

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

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THE UW TACOMA SCHOOL OF

Social Work & Criminal Justice



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KEVA MILLER

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 criminal justice and human services agencies as well as those who want to pursue graduate degrees in law or the social sciences.

WHAT MAKES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AT UW TACOMA

different?

**AN INNOVATIVE
APPROACH TO CRIMINAL
JUSTICE EMPHASIZES**

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

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

Criminal Justice

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.

MINOR IN CJ

The CJ minor is for students outside the major who are interested in issues of crime and justice or in pursuing a career in criminal justice as a specialty of their major field.

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.

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society

Center for Service & Leadership

Formerly Incarcerated Student Association

Legal Pathways Fellows

Pre-Law Society

The Criminal Justice League



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**.



// Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice *everywhere* //

Martin
Luther
King Jr.

CJ CAREERS:

Advocates for incarcerated parents
and their children

Victim and witness advocates

Local, state or federal law enforcement

Adult or juvenile probation officer

Reentry 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

UW TACOMA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE

provides knowledge and skills to those who plan to seek employment in a wide-range of non-profit, law enforcement, human service, legal and correctional settings. A social justice focus is adopted throughout the program, with an emphasis placed on preventive, rehabilitative and restorative approaches to crime and justice.

Criminal Justice majors might pursue careers in a wide-variety of settings following graduation. Whether you are interested in becoming a victim advocate, a reentry case manager, work in a correctional facility or do prevention work with youth in the community, a criminal justice degree can provide the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a career that makes a difference in the lives of others.

PURSUE LAW SCHOOL OR OTHER GRADUATE STUDIES

While many students go on to pursue professional careers in justice-related, non-profit or human service fields after obtaining their degree, graduates of this major may also decide to continue on for advanced degrees in disciplines such as social work, sociology, law or criminal justice.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DEGREES EARNED
SINCE 2010



AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

CRIMINOLOGY

GENDER-BASED
VIOLENCE PREVENTION

HOMICIDE

IMPRISONMENT
AND REENTRY

LAW

MASCULINITIES

PUNISHMENT
AND INEQUALITY

RACIAL
DISPROPORTIONALITY
AND DISPARITY

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

SCHOOL VIOLENCE
PREVENTION

SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

YOUTH JUSTICE,
CRIME AND PUBLIC POLICY

CHILDREN OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE INVOLVED PARENTS

COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE DRUGS AND CRIME

CORRECTIONS AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Did you know?

UW TACOMA IS THE
ONLY UW CAMPUS
TO OFFER A DEGREE
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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!



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
BA CJ '21



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

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STATE

BEST BANG FOR THE
BUCK IN THE WEST
Washington Monthly, 2022

#8 IN THE
NATION
TOP PERFORMER
ON SOCIAL MOBILITY
U.S. News and World Report, 2022

54%

OF OUR UNDERGRADUATES
ARE FIRST-IN-THEIR-FAMILY
TO ATTEND COLLEGE.



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2023 BEST COLLEGES FOR
MOST POPULAR ONLINE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOOL



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2023 TOP PUBLIC
UNIVERSITIES IN
WASHINGTON



#3

2021 TOP 10 BEST ONLINE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS
IN WASHINGTON

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