

Criminal Justice



MESSIAH
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES



The Criminal Justice Major

Criminal justice is for students interested in studying the causes, prevention, and control of crime, as well as the theories and policies relative to the structure and operation of the criminal justice system. With a commitment to professional criminal justice values and ethics, this major provides the opportunity for students to prepare for service and for graduate study in a diversity of criminal justice or related fields. Integrating the Christian worldview through its restorative justice perspective and a strong liberal arts foundation, the criminal justice major prepares students for responsible citizenship, teaches them the interdisciplinary nature of the field, and helps them to develop a comprehensive understanding of crime and of the criminal justice system within an analytical and conceptual framework.

Students will prepare for entry-level positions in the criminal justice field, including the areas of judicial services, law enforcement, private security, adult and juvenile probation, adult and juvenile correctional institutions, adult and juvenile parole supervision, victim assistance programs, and community-based correctional and rehabilitation agencies.

Career preparation is enhanced as students link classroom learning with hands-on experience and enrichment opportunities through practicums and internships. Our students have participated in these experiences at agencies such as adult and juvenile probation, work release facilities, the corner's office, and a secure facility for youth offenders. The Agapé Center for Service and Learning offers prospects for many additional enrichment opportunities.



Interested in the causes, prevention, and control of crime? Your future may be in criminal justice! In criminal justice you will study the causes and responses to crime, as well as the many criminological theories associated with crime. You can combine the criminal justice major with a minor in anthropology, sociology, urban studies, women's studies, peace and conflict studies, or a number of other minors available at Messiah. This major prepares you well for both entry-level careers and for graduate study in criminal justice and/or various related fields.

Curriculum

Credit hours shown in parentheses

Criminal Justice Major (59 credits)

Principles of Sociology (3)
Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
Introduction to Law Enforcement (3)
Criminology (3)
Research Methods (3)
Data Analysis and Social Statistics (3)
Ethics in the Criminal Justice System (3)
Criminal Law and Court Procedures (3)
Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
Juvenile Delinquency (3)
Corrections: Incarceration, Probation, Parole (3)
Victimology (3)
Restorative Justice (3)
Criminal Justice Seminar (1)
Criminal Justice Field Experience Preparation (1)
Criminal Justice Field Experience (3)
Introduction to Psychology (3)

Four of the following:

Social Problems and Social Change (3)
Social Conflict, Justice, and Peacemaking (3)
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender (3)
Drug and Alcohol Addiction (3)
Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
Human Diversity and Social Interaction (3)
Issues of War, Peace, and Justice in Biblical Texts (3)

Criminal Justice Minor (18 credit hours)

Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
Social Problems and Social Change (3)

One of the following:

Criminology (3)
Juvenile Delinquency (3)

One of the following:

Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
Victimology (3)
Restorative Justice (3)

Six credits Criminal Justice electives (6)

Although majors and course requirements may change from time to time, as stated in the College catalog, the preceding information is correct according to the 2005–2006 Catalog.



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Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

The Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice offers you three majors, six minors, and two concentrations from which to choose:

Majors:

Criminal Justice
Social Work
Sociology

Minors:

Anthropology
Criminal Justice
**Peace and
Conflict Studies**
Sociology
Urban Studies
Women's Studies

Concentrations:

Anthropology
Criminal Justice

Our Program

At Messiah College, sociology, social work, and criminal justice are strong liberal arts and professional majors, preparing students to work with people in a variety of ways.

The sociology, social work, and criminal justice programs provide a firm foundation for students to carry out the mission of Messiah College and lead lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation. These programs also prepare students for graduate study, resulting in opportunities for advanced practice, teaching, and research.

The sociology major includes three tracks: sociology, sociology with a concentration in criminal justice, and sociology with a concentration in anthropology. The department also offers six minors: sociology, anthropology, criminal justice, urban studies, peace and conflict studies, and women's studies. A minor in women's studies is offered in cooperation with the departments of psychology, and human development and family science.

The social work major is an accredited, professional program that leads to a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree and qualification for advanced standing status in an accredited Master of Social Work (MSW) program.

The criminal justice major engages the study of issues related to crime and justice from the restorative justice perspective. Steeped in biblical principles, restorative justice seeks healing, wholeness, and reconciliation for all parties touched by crime.

The subject matter of sociology, social work, and criminal justice is intriguing, interesting, and probing. Students develop a deep understanding of the relationship between individuals and society, and they are equipped to be agents of social change. Many students choose sociology, social work, or criminal justice because of the broad liberal arts base. Our programs are a good foundation for professions such as law, education, medicine, social services, ministry, missions, counseling, law enforcement, the judiciary, and corrections. All three programs include opportunities for internships and practicums, which relate "professional" work with academic study.

Opportunities

Messiah College and the surrounding area provides an excellent environment to carry out studies in sociology, social work, and criminal justice. In addition to the new Boyer Hall on campus, there are many opportunities and resources in urban, rural, and suburban locations.

Boyer Hall, a new state-of-the-art academic facility, includes classrooms, faculty offices, a social science resource room, and specialized facilities dedicated to student use.

Practical application of classroom learning is encouraged and students are often involved in field experiences in various social service agencies in the area. The department trains students in qualitative and quantitative research methods in preparation for graduate study. In addition, students are encouraged to take advantage of external programs, such as studying at Messiah College's Philadelphia campus, which offers students the opportunity to explore issues of diversity, social issues, and potential solutions through immersion in a large city context. Other options include semester-long programs in many parts of the world.

There are student-run organizations for sociology (The Dead Sociologists' Society), social work (Social Work Club) and criminal justice (Criminal Justice Club) majors. In addition, both sociology and social work have local chapters of two National Honor Societies on campus (Alpha Kappa Delta and Phi Alpha).

Our Faculty

Our faculty hold advanced degrees, have extensive experience in their fields, and are excellent teachers.

As seasoned professionals and published researchers/scholars, our faculty have firsthand experience in academic and applied sociology, social work, and criminal justice, which enhances their classroom teaching. Our criminal justice and social work adjunct faculty are not only engaging professors, but also bring with them many years of experience in the field. Featuring age, ethnic, and gender diversity, our professors are also caring, committed Christians who want to see their students grow academically, spiritually, and personally.

Our Graduates

While many of our graduates pursue human service jobs, others choose to continue their studies at respected graduate schools across the country.

Our graduates serve and work in many areas, including social service, corrections, child welfare, youth services, gerontology, probation and parole, juvenile and criminal justice, victims services, counseling, healthcare, Christian ministries, law enforcement, government, research, and many other areas.

About Messiah

A Messiah College education will challenge your intellect, shape your character, and press you to examine your faith.

A private, four-year Christian college, Messiah College offers you a world of opportunities.

You'll share your college experience with other inquisitive students, learning together from professors who are deeply involved in teaching and the emerging scholarship of their fields.

Your college endeavors may include everything from debating in the classroom to researching with the latest lab equipment, from pushing yourself on the athletic field to lifting your voice with a music ensemble, from caving during an Outdoors Club trip to soaring in the skies with the Flying Club, from sharing experiences in your residence hall to serving in towns nearby, cities nationwide, or locations around the world.

And when you graduate, you'll join our nearly 18,000 alumni who are changing the world in every field imaginable. Our alumni are shaping policy in Washington, D.C., reporting on world events, practicing accounting with top firms, and completing graduate degrees at places like Oxford, Yale, Duke, and Harvard. They're working in inner cities and serving with ministries both in the United States and abroad.

For more information, visit our website:
www.messiah.edu/departments/socio

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