**Degree(s)**
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in criminology and criminal justice
+ Minor in criminology and criminal justice

**Program Overview**
A degree in criminology and criminal justice provides a well-rounded academic orientation to the nature of criminal offending, law enforcement, court administration and the law, and both community and institutional corrections.

Criminology and criminal justice incorporates an interdisciplinary perspective to examine the causes and correlates of criminal behavior as well as institutions that respond to such behavior. A degree in criminology and criminal justice provides a well-rounded academic foundation to the nature of criminal offending, victimization, law enforcement, court administration, the law, and both community and institutional corrections.

Additional degree options include:
+ Pre-law track: For students planning to go on to law school, this specialized track combines traditional legal studies with criminology and criminal justice courses.
+ Honors track: For students interested in the stimulating academic experiences and intellectual challenges provided by the University Honors program, this track offers Honors-level criminology and criminal justice courses in addition to Honors core courses.
+ Minor: For those pursuing other majors who are also interested in criminology and criminal justice, a minor in criminology and criminal justice will give students an understanding of the profession and the core values of the field.

**Curriculum**
The criminology and criminal justice curriculum covers topics including law enforcement, corrections, legal procedures, theories of crime and criminal justice policy. In addition, there is a broad array of topics included as electives so students can tailor the major to their individual needs and interests. Below is an example of some of the core curriculum students in criminal justice will take.

Criminology and criminal justice courses (18 credit hours):
+ Introduction to CCJ or Introduction to CCJ/Service Learning
+ Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
+ Introduction to Criminology
+ Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice
+ Ethics in Criminal Justice
+ Criminal Justice Capstone

Criminal justice systems (six credit hours, pick two from five options):
+ Law Enforcement; Corrections; Juvenile Justice; Community Corrections; Criminal Law and Procedures

Nature of crime (six credit hours, pick two from six options):
+ Juvenile Delinquency; Contemporary Theories of Crime; Corporate and White-Collar Crime; Understanding Serial Killers; Victimology/Victimization; Career Criminals

Human justice (three credit hours, pick one from three options):
+ Multi-Culturalism for CJ Professionals; CCJ Externship/Community Project; Race and Crime

Criminology and criminal justice electives (six credit hours, pick two):
+ Comparative Justice Systems; Special Topics in CCJ; Criminal Investigations; Mentored Research in CCJ

**About the Faculty**
SLU’s criminology and criminal justice faculty are nationally recognized as leaders in community engagement with years of professional experience in the field and diverse research interests, including criminal justice decision-making, sentencing and punishment outcomes, and disparities in criminology and criminal justice.

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Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

A criminology and criminal justice degree opens doors to employment in the criminal justice system and many nonprofit organizations. Graduates might also pursue further education in law or other social sciences in preparation for professional or research careers. In addition, students have the opportunity to complete a field work practicum, allowing them to gain valuable, hands-on experience and make professional contacts prior to pursuing employment.

Career options in criminology and criminal justice include:
+ Crime scene investigator
+ Federal government agent
+ Investigator
+ Police or security officer
+ Correctional officer
+ Lawyer
+ Policy analyst
+ Probation and parole officer
+ Youth worker
+ Juvenile justice officer
+ Researcher

For students interested in studying abroad, SLU has a wide variety of programs, including a campus located in Madrid, Spain, where students can study abroad while earning SLU credit.

SLU has a strong service-learning component. Students can embody SLU’s Jesuit mission by using the knowledge they gain in the classroom to serve others. Students can volunteer at organizations around St. Louis, and SLU collaborates with more than 250 social service agencies where students can explore all the areas of criminology and criminal justice with guidance from seasoned professionals.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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