

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

W SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA



OUR PROGRAMS

Offered in both **on-campus** and **online** formats, the Criminal Justice major provides a multidisciplinary understanding of crime and justice within the broader social processes of our society. The Criminal Justice On-campus major courses are offered in a flexible format, with a mix of hybrid and in-person options, while the Criminal Justice Online program follows a sequenced, cohort-based curriculum designed to support working professionals. The program examines all major aspects of the justice system through an ecological systems approach rather than a narrow specialization, combining theoretical foundations with an understanding of the scientific method as it applies to crime and justice issues.

UW Tacoma's innovative Criminal Justice major emphasizes community partnerships, systems thinking, and skill development. Students are sensitized to the human impact of crime, including its differential impact across social groups and locations, and gain exposure to a wide range of rehabilitative and restorative approaches to crime and justice.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for CJ program admission, students must:

- Be admitted to UW Tacoma.
- 2.0 GPA or better (cumulative)
 - *Current UWT students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 in all UW coursework and be in good standing with the university.*
 - *Transfer and Running Start applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 in all transferable coursework.*
- Completion of **45 college-level quarter credits** before the start of the **CJ on-campus** program.
- Completion of **90 college-level quarter credits** before the start of the **CJ online** program.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of 2.0 or better:
 - 5 credits of English composition

CJ CURRICULUM

The Criminal Justice major is a 65-credit program with 45 credits of core coursework across five areas—administration of justice, corrections, criminological theory, law adjudication, and research methods—plus 20 credits of interdisciplinary electives that allow students to tailor the program to their interests.

Criminal Justice Core Courses

- **T CRIM 225:** Diversity and Social Justice in Criminology
- **T CRIM 361:** Mental Health, Substance Use and the Criminal Justice System
- **T CRIM 362:** Criminological Theory
- **T CRIM 370:** Police and Society
- **T CRIM 371:** Helping Skills in Criminal Justice
- **T CRIM 372:** Punishment, Incarceration and Society
- **T CRIM 395:** Criminal Courts and Society
- **T CRIM 390:** Introduction to Criminal Justice Research
- **T CRIM 441:** Senior Seminar: Professionalism and Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

LEARN MORE ABOUT CJ ADMISSIONS



tacoma.uw.edu/swcj/criminal-justice

CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES INTERNSHIP (T CRIM 498)

Hands-on, credit-bearing experiential learning that connects classroom theory to real justice work. Students apply academic knowledge in professional settings such as law enforcement agencies, courts, corrections, victim services, community organizations, or policy/advocacy groups.

- Available to junior and senior CJ majors with prerequisite coursework and GPA
- Earn academic credit while building field experience and professional competencies.
- Internship placements supported by the program; partners may include police agencies, probation/parole, courts, corrections, advocacy nonprofits, and more.

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Email us: swcj@uw.edu

Attend an event, sign up for our mailing list, and book an advising appointment



CONTACT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Feb. 28: Priority deadline to submit the FAFSA/WASFA

(p) 253-692-4374 (f) 253-692-4788
e-mail to uwtfa@uw.edu

CJ CAREER PATHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students are prepared for roles in the criminal legal system, courts, corrections, victim services, advocacy, community organizations, policy, law enforcement, and more.

CJ GRADUATES PURSUE WORK IN AREAS SUCH AS:

- Victim advocacy and survivor-centered services
- Reentry, restorative justice, and community-based support
- Immigration, human trafficking, and housing justice
- Youth development and LGBTQIA2S+ services
- Private security, investigations, and public policy

WITH ADDITIONAL TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR GRADUATE STUDY, GRADUATES CAN PURSUE:

- Law (prosecution, defense, or immigration)
- Behavioral health, substance use, and prison education
- Paralegal and legal support roles
- Forensic investigation and technology (police, sheriff, or medical examiner offices)
- Criminal investigation (detective)
- Advanced social work and human services
- Education (K-12 or higher education)

IMPORTANT ADMISSION DEADLINES*

Criminal Justice On campus

- **Mar. 15:** Priority deadline **Autumn Quarter Admissions*
- **Oct. 15:** Priority deadline **Winter Quarter Admissions*
- **Jan. 15:** Priority deadline **Spring Quarter Admissions*

Criminal Justice Online

- **Mar. 15:** Priority deadline **Autumn Quarter Admissions*

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Marc Walters Behavioral Health Scholarship
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