

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## THE WCU ADVANTAGE

- Quality
- Affordability
- Convenience
- Experienced Faculty
- Kiplinger's Best Buy

# WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## Your Future is Here!

Grow personally and professionally by pursuing your Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at West Chester University in Philadelphia.

Within a public university renowned for student-centered education, the B.S. in Criminal Justice combines unmatched personal attention with the ability to tailor the program to your professional interests. Our high quality program is available in a traditional or accelerated format.



With flexible class offerings, the B.S. in Criminal Justice is designed to meet the needs of today's student who is often working and caregiving while attending school. Another great reason to choose West Chester University's B.S. in Criminal Justice Program is the cost. Because we are a state institution, WCU tuition is the lowest in the region. And next year, WCU Philadelphia students will receive a 10 % discount from our already affordable tuition.

Members of the Criminal Justice Program faculty are experienced professionals with advanced educational credentials. Experienced in corrections, courts of law, gang violence, offender rehabilitation, policing, probation & parole, and public policy, WCU faculty teach cutting edge courses related to contemporary issues impacting the Criminal Justice System.



## CONVENIENCE

- Evening hours to accommodate working professionals
- Center city location: 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

## B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**REQUIRED COURSES:  
21 CREDITS**

**CRJ ELECTIVES:  
24 CREDITS**

**CRJ PRACTICUM:  
12 CREDITS**



## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### CURRICULUM:

The Department of Criminal Justice of West Chester University offers undergraduate students with advanced standing the opportunity to complete their program of study to earn the bachelor of science in criminal justice. **The department can tailor courses to meet the specific needs of corrections and law enforcement (i.e., topical seminars).**

### REQUIRED COURSES (21 credits):

CRJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRJ 300 Criminal Law (3)
CRJ 210 Theories of Crime & Delinquency	CRJ 387 Criminal Justice Research (3)
CRJ 220 Corrections	CRJ 400 Criminal Procedure (3)
CRJ 287 Policing in America	CRJ 490 Criminal Justice Practicum (12)

### SAMPLING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES (24 credits):

CRJ 312 White Collar Crime	CRJ 435 Interviewing and Assessing the Offender
CRJ 314 Organized Crime	CRJ 455 Topical Seminar: Restorative Justice, Inside-Out, Effective Correctional Interventions, Correctional Law
CRJ 316 Terrorism	CRJ 482 Contemporary Legal Issues
CRJ 318 Environmental Crime	CRJ 487 Criminal Justice Ethics
CRJ 325 Animal Cruelty	
CRJ 365 Victimology	
CRJ 370 Gender, Crime & Justice	
CRJ 380 Computer Crime	

## PRACTICUM

All criminal justice students are required to work full time (37.5 hours per week) for 12 continuous weeks for an approved criminal justice agency. More than 600 federal, state, municipal and local agencies (public and private) have been approved by the department for our practicum students. In addition to full-time work commitment, students are also required to write several quality research papers to meet course requirements. This course is offered only in the summer. Students earn (12) academic credits for this required course.

## FACULTY

**Faculty in the bachelor's degree program** possess advanced degrees in the discipline. For applied courses, faculty also possess extensive experience in the field. This provides our students with a rich exposure to both theory and practical application.



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