I chose the Criminal Justice major because I have seen too much injustice in this life to not try and make a positive difference. For this reason, my plan after graduation is to advocate for people in this community who have been affected by our justice system.

Sanise Henry
BACJ '21

For details on when and how to apply to the CJ or CJ online major: tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/swcj/bachelor-arts-criminal-justice
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## STUDY ABROAD

Students may earn credit for CJ-specific study abroad courses like Comparative Criminal Justice in Ireland and Northern Ireland, Justice in the Netherlands, and Comparative Justice in South Korea. Where will CJ go next?

## MINOR IN CJ

The CJ minor is for students outside the major interested in issues of crime and justice or are interested in a career in criminal justice as a specialty of their major field.
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

Martin Luther King Jr.

UW TACOMA’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE provides the knowledge and skills to those who plan to seek employment with agencies that provide services for the children and families of the incarcerated as well as law enforcement and correctional settings. A social justice focus is adopted, with a focus on harm reduction, rehabilitation and restorative approaches to crime and justice.

Internships provide criminal justice students with valuable experience that can help with a future career while also earning credit in the classroom. Our partners include regional court systems, law enforcement, legal aid communities and immigration rights groups.

Graduates of this major may also decide to continue on for advanced degrees in disciplines such as social work, law or criminal justice.

CJ CAREERS:
Advocates for incarcerated parents and their children
Victim and witness advocates
Local, state or federal law enforcement
Adult or juvenile probation officer
Offenders’ case managers
Corrections officer
Legal court administration
Diversion or pre-trial services counselor
Investigator
Work with at-risk youth
Community service managers
Social worker
Drug treatment/prevention
Paralegal

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

DRUGS AND CRIME
CORRECTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
CRIMINALIZATION OF SCHOOL BULLYING

SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES
CRIMINOLOGY
COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION
HOMICIDE
MASCULINITIES
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
LAW

YOUTH JUSTICE, CRIME AND PUBLIC POLICY
CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS
PUNISHMENT AND INEQUALITY
RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY AND DISPARITY
SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. **All things are bound together. All things connect.**

Chief S’ahl (Sealth)
Duwamish; Suquamish

tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/criminal-justice

For further info, visit: [tacoma.uw.edu/swcj](tacoma.uw.edu/swcj)

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