Criminal Justice Learning Objectives

Recipients of a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice should:

- Comprehend qualitative and quantitative social science research, including basic introductory statistical concepts.
- Describe the constitutional concepts of due process, equal protection, and fundamental fairness in policing, courts, and corrections.
- Know the role of ethics and moral reasoning throughout the criminal justice system.
- Be aware of issues of diversity, including but not limited to gender, race, ethnic, cultural, and class issues, in the administration of criminal justice.
- Demonstrate writing, research, communication, and computer literacy skills sufficient to enter into criminal justice and allied professional fields, or alternatively to pursue graduate studies in such fields and disciplines.
- Employ critical reasoning skills to solve problems in selected areas of criminal justice.
- Compare and contrast traditional and contemporary theories of crime causation, and their implications for public policy.
- Describe the importance of the history, development, fundamental concepts, and current operation of our principal criminal justice institutions, their relationships to each other, and their relationships to the larger political and societal context.