

Student Learning Goal 1: Criminal Justice majors will be able to explain the goals, organization, and processes of the agencies comprising the American criminal justice system.

Students will:

- Objective A: Explain the organization and administration of law enforcement agencies;
- Objective B: Explain the role of criminal law, its application, and the criminal court process;
- Objective C: Explain court organization and processes at the federal, state, and local levels;
- Objective D: Explain the goals and administration of American correctional institutions at the federal, state, and local levels.

Student Learning Goal 2: Criminal Justice majors will conduct criminal justice research.

Students will:

- Objective A: Utilize legal research to examine laws and court decisions;
- Objective B: Develop a research question using appropriate conceptualization and operationalization techniques;
- Objective C: Select and apply appropriate methodology;
- Objective D: Analyze data and present conclusions.

Student Learning Goal 3: Criminal Justice majors will think critically and intelligently about the criminal justice system.

Students will:

- Objective A: Communicate and critically evaluate concepts of criminal justice;
- Objective B: Compare and contrast theories of crime;
- Objective C: Assess issues of diversity both historically and in their contemporary manifestations;

Objective D: Explain and evaluate the major policies designed to control or reduce crime.

Student Learning Goal 4: Criminal Justice majors will be able to recognize and analyze ethical issues and their implications.

Students will:

Objective A: Articulate their own values and appreciate other values systems (including those of people from different cultures);

Objective B: Think critically about ambiguous ethical situations they may encounter as a criminal justice professional;

Objective C: Apply ethical principles and ethical codes of conduct of criminal justice professions to hypothetical situations;

Objective D: Articulate the importance of ethics in conducting research.