About Criminal Justice Department

The Department of Criminal Justice provides a broad-based liberal arts education, with particular focus on crime and criminal justice.

Our program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the nature and causes of crime, criminal justice processes, criminal justice organizations and agency practices, and the law and legal system. They will also be exposed to scientific and theoretical models that are used for the analysis and critique of the criminal justice system.

Mission of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to your personal and academic development, the advancement of our disciplines, and the improvement of public policy and professional practices.

Our programs emphasize improvement of the quality of urban life by preparing you for professional practice through interdisciplinary learning, service, and scholarship founded on active collaboration among you, our faculty, professionals, and community members.

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Criminal Justice Career Options

- Private Security
- Youth Counselor
- Law and Courts
- Insurance Investigator
- Lawyer
- Private Investigator
- Judge
- Private Security Officer
- Bailiff
- Paralegal
- Pretrial Services Officer
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- FBI
- US Marshal
- Parole Officer
- Drug Enforcement Admin.
- Correctional Counselor
- Police Officer/Detective
- US Customs
- Community Caseworker
- Probation Officer

Graduate Program: Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a broad-based graduate program leading to a Master of Arts degree. The program addresses issues of crime and criminal justice within an analytical framework and emphasizes theory, research, and their implications for social policy. Once students complete the undergraduate coursework, they can apply for the Graduate Program.

http://criminaljustice.unlv.edu/grad/

Criminal Justice Academic Organizations & CJ Related Websites

Academic organizations that study criminal justice offer membership benefits such as news about the latest research and job offerings. Students are encouraged to get involved with organizations early on.

Related websites are also listed so students can further explore criminal justice interests.

American Society of Criminology: www.asc41.com/
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: www.acjs.org/
American Psychology-Law Society: www.ap-ls.org/
Alpha Phi Sigma: www.alphaphisigma.org/
Federal Bureau of Prisons: www.bop.gov/
Federal Bureau of Investigation: www.fbi.gov
US Supreme Court: www.supremecourt.gov
Office of Justice Programs: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/
U.S. Sentencing Commission: www.ussc.gov/
U.S. Department of Justice: www.justice.gov/

UNLV Academic Advising for Criminal Justice Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1009
Campus Location: GUA 4th Floor - North Wing
http://urbanaffairs.unlv.edu/advising/
Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning
FOCUS 2: UNLV’s computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html

UNLV Career Services
Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

• Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
• Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
• Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495
Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor
http://hire.unlv.edu/

Internship Opportunities
UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

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