

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
UNIVERSITY



WHAT'S NEW?

2019-2020
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PROGRAM





EXPLORE YOUR PATH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

Exciting changes are taking shape in the Criminal Justice program at Western New England University for the 2019-2020 academic year. New concentrations, coursework, and faculty are making the widely popular Criminal Justice program even more relevant to today's opportunities in this growing field.

These enhancements include:

- **Four concentrations:** Criminal Investigation, Homeland Security & Terrorism, Victim Studies, and Administration of Justice
- **Fewer required courses** within the program (from 34 credit hours to 24 credit hours) to better allow students to select upper level Criminal Justice elective courses, including the electives within the different focus areas
- **An increased number of 300 and 400 level course offerings**, including 8 new upper level courses in fascinating subject areas ranging from Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, which explores criminal justice systems in other countries, to Victimology, Human Trafficking, and Immigration & Crime.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This major provides excellent preparation for careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, security, court administration, social services, private security, or working with victims of crime.

INTERNSHIPS AND FIELD WORK

In your junior and senior years, you will have the opportunity to complete up to two internships, working side-by-side with practitioners in various criminal justice-related agencies. Some of the most popular internship sites include federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; state and federal courts; state and federal probation offices; victim/witness advocate programs; pre-release programs; correctional facilities; state and municipal police training academies; social service agencies; and offices of local criminal attorneys.

LEARN FROM FACULTY EXPERTS

Our faculty is unique among Criminal Justice programs as a result of the combination of professional experience and academic proficiency. Courses are taught by award-winning scholars engaged in research across multiple areas of the criminal justice process, as well as practitioners teaching specialized courses in areas such as forensic science, law enforcement, and corrections. All of our faculty members have earned a terminal degree (Ph.D. or J.D.). Many have published in respected academic journals and authored books in this field. They range from a police supervisor with a law degree, who is the former director at the Western Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Academy; to a retired Massachusetts State Police investigator; to a former prosecutor; to a gang specialist; to an expert in victimology. All of our adjunct faculty members are accomplished practitioners in their respective professions.



2019-2020 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Required Criminal Justice Coursework (24 credits)

CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ-210	Criminology
CJ-211	Corrections
CJ-218	Police & Society
CJ-234	Judicial Process
CJ-315	Research Methods for Criminal Justice**
CJ-340	Ethical Decision Making**
CJ-450	Senior Seminar** or CJ-480 Internship**

CJ Electives (24 credit hours; 12 credit hours)

- Students who do not declare a concentration are required to complete 24 credit hours from General CJ electives and/or courses listed under the concentration electives.
- Students who declare a concentration are required to complete 12 credit hours from General CJ electives or courses listed under any of the concentration electives that are not part of their selected Concentration.

Total CJ credit hours required to graduate: 48 credits

**Fulfills 30 upper level credit hours required.

General Criminal Justice Elective Options

- Students with 1 concentration selected will be required to complete 4 CJ elective courses (12 credit hours).
- Students with 2 concentrations selected will be required to complete 0 CJ elective courses (0 credit hours).
- Students without a concentration will be required to complete 8 additional courses (24 credit hours); they may select from general CJ electives and/or concentration electives.

CJ 209	Special Topics
CJ 214	Drugs, Society, & the CJS (SO-214)
CJ 301	Research Methods (SO-301)
CJ 302	Women and the CJS
CJ 307	Qualitative Research Methods (SO-307)
CJ 309	Special Topics
CJ 313	CJ Interviewing and Interrogation
CJ 320	Probation and Parole
CJ 342	Juvenile Delinquency (SO-342)
CJ 348	Introduction to Cyber Crimes
CJ 349	Multicultural Policing
CJ 396	Current Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 403	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CJ 405	Organized Crime
CJ 4XX	Special Topics



Concentration Elective Options

- Students who have chosen a concentration are required to complete 4 courses within that area (12 credit hours).
- Students who have chosen 2 concentrations are required to complete 4 courses within each selected area for a total of 8 combined courses (24 credit hours).

Criminal Investigation Concentration

CJ 310	Criminal Law
CJ 311	Criminal Investigation
CJ 312	Criminal Procedure
CJ 322	Evidence
CJ 415	Forensic Science
CJ 420	CJ Investigation & Exoneration

Homeland Security & Terrorism Concentration

CJ 360	Intro to Homeland Security & Terrorism
CJ 362	Counter-terrorism
CJ 363	Weapons of Mass Destruction
CJ 375	Emergency Response Management
CJ 430	Human Trafficking
CJ 440	Immigration & Crime

Victim Studies Concentration

CJ 303	Victimology
CJ 304	Child Abuse and Neglect
CJ 343	Domestic Violence
CJ 353	Violence Against Women
CJ 425	Problem Analysis in Victim Studies
CJ 430	Human Trafficking

Administration of Justice Concentration

CJ 310	Criminal Law
CJ 312	Criminal Procedure
CJ 322	Evidence
CJ 341	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice
CJ 435	Writing for the CJ Professional
CJ 445	Mental Health & the CJS

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF COURSES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

Freshman Year – Fall Semester	Freshman Year – Spring Semester
CJ 101 (3 credits) SO 101 (3 credits) ENGL 132 (3 credits) MATH 1XX (3 credits) LA 100 (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>	CJ 218 (3 credits) HIST XXX (3 credits) ENGL 133 (3 credits) CS 131 or CS 133 (3 credits) PSY 101 (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>
Sophomore Year – Fall Semester	Sophomore Year – Spring Semester
CJ 211 (3 credits) CJ 210 (3 credits) POSC 102 (3 credits) LAB XXX (3 credits) SO 208 or SO 211 (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>	CJ 234 (3 credits) CJ 2XX or 3XX (3 credits) CUL XXX (3 credits) MATH 120 (3 credits) NSP XXX (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>
Junior Year – Fall Semester	Junior Year – Spring Semester
CJ 315 (3 credits) CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) [Concentration] GEN XXX (3 credits) ART XXX (3 credits) PH XXX (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>	CJ 340 (3 credits) CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) [Concentration] WIC 3XX-4XX (3 credits) SOC 305 or SOC 309 (3 credits) GEN XXX (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>
Senior Year – Fall Semester	Senior Year – Spring Semester
CJ 480 or 450 (3 credits) CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) [Concentration] CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) GEN XXX (3 credits) GEN XXX (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>	CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) [Concentration] CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) CJ 3XX-4XX (3 credits) GEN XXX (3 credits) GEN XXX (3 credits) <div style="text-align: right;">Total: 15 credits</div>
TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS: 120	

X indicates electives

To discuss your interests in studying Criminal Justice at Western New England University, contact Dr. Lisa Muftić, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, at lisa.muftic@wne.edu or 413-782-1555. Visit wne.edu/academics/undergraduate/criminal-justice to learn more.