Safeguard your community – start a career in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Degree Program
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Why a Degree in Criminal Justice?

Join the frontlines of public safety with a BA in Criminal Justice and Human Security

If working to keep your community safe sounds like a rewarding career path, then a degree in Criminal Justice could be a great fit for your future! Whether you're interested in pursuing a career as a police officer, special agent, corrections officer, or any other law enforcement or security position, our Criminal Justice and Human Security programs will expose you to the fundamental concepts of criminal behavior and contemporary policing needed to succeed in the field. Public safety professionals solve crime and keep people safe while working to create a sense of trust and respect between the institutions and the people they serve. By earning your bachelor's degree, you'll explore domestic and international security issues while sharpening your interpersonal skills and gaining the professional and investigative skillsets necessary for a rewarding career in Criminal Justice.

The world is changing, and the way we understand criminal behavior is evolving with us — there's no better time to dive into this in-demand field. Take the leap and start earning your degree in Criminal Justice today!
Achieve a career serving and protecting others through our Criminal Justice programs

Gain a comprehensive knowledge of domestic and international security

No matter your specific career goals, it’s critical that you gain an in-depth understanding of the institutions and laws that govern all levels of our legal system before entering this field. Given the geopolitical landscape of our world today, you must also understand the international dimension of public safety. At University of Bridgeport, you’ll study the issues affecting modern policing today and the field’s historical development. You’ll also explore the ethical and legal issues faced by criminal justice professionals as you learn to see the blind spots and major social issues that influence public safety and human security. Our program will prepare you to enter a number of roles with the necessary skills to achieve your career goals.

Tailor your degree based on your interests and career goals

You’ll work with experts in the field, including police commanders, detectives, state troopers, military veterans, attorneys, and other human security professionals to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to work in modern law enforcement, security, or emergency response.

Your career possibilities are endless

Earning your degree in Criminal Justice will make you a versatile and highly sought-after candidate after you graduate. The skills you gain apply to a wide variety of professional fields, and your career opportunities are almost endless!

Graduates of University of Bridgeport’s Criminal Justice program have gone on to secure rewarding careers in the following settings:

- CIA or FBI
- Corrections
- Crime scene investigation
- Customs and Border Protection
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Local and state law enforcement
- Private security
- TSA
- And more!
Why Choose UB?

Earn your degree at University of Bridgeport

You’ll be first at UB

At University of Bridgeport, we take a student-centered approach to learning. Our expert faculty are dedicated to giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve, and we offer a variety of resources such as counseling services, financial aid, our Knight’s Pantry, student involvement opportunities, and more. While you’re earning your degree, UB will be with you every step of the way!

A focus on career-readiness

Earning your Criminal Justice degree can lead to a fulfilling career with high earning potential, and University of Bridgeport will prepare you for success in the field. Our curriculum is tailored to give you the skills and experience you need to pursue any career in Criminal Justice and Human Security.
Criminal Justice core courses – 18 credits

The Criminal Justice and Human Security (CJHS) program requires 39 semester credit hours including 27 credit hours in the program core, 15 credit hours in one of the concentrations, and an additional 6 credit hours in a diversity requirement (one course from each of the other two concentrations). Students are required to complete 120 credit hours to graduate.

For complete curriculum details, please visit our website.
Admission Requirements

- Complete the application for enrollment at [bridgeport.edu/apply](http://bridgeport.edu/apply)
- Submit transcripts
  - Submit proof of high school completion or its equivalent
  - Submit transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (transfer applicants)
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- First-year students must submit a personal essay (optional if you choose to submit SAT/ACT scores)

*Admission requirements and tuition information updated for the 2023-2024 academic year.*
Financial Aid Information

Paying for college doesn’t have to be stressful. At University of Bridgeport, there are a variety of financial aid opportunities available to you, including scholarships, grants, student loans that need to be repaid, and work-study opportunities that provide a regular paycheck. The Office of Student Financial Services is ready to connect with you and guide you toward achieving your dream of a college education.

Check out our financial aid page to find out how University of Bridgeport can help you pay for your education.

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Student Resources and Support

At University of Bridgeport, we are committed to helping our students succeed. That's why we offer resources and support services to help you reach your personal and professional goals!

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