How did the War on Drugs of the ’80s and ’90s impact urban communities, from street-corner drug dealing and violence to overall community health? How far will the War on Terror push the legal boundaries of government surveillance? How is “big data” being used by justice, intelligence and private organizations to identify social networks, assess risk, and make decisions about crime policy and resource deployment? Drexel University’s Department of Criminology and Justice Studies empowers students to address these and other issues of crime, criminality and justice policy.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY & JUSTICE STUDIES
Our department offers the only program in the U.S. that integrates crime mapping, hot-spotting, and intelligence analysis into our core curriculum, qualifying our graduates to work as crime and intelligence analysts at any level of government.

Students choose between three concentrations:

**Criminology and Justice Policy**
Emphasizing criminological theory, crime policy and justice analytics, this concentration trains students to identify new and emerging crime problems and security threats. Students learn to analyze and map crime and arrest data, as well as geotagged social media feeds, to identify hotspots of community danger, “risky” people and criminal networks. Key courses include: Crime Mapping Using Geographic Information Systems Software; Race, Crime and Justice; Crime and the City; Comparative Justice; and Prison, Society and You (taught in a local prison alongside inmates).

**Justice Informatics**
Drawing on criminology, justice and computer science, this concentration produces globally aware and technologically proficient graduates who bring an analytical approach to crime and security problems. In addition to criminology classes, students take eight courses in the College of Computing & Informatics where they learn to collect, manage and analyze the vast quantities of information collected by the American Justice System.

**Criminal Justice**
This concentration is designed for students who desire a more traditional criminal justice education (without the analytics), but who also want the flexibility to integrate a broad array of courses into their plans of study. With fewer required courses than the other two concentrations, this track allows students to largely build their own criminal justice major, which might include more justice-related courses and/or a secondary emphasis on economics, education, public health, global studies, security studies or a foreign language.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE
**Accelerated degree options.** For qualified students, we offer a BS-to-JD admission process that allows students to matriculate into the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law at the start of their senior year. To be considered for this program, students must apply as prospective freshmen during the admission process to Drexel.

**Minors.** All of our concentrations reserve enough “free” credits for students to take a minor. We recommend one of the following: a foreign language, economics, finance, information technology or computer science. All of these options make graduates highly marketable.

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COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING
The College of Arts and Sciences offers a range of community-based-learning courses that allow students to immerse themselves in course material and learn side-by-side with community partners. To explore justice in America, we take our students straight to the source; we offer two of our core courses in community settings — one of which (Prison, Society and You) is taught in a local prison.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
We bring courses to life through our annual crime and justice-themed study abroad trips. We’ve recently traveled to London, Munich, Prague and Israel. These short study tours fit easily into students’ spring break schedules, and can also serve as a springboard for traditional, full-quarter study abroad trips.

DREXEL CO-OP
Through Drexel’s cooperative education program, students embark on up to three, six-month periods of employment, exploring their career options, strengthening their résumés and building a professional network in the process. Students complete most of their technical courses before starting their co-op in the spring and summer of their junior year, making them a valued asset to their co-op employer. Whether working with attorneys or crime analysts, our students gain the professional exposure they’ll need to launch a meaningful career in the crime and justice work arena. Our co-op placements span Philly, D.C. and beyond.

EXTRACURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT
Some of the best educational moments come from informal interactions with professors and peers. We “cohort” our incoming classes to allow students to grow together throughout their academic journey, both inside and outside of the classroom. From our “GPS Tour of Colonial Philadelphia,” to our “Day on the National Mall” in D.C., to our annual visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City, we create opportunities for students to take advantage of everything Drexel, Philadelphia, and our surrounding region have to offer.