

Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Arts
College of Professional Studies

Choosing Your Path

The **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice** is an interdisciplinary social science program focusing on issues of crime, criminality, justice, and the criminal justice system. The program's primary purpose is to prepare students for careers in a variety of criminal justice occupations. The interdisciplinary approach of the program also prepares students to pursue a graduate education. Criminal Justice students may complete their degree at the main campus in Pensacola, or at either the Fort Walton Beach or Chipola College campuses.

Program Requirements

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the B.A. in Criminal Justice must meet the following requirements: General Studies (36 hours) and Lower Division Electives (24 hours), Criminal Justice Core Courses (21 hours), Criminal Justice Electives (21 hours), Criminal Justice Major-Related Electives (12 hours), and Upper Division Electives (6 hours).

The Criminal Justice program also offers four separate minors for students interested in complementing their alternative field of study with criminal justice courses. Minors include: Criminal Justice, Forensic Accounting, Forensic Studies, and Juvenile Justice.

Internships

In addition to completing core and elective courses, students are encouraged to complete an internship placement related to their area of interest. The internship is a cooperative effort between the UWF Criminal Justice program and both public and private sector criminal justice agencies. Several internship placements are available at the local, state, and federal levels. The purpose of the internship is to give students the opportunity to apply their education to actual work situations. Placements provide students with an invaluable opportunity to gain experience in their field of interest.

Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to participate in Kappa Lambda, the local student chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society and the Criminal Justice Student Association. Both organizations sponsor many professional and social events on campus, including the annual Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Career Fair. At the Career Fair, representatives from over 50 criminal justice organizations, including private sector companies and graduate schools, are available to students for career information. For more information, check out our website at www.uwf.edu/justice/StudentOrgs.

Scholarship opportunities are available to criminal justice majors from the Criminal Justice Foundation, as well as from the UWF Foundation. Over \$5,000 was awarded from the Criminal Justice Foundation last year, including the Steven Bolyard scholarship which is awarded to an outstanding Criminal Justice or Legal Studies student each year. Additionally, a few students were recognized for their outstanding leadership and scholarship at the University-level by being awarded a Pace Scholarship, Faculty Merit Scholarship or a Cowart Scholarship. For more information about scholarship opportunities from the Criminal Justice Foundation, please check out our website at www.uwf.edu/justice/scholarships.

Alumni

Crime Scene Technician:

Nadia Alberimi

Jackie Belden

Miranda Coffey

Escambia County Sheriff Office:

Scott Roessig

Trajan Cumbie

Heather Hale

Keisha Clements Lewis

Data Analyst Administrator

AT&T Government Solutions, Inc.

Eddie Cutter

Range Patrol Officer

Department of Defense

Child Protection Investigator:

Rebecca Williams

Siobhan Bryan

Pensacola Police Department:

Brian Jones

Brian Miller

Criminal Investigators

Medical Examiner's Office:

Karen Harvell

Jamie Thompson

Melissa Roper

Joshua Steiber

Brandon Walters

Loss Prevention Specialist:

Daniel Lumbard

David Whittle

Graduate School:

Heidi Elicio

Mike Wilder

Tarae Donaldson

Stephen Ruckman

Alison Brumley

Lydia Olson

Eric Bollinger

Neslihan Subi

Brian Jones

Juvenile Probation Officer:

Trevino Snowden

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Paul Viglienzoni

Security Services:

Deborah Janolek

Alumni

Law School:

Kristina Driggers
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Deann Gipson
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Julie Cleys
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Okaloosa Co. Sheriff Office:

Rosa Garcia
Neslihan Subi
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Michael Wilder

Florida Highway Patrol

Karey Roberts

Okaloosa Youth Authority

Joshua Tucker

National Park Service

Santa Rosa Co. Sheriff Office:

Jerry Utsey
Jera Honda
Jason Zahn

Michael Vranich

State Correctional Officer

Tallahassee PD:

James Hayden
Daniel Rouffa

Lindsey Daniel

US Customs Service

Donovan Walker

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Probation and Parole:

Tiffany Caldwell
Jon Mark Cooley
Howard Johnson

Attorney:

Kathryn Brown
Justin Warren

Delora Evans

Department of Juvenile Justice

The Faculty

Dr. Tammy Castle is an Assistant Professor at UWF's Emerald Coast - Fort Walton Beach Campus. She has conducted numerous research projects and published in the areas of serial murder, sexual behavior in prisons, ethnicity and crime, and hate group websites. Currently, she is conducting research on perceptions and attitudes surrounding jail correctional officers. Dr. Castle most recently co-authored "The Irish in Schuylkill County Prison: Ethnic Conflict in Pre and Post Civil War Pennsylvania," published in *The Prison Journal*.

Dr. Matthew Crow's most recent publication, on Czech police officers, appeared in *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*. He has also conducted research on police unions. His current research focuses on criminal sentencing and the effects of sentencing guidelines on judicial discretion. Dr. Crow is an Assistant Professor and is faculty advisor for the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Dr. Kathy Johnson is Coordinator of Criminal Justice at UWF's Emerald Coast - Fort Walton Beach Campus. Her current research interests include criminal justice education issues, the use of global positioning satellites to monitor community-sentenced offenders and Florida's 10-20-Life policy. She most recently authored "Student Experiences with a Distance Learning Telecourse: Practical and Pedagogical Issues" in *Professional Studies Review*.

Dr. Julie Kunselman publishes in the areas of criminal justice policy and education, as well as police administration. She partners with local, state, and federal agencies on internship and service-learning placements for students, as well as applied research studies.

Ms. April Robinson is Instructor of Criminal Justice at UWF's Emerald Coast Chipola College Campus in Marianna, Florida. Her areas of interest are juvenile justice and public administration. Currently, she coordinates the Youth Inspiration Mentoring Program at Jackson Juvenile Offender Correctional Center in Marianna.

Dr. John Smykla is Chairperson of the Division of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. His teaching and research interests focus on corrections, drug courts, and law enforcement. Recently he published "Correctional Privatization and the Myth of Inherent Efficiency" in *Crime and Criminal Justice (Roxbury)* and *Corrections in the 21st Century, Third Edition (McGraw-Hill)*. Currently he is researching the contributions of southern policing to 19th century law enforcement.

Dr. Cheryl Swanson has completed a number of research projects in the area of corrections. She is an Associate Professor and was nominated for Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2005. She has also won several awards for her efforts in encouraging student volunteer learning in the criminal justice field. Her current interests are restorative justice and victimology. She recently published "*Restorative Justice Applications to the Crime of Embezzlement: A Case Study*" in *ACResolution*.

For complete information about this degree, we invite you to contact:

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