BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts in CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Justice Starts Here.

Criminal Justice majors identify and explain the patterns of criminal behavior and analyze society's ability to control crime and delinquency. Students majoring in Criminal Justice study crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system through an interdisciplinary approach that combines legal studies, sociology, political science, psychology, forensic science, public administration, urban studies, and philosophy. Criminal justice focuses on the definitions, causes, and prevention of crime, and with legal processes and the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders.

PERSONAL

Our faculty have real-world professional experience to ensure you are challenged and supported through mentoring and the connections we provide.

PRACTICAL

Develop lifelong skills through your educational opportunities that are broadly useful, fully transferable and applicable to any challenge or career.

PURPOSE-DRIVEN

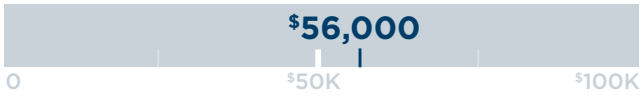
Use your degree as a stepping stone to pursue accredited certifications offered at leading organizations or post-graduate study programs.

CAREER AREAS:

- Law (Including Paralegal & Attorney)
- Correctional System
- Policing & Law Enforcement
- Victim Assistance Programs
- Private Security Design & Administration
- Fraud Investigation

PAY TRENDS:

The median annual wage* for the **Criminal Justice** field of degree is:



**Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Not entry level - varies based on location, education and experience. Recent graduates would need to earn experience and advance in career to earn a higher salary.*

"I'm currently employed with the United States Attorney's office for the Eastern District of North Carolina and attribute my success to the education I received at North Carolina Wesleyan."

Michelle D. Scott
BA in Criminal Justice

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BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Minor in Criminal Justice available.

General Graduation Guidelines:

- Total of 120 semester hours, 39 of which must be numbered 300 or 400 (Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours)
- At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive
- A declared major
- A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Become acquainted with the theoretical foundation of the criminal justice system
- Study of the most common crimes prosecuted in American courts, including homicide, sexual assault and theft
- Learn about the common defenses, including insanity and self-defense
- The study of criminal behavior as it relates to several varieties of crime
- Logic and methods of Criminal Justice research and its application, including project design; measurement, collecting, analysis, interpretation of data; ethical implications; and program development
- Reporting required to document encounters with criminals, victims, witnesses and other criminal justice professionals which must be in detail and in compliance with criminal and civil laws
- Understanding of the criminal justice profession and the issues confronted by these professionals
- Basic theoretical and philosophical understanding of the investigatory process. Analysis of problems encountered in interviewing, interrogating, evidence collection and admissibility will be examined and application of investigation theories

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

Applying to NC Wesleyan is as easy as **1-2-3**. You will have direct contact with a personal admissions counselor who will assist you every step of the way.

- Apply online for FREE
- Submit your high school transcript (*2.5 GPA or higher)*
- Complete your FAFSA at ***studentaid.gov*** *(School code is 002951)*

When we receive your application and transcript, we will provide you with an admissions decision and which scholarships you may be qualified to receive.

For more information on admission requirements, visit ***ncwu.edu/admissions****.*

APPLY TODAY!
Scan the QR code to fill out your ***FREE*** *application.*

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