



Gain broad experience

You'll be exposed to both the concepts of criminal justice and practical skills related to the field of law. Coursework covers criminal law, civil law, constitutional law, civil rights, reform efforts, and ethics.

Prepare for an in-demand profession

There are a variety of career options, and a growing number of positions, within this field.

Why choose this major?

For Christians who care about justice and the sacred value of each life, learning to use the law with skill and understanding provides a way to be present where these needs are real and urgent. Your professors have done this work firsthand in the law and will share practical experiences alongside fundamental concepts. One of the primary goals of the program is to teach you to understand the principles and operation of law as it works in practice. This sets up students to graduate with flexibility and adapt to different vocations in criminal justice or wider legal work. Instructors also aim to help you discover the area of law that God is calling you to serve in.

Play a meaningful role in others' lives

Bring your expertise, and provide a positive presence, where the need is greatest.

SKILLS LEARNED

Conflict management + de-escalation practices

Data-informed decision-making

Critical analysis + problem-solving

Identifying critical information + legal issues

Foundational knowledge of the legal system

Understanding of the corrections system

Accessing + using the courts + court records

Understanding of movements + agendas seeking reform

Comparison of approaches in enforcing laws + sentencing offenders

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Probation Officer
Court clerk

Minors: Choose from 31 minors to complement your learning.

Popular one with this major:

History

Benefits of Vocation in this Industry

Everyone is affected by the law, and it therefore presents opportunities to do good and restrain evil in ways that profoundly affect our fellow citizens, our churches, and our communities. Yet the law is a tool given by God that has great potential for restraining evil and restoring people. Leadership and service that is driven by the love of God and the wisdom of His Word is desperately needed, and the impact on the lives of others can be enormous. Those who answer the call and enter vocations in the law and criminal justice can serve those who urgently need their help and be part of extraordinary moments of transformation and redemption.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- › Discover how the Word of God guides the priorities of criminal justice and law.
- › Understand God's role in the administration of justice.
- › Learn the principles behind fundamental limits on government power.
- › Understand the historic developments in protecting human rights + future needs.
- › Gain clear and practical knowledge of the workings of the legal process, courts, criminal justice system, + law enforcement.
- › Study and analyze major approaches to criminal justice reform, and evaluate their benefits and challenges.
- › Develop and apply an approach to criminal justice and law guided by the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of God's Word
- › Recognize and critique contrasting worldviews behind common approaches to criminal justice and law.
- › Prepare for a career in criminal justice or graduate programs in law or public administration.