Why criminal justice?

If you are looking for a career with diverse employment opportunities, working in the criminal justice system may be for you. Much of what professionals in criminal justice do on a daily basis involves critical decisions that impact many lives. Very few other occupations have the amount of direct interaction with the public, oftentimes in stressful and dangerous situations, that criminal justice does. Added to this is the fact that these professionals have to continuously modify their actions based on the clientele whom they are serving and the situations in which they find themselves. It truly is a unique occupation. To take on such challenging responsibilities your heart has to be in the job, so to speak, because it is more than just a job. It is an occupation that impacts many lives on a daily basis. It is an occupation in which you have to be personally invested in order to give the public the best quality of service possible. It is an occupation that has a life of its own.

Why criminal justice at MNU?

Criminal Justice at MNU is a broad based curriculum that introduces the student to the entire criminal justice system. We believe that it is vitally important that students educate themselves on more than just the job descriptions and expectations of being a criminal justice professional. Within a Christian context, students are encouraged to come to terms with who they are as a person and how that fits the occupation they have chosen.

Will I have opportunities for internships?

An essential part of criminal justice major is a required internship with a variety of criminal justice agencies within the system. Opportunities exist for working with agencies on the local, state, federal, and international level.
In the classroom: Criminal Justice Applied

The criminal justice classroom experience provides students with the opportunity and assistance to acquire knowledge of the roles of policing, courts, laws, corrections, and international affairs as they contribute to social order. Students will gain knowledge of the history, concepts, and critical issues in these areas through criminal justice required courses. Students learn how to prudently integrate knowledge and practice in criminal justice. Furthermore, the classroom experience provides students with an opportunity to develop the individual and group skills necessary to meet various career expectations.

Travel
Education does not stop at the classroom door. We offer domestic experiential learning opportunities coast-to-coast and border-to-border. Also, an integral part of the Criminal Justice program is an active Criminal Justice club.

The Faculty
The Criminal Justice faculty members are student-oriented. You will be instructed by faculty who are interested in your future and success, both inside and outside the classroom.

What our students and alumni say about us
“Learned a lot, very stimulating” – Constitutional Law student
“I really enjoyed this class and learned a lot” – Survey of Criminal Justice student
“Prepared me for all aspects of the criminal justice system. Made me a better person” – Issac Kurtz, South Dakota Highway Patrol

“Gave me a foundation for working with families, courts, attorneys, and case workers”
- Andrew Secor, Temporary Lodging for Children

What other graduates are doing
Heather Dukat
Adolescent Drug Treatment Counselor
Duluth, Minnesota
Criminal Justice, class of 2006

Heather Slawson
Assistant District Attorney
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