

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Criminal Justice at Drexel

Issues of crime and justice affect all individuals at some point in their lives — if only as tax-paying citizens and voters. Criminal justice legislation, policy and decision making, and matters of community safety and well-being require well-educated professionals to legislate, administer, communicate, and implement the work of the criminal justice system. Students in Drexel’s Criminal Justice program are well prepared to assume those roles and responsibilities.

Drexel Co-op for Criminal Justice

Placements in criminal justice agencies provide hands-on experience with professionals, extend classroom learning, and help develop careers. Co-ops are typically held during summer terms following sophomore and junior years. Criminal Justice students can participate in the following:

- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes two terms of full-time employment

A Few Drexel Co-op Position Titles

- Corrections Officer
- Investigator
- Paralegal
- Probation Officer

Employers

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students:

- City of Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office
- Delaware County District Attorney’s Office
- Federal District Court
- Forensic Laboratory of Philadelphia Police Department
- Juvenile Law Center
- New Jersey State Police Department
- PA Department of Corrections

Potential Careers

Crime Scene Technician. Work involves collection and preservation of physical evidence found at crime scenes; fingerprint processing and analysis; photography; physical evidence examination and analysis; packaging, preserving, and storing evidence; maintaining the chain of custody; and presenting court testimony as an expert witness.

Special Agent. Conducts investigations in organized crime, white-collar crime, financial crime, civil rights violations, bank robberies, foreign counterintelligence, terrorism, kidnapping, fugitive and drug trafficking matters, and many other violations of federal statutes. Also works with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in investigative matters of joint interest.

Correctional Counselor. Interviews inmates upon arrival to facility; writes a summary of the session; gathers pertinent information; and drafts an outline of proposed treatment, employment strategy, or coursework. Meets with inmates to discuss progress, assess problems, and inform the inmate of changes in program or schedule.

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Criminal Justice. Criminal Justice is the study of the agencies that apprehend, adjudicate, sanction, and treat criminal offenders. Students will study the history, policies, procedures, and issues regarding these agencies. Court and prison visits will give students an opportunity to augment academic knowledge with direct observation.

Forensic DNA Analysis. An introduction to DNA analysis methods in current forensic testing. Genetics, inheritance, and DNA biochemistry are applied to a fluorescent detection technology using manufactured DNA testing kits. Students are exposed to actual casework data and, as virtual analysts, present results to juries and judges.

Intellectual Property Theft. This seminar focuses on the changing nature of intellectual property theft in the digital age, legislative solutions for protecting intellectual property, and the challenges faced when investigating the theft of intellectual property. Theoretical explanations to account for intellectual property theft will be explored.

Sentencing and Punishment. Explores punishment, its various philosophies, theories, and approaches. Examines the costs and outcomes of incarceration, along with alternatives and disparities regarding age, gender, and race in sentencing. A review of the ultimate sanction, the death penalty, completes the course.

Learn More: University Catalog

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

Accelerated Degree Options

Accelerated degree programs, such as the BS/MD, BS/PhD in Engineering, BS/JD, and BS/MBA, enable academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and an advanced degree, graduating sooner than they would in traditional programs. Eligible students can be admitted to an accelerated degree program in one of two ways: apply as an incoming freshman through Undergraduate Admissions or apply to the Office of Graduate Studies after completing a minimum of 90 credits. To learn more about accelerated degree options, visit www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated.

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