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
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?

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

AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE EMPHASIZES

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

DEAN KEVA MILLER
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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.

PURSUING 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.

919 CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREES EARNED SINCE 2010

AREAS OF FACULTY EXPERTISE INCLUDE:
CRIMINOLOGY
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION
HOMICIDE
IMPRISONMENT AND REENTRY
LAW
MASCUINITIES
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
BACJ’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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Washington Monthly, 2022

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TOP PERFORMER ON SOCIAL MOBILITY
U.S. News and World Report, 2022

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