



Central to Analyzing the Components of Crime.

Central's BA in Criminology helps students understand why people commit crimes, how crime impacts society, and what policies or programs can be used to prevent crime. Students prepare for variety of careers in criminal justice and related fields, further graduate studies, and/or career advancement.

Curriculum emphasizes on development of strong communication and critical thinking skills, understanding of diversity and equity, and ethical decision making. The program offers elective courses such as: Gangs in America, Hate Crimes, Cybercrime, Sexual Predators, Police Crisis Response, Cults and Conspiracies, Domestic Violence, Criminal Law, Drugs & Society, and Anger and Aggression.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM OPTION

The Department offers an accelerated program, where motivated students can earn a BA in Criminology and a MS in Criminal Justice in five years. Students apply in their junior year of study. Visit the program website for more information and eligibility requirements.

Program Features

- Full-time faculty include nationally and internationally recognized experts in the fields of criminal law, criminology, and psychology
- Part-time faculty are current or former leaders in the criminal justice field and represent a variety of agencies including the Connecticut Judicial Branch, Department of Correction, State Police, and State's Attorney's Office.
- Faculty have published extensively and trained criminal justice practitioners on topics such as sexual victimization, hate crimes, cybercrimes, juvenile risk assessment, forensic treatment, problem-oriented policing, police education, anger management, motivational interviewing, and cognitive-behavioral therapy
- Small class sizes taught by professors well-connected with criminal justice agencies
- Highly diverse student population
- Internship opportunities
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- Free on-campus child care available



Career Facts

- Includes over 2,000 alumni who work in all aspects of the criminal justice field throughout New England and the U.S.
- Alumni hold positions such as Police Officer, Conservation Officer, Trooper, Federal Agent, Federal and/or State Probation Officer, Supreme Court Officer, Correctional Counselor, Family Relations Counselor, Case Manager, Program Specialist, Substance Abuse Counselor, Victim's Advocate, Judicial Marshal, Bail Commissioner, Paralegal, Defense Attorney, Intervention Specialist, and Care-coordinator.
- Graduates employed by local, state, and federal agencies including, CT Judicial Branch, CT State Police, CT Department of Correction, CT Board of Pardons & Parole, Department of Children & Families, U.S. Secret Service, Drug Enforcement & Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, U.S. Supreme Court Police, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Federal Probation, U.S. District Attorney's Office.
- Graduates are employed by area non-profit agencies such as: Wheeler Clinic, Community Partners in Action, and Community Health Resources.

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The program provides a great foundation and a wealth of knowledge to help students become successful working in the field – regardless of what Criminology route they may so choose. All professors hold plenty of experience in field work and research and are able to teach students everything they need to know to thrive in their future careers.
- Karolina '14
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DID YOU KNOW?
Faculty secured over \$1 million in grants and contracts working with agencies such as the Hartford Police Department, CT Public Defender Services, CT Department of Correction, and CT Judicial Branch, U.S. Department of Justice, and the National Institute of Health.

Clubs

The purpose of Central's **Criminal Justice Club** is to promote the study of Criminal Justice; to further the education and advancement of Criminal Justice students; and, to encourage awareness and involvement of students who are passionate about the Criminal Justice field.

Internships

Over 100 students per year complete internships with criminal justice and related agencies, including:

- Local and state law enforcement agencies (e.g., Connecticut State Police, Department of Environmental Protection)
- Federal agencies (e.g., U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Probation)
- Connecticut Judicial Branch (e.g., Adult Probation, Family Services, Bail Services, Judicial Marshals)
- Connecticut Department of Correction
- Board of Pardons & Parole
- Non-profit community treatment and rehabilitation (e.g., Wheeler Clinic, Community Partners in Action)
- Victim services agencies (e.g., Survivors of Homicide, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
- Law-related placements (e.g., Office of the Public Defender, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants)

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The internship class prepared me with the building blocks of creating a well-written resume and cover letter which is vital in application processes. The class taught me how to convey my strengths through mock interviews. Spending time at Middletown PD gave me the opportunity to apply the principles I've learned in the classroom.
- Garrett S '18
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PROGRAM WEBSITE

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

