



The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE with a Concentration in Forensic Investigation

Opportunities for criminal justice majors will continue to grow and expand. Professionals in criminal justice make a difference every day, and interact with doctors, lawyers, and researchers to improve the quality of life in a complex, modern, evolving society.

At Monmouth University, the criminal justice department is part of the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The criminal justice program is designed to provide a balanced and comprehensive overview of the nature and structure of the criminal justice system, with particular emphasis on preparation for careers in fields such as law, juvenile justice, corrections, criminal justice administration, and law enforcement. The program provides a solid preparation for graduate study. Monmouth also offers a concentration in forensic investigation.

The Monmouth Advantage

The Monmouth program is unique among its peers for several reasons. First, students study criminal behavior through an exposure to the behavioral sciences. In addition to basic and advanced professional courses, students can focus on one or more of the behavioral sciences as a minor.

Second, students acquire an understanding of technology. This is critical for criminal justice majors.

Much law enforcement and criminal justice work today involves computer technology, and only those who know how to use it well will rise to the upper reaches of the profession.

Third, a Monmouth degree always emphasizes real-world experience and skills. A one-semester internship is required for graduation. Students participate in this internship as seniors and are matched with the appropriate professional agency. Students have interned with local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, treatment facilities, and law offices.

Criminal treatment programs offer criminal justice majors a rich new field of study. One example is seen in our state of New Jersey, which is one of the first states to legislate treatment programs along with incarceration for repeat sexual offenders. This national trend is a new way to look at serious crime and programs for rehabilitation. Our program educates students about criminal motivation, and investigative techniques and strategies for apprehension of these offenders.

Growth in professional treatment programs will provide challenging opportunities for criminal justice majors.

A federal commission recommended in 1978 that a four-year degree be standard for a law enforcement position. Today, the state of New York requires a degree for all its state police. More states and municipalities are likely to follow.

Career Preparation

At Monmouth, a career path in criminal justice can lead to law school, graduate school, or research. Rewarding positions are available in treatment facilities, probation and parole or correction facilities, as well as with local or national law enforcement agencies. All provide interesting, challenging, and expanding career opportunities. In this fascinating and expanding field, Monmouth University offers an undergraduate program that positions students for career advancement, providing skills, experience, and knowledge that will last a lifetime.

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