

## Careers in the Field

Asset Protection  
Attorney  
Border Patrol  
Case Manager  
Correctional Officer  
Correctional Counselor  
Court Administrator  
Criminal Investigator  
Criminal Justice Specialist  
Customs Officer  
Deputy U.S. Marshall  
FBI Agent  
Federal Protective Officer  
Fingerprint Technician  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Insurance Fraud Investigator  
Internal Revenue Service  
Private Investigator  
Private Security  
Parole Officer  
Police Officer  
Probation Officer  
Research Analyst  
Secret Service Agent  
Youth Service Worker

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College of  
Professional Studies

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## Mission Statement

To prepare students for roles as knowledgeable citizens and responsible criminal justice professionals in a global society.

## Program Overview

The primary objective of the Criminal Justice Department at West Virginia State University is to welcome students who strive to make a difference within society and be successful professionals.

The Criminal Justice faculty are committed to assisting students achieve educational and professional goals. This program encourages the pursuit of excellence in order to prepare students for a career of professional service in the Criminal Justice field. The Criminal Justice Department assists in preparing these career pathways through a challenging curriculum encompassing areas of law enforcement, legal studies/ court procedures, corrections and forensic investigation/science. This program's educational experience embraces opportunities beyond the classroom, such as, internships, community outreach, student organizations and honor societies as well as participation/ attendance at various conferences.

## Program Learning Outcomes

**Knowledge:** Students will describe, analyze and evaluate the components of the Criminal Justice system and their responsibilities. Components include policing, courts, and corrections.

**Critical Thinking:** Students will comprehend, apply and synthesize critical thinking through interpretation of information, analyzing decisions, and evaluating facts, data, theories and terms.

**Communication:** Students will comprehend, apply and synthesize the ability to communicate using writing, speaking, listening, and understanding.

**Diversity:** Students will describe, analyze and synthesize the multiple perspectives of diversity including age, race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and sexual orientation.

**Professional Integrity:** Students will describe, analyze and evaluate the ethical standards of the components of the Criminal Justice field. Components include policing, courts and corrections.

## Curriculum

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a curriculum that will provide students with a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system and its interrelationship with society. The courses will offer students an in-depth knowledge about the crime problem in society, perpetrators of crime, and theoretical causes of crime. This foundation will prepare students for successful careers in the field as well as graduate, law, or other professional schools. Completion of the program will also enhance opportunities for career advancement for those already in criminal justice careers.

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice 120 Hours for Graduation

General Education = **38-40 Hours**

Major Courses = **39 Hours**

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**15 Hours of Option Area Courses**

#### Option Areas:

*Courts/Legal Studies*

*Law Enforcement*

*Corrections*

*Forensic Investigation*

General Electives = **14-16 Hours**

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Forensic Science Option

**120-121 Hours for Graduation**

General Education = **32-33 Hours\***

Major Courses = **40 Hours**

Forensic/Natural Sci. Courses = **42 Hours**

General Electives = **6 Hours**

