

College of the ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminal Justice

About the College

The College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences supports the university's liberal arts foundation with a broad range of undergraduate and graduate course offerings and degree programs. The college exemplifies excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service and is home to the School of the Arts, the Council for Sustainable Futures, and six centers and institutes including the Center for Portuguese Studies and the Center for Public Policy Studies.

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The Criminal Justice program offers an appreciation of the complexity of American criminal justice and permits students the opportunity to understand fully the social, legal and technical processes within the various criminal justice agencies. The major offers a number of courses on the nature of criminal behavior, as well as its social and psychological causes.



Where can a Criminal Justice degree take you? Some possible career paths include law enforcement, criminal law, correctional officer, school resource officer, forensic science, teaching, federal agent, probation, parole, private security and research.

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Degrees and Programs

- Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, with concentrations in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Forensic Science, Juvenile Justice and Criminal Legal Studies
- Minors in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice
- Those majoring in Social Sciences can complete their concentration in Criminal Justice.
- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice



Our faculty

Phyllis B. Gerstenfeld (Chair), Ph.D., J.D. Nebraska ('96)

William Bourns, D.P.A., Oklahoma ('94)

Chau-Pu Chiang, Ph.D., Washington State ('91)

Huan Gao, Ph.D., Rutgers ('08)

Timothy Helfer, J.D., Santa Clara ('74)

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Robert Werling, Ph.D., Sam Houston State ('06)

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Interesting classes you might take

Criminalistics
Criminal Investigations
Criminal Law
Youth Violence
Going to Prison
Causes of Crime
Administration of Corrections
Hate Crimes
Police Ethics and Civil Liability

Course Spotlight CJ 3350:

Organized Crime

Presents a study focused on the phenomenon of organized crime, commencing with an exploration of the definitions of organized crime and its characteristic crimes. Centers on historical and contemporary problems faced by those in criminal justice.

Go online to www.csustan.edu/CriminalJustice for more course descriptions.

What you can learn

- To competently challenge theories, philosophies, values, and methods associated with traditional perspectives on criminal justice in oral and written discourse
- To identify and describe the nature and operation of the various components of the criminal justice system
- To understand the roles that race, ethnicity, class, gender and other facets of diversity have in criminal justice.

What you can earn

- Probation Officer, \$52,000
- Correctional Case Manager, \$43,000
- Juvenile Courts Counselor, \$55,000
- Police Officer, \$50,000
- Court Reporter, \$53,000

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