

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY

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Criminal Justice careers are growing every year. Current events, national news media coverage, and the globalization of crime have increased interest in the field. Due in part to increased security after 9/11 and advances in technology, both law enforcement and private sector security continue to be two of the fastest growing fields of this decade. If you are passionate about problem-solving and making a difference, criminal justice could be the major for you. As a criminal justice major at Pace University's Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, you will leverage your outstanding critical thinking and analytical skills while feeding your natural curiosity.

Our undergraduate **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (CRJ)** prepares students for work in law enforcement related jobs, positions in community-based corrections, victims' assistance, and the courts. The program prepares our students for graduate school in law, homeland security, public administration, criminal justice, psychology, social work, and sociology. Our curriculum is responsive to the marketplace and for a student's professional development. You will graduate with the skill set and knowledge for a rewarding professional career. We also offer an online executive master's degree program, the **Master of Arts in Homeland Security**. This program is offered in partnership with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security as part of the University and Agency Partnership Initiative (UAPI). The program combines theory and practice to prepare public/private-sector law enforcement, military, fire, public health, and other safety and security professionals to prevent and respond to crime, terrorist attacks, and safety hazards. The MA program is offered exclusively online and offers incredible flexibility for working professionals.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE

Our undergraduate students have successfully moved into careers in law enforcement with some of the following employers:

- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- U.S. Customs and Border
- US Probation and Pretrial Services
- Protection
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Secret Service
- Police and Sheriff's departments

Additional career options for bachelor's degree holders include:

- Drug enforcement
- Law enforcement
- Private security
- Foreign service officer
- Probation officer
- Intelligence and crime analyst
- Corrections
- Victims service agencies
- Criminal justice non-profit agencies

With a graduate degree and/or additional experience, other career opportunities include:

- Child welfare caseworker
- Assistant district attorney
- Court administrator
- Lawyer
- Counter intelligence agent
- Public defender
- Juvenile advocate
- Victims assistance
- Crime analyst

BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Exciting and relevant coursework includes criminal investigation, criminal law, evidence and procedure, criminal profiling, integrity, and ethics, police-community relations, community policing, terrorism prevention, probation, and corrections. Students are encouraged to minor in a subject area that will increase their marketability, such as computer science, a foreign language, or psychology.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE / JD IN LAW (3+3 PROGRAM)

Applicants to the combined BS/JD program apply during their junior year to begin law classes in their senior year. Applicants are required to take the LSAT and achieve a score of at least 155.

BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE / ONLINE IN MA IN HOMELAND SECURITY (4+1 PROGRAM)

Applicants can apply end of their sophomore year in consultation with the Chair and their academic advisor.

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CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Class sizes average from 30 students in 100-level courses to 20-25 for upper level courses, where student-faculty interaction becomes more intensive. CRJ students receive ongoing advisement from professors through in-class contact and during their extended office hours. Students can receive additional advisement by attending student sponsored events. CRJ faculty members are established leaders in their fields and bring practical experience into the classroom and provide opportunities for experiential learning.

INTERNSHIPS

The Pace University Internship program, the largest in the New York Metropolitan Area, assists Pace University students in obtaining paid and unpaid professional internships related to their major. Each year more than 1,200 Pace University students work in internship positions with more than 300 partner companies. Criminal justice majors have many opportunities to intern with various local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies, such as with the US Marshals Service, US Probation, Pretrial Services, local prosecutors, victim services, and juvenile justice agencies. Students may earn academic credit for their internship, and many internships lead to jobs upon graduation.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY

The Criminal Justice Society is a student-led club that provides resume-building professional experiences beyond the classroom and is found on both campuses. Members organize lectures, professional meetings, hands-on activities, and special events. Students involved with the Criminal Justice Society make new friends and develop a network of colleagues and professional connections.

CAREER PLANNING

Our department hosts a Criminal Justice Career Day and several mentor events where students meet employers from government, private, and nonprofit agencies and gain valuable insight into career opportunities. This event gives our students first-hand information on hiring exams, and many have landed jobs with the FBI, Secret Service, DEA, and other branches of government under the Department of Homeland Security. Additionally, many of our alumni proudly serve as members of the NYPD, Westchester County police departments, and beyond, including California, Delaware, Washington, DC, and New Hampshire.

