

Criminal Justice

AT BETHANY COLLEGE

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The criminal justice major at Bethany College offers a liberal arts education with professional coursework in the field of criminal justice.

The major is a multi-disciplinary study of crime, its causation, and the criminal justice system, which prepares students for challenging careers, develops leadership skills, and promotes professional ethics and service to the community. It prepares students for professional work and graduate studies.

The curriculum exposes students to the components, processes, and programs of the American justice system. In addition to core courses, students take general and supporting courses that introduce them to the social, historical, and political systems in which criminal justice professionals work.

Our faculty use their experience from working in criminal justice to bring theory and reality to their classes. These faculty members are dedicated to making Bethany a caring and educational experience that fits each student's individual needs and interests.

Additional career perspectives are obtained through practicum courses designed to assist in preparing students for work in their chosen field. On-campus programs and field trips are also arranged by faculty members and the Law and Order club, a student organization.

Criminal Justice Mission Statement:

The Criminal Justice Program seeks to prepare graduates for service in the criminal justice system in the United States by offering a value base, liberal arts education in conjunction with professional course work in the field of criminal justice.

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In addition to the major, the program offers three minors: court services and corrections, forensic science, and criminal justice. For more detailed information, please review the Bethany College catalog.

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Career Opportunities

Criminal justice majors go on to careers in many professions including:

- Law enforcement (local and federal)
- Field and institutional corrections
- Juvenile and adult probation

Other graduates have career aspirations that may require additional professional education in related fields, such as:

- Law
- Forensic sciences
- Youth services
- Drug and alcohol treatment

Many students continue their education in graduate schools.

The Career Services Office provides students with support and resources throughout the career-development process. The staff is prepared to help in the selection of career options and academic majors as well as with internship placement and volunteer service placement. The office also provides assistance with resume writing, preparation for interviews, and other elements of both summer jobs and permanent employment.

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What Courses are Available?

Core Courses Typically Taken Include:

CJ100 Criminal Justice Survey.....	3 hrs
CJ143 Police and Society.....	3 hrs
CJ220 Criminal Law.....	3 hrs
CJ310 Substance Abuse: Causes, Enforcement and Prevention.....	3 hrs
CJ320 Criminal Procedure and Evidence.....	3 hrs
CJ330 Introduction to Corrections.....	3 hrs
CJ345 Criminology and Delinquency.....	3 hrs
CJ390 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice.....	3 hrs
CJ397 Criminal Justice Practicum.....	12 hrs

Supporting Courses May Include:

EC/PY201 Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences.....	3 hrs
PS101 United States Government.....	4 hrs

Three courses selected from the following:

CJ200 Judicial Process.....	3 hrs
CJ201 Criminal Justice Administration.....	3 hrs
CJ205 White Collar Crime.....	3 hrs
CJ315 Terrorism, Homeland Security and America's Courts.....	3 hrs
CJ340 Criminal Investigations.....	3 hrs
CJ350 Juvenile Justice.....	3 hrs
CJ365 Forensic Science.....	4 hrs
PS332 Constitutional Law: 1st Amendment.....	4 hrs

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Academic Advising and Faculty

Your success in college depends on a close relationship with your academic advisor. At Bethany College, the academic advisor is an active partner with the student in designing an interesting and challenging academic program, encouraging the growth and development of gifts and talents to a higher level, and providing personal and professional support beyond graduation.

Come visit us!

Let us talk with you about our program, show you around and treat you to lunch! Call our admissions office to set up an appointment.



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Fast Facts

About Bethany: a four-year, undergraduate liberal arts-based college with a blend of professional programs

Location: Lindsborg, Kan.; 20 miles southwest of Salina, 70 miles north of Wichita, and 200 miles west of Kansas City; within a seven hour drive of St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Dallas, Denver, Omaha, and Sioux City.

Founded: 1881 by Swedish-Lutheran settlers

Religious Affiliation: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Degrees and Programs: 40 academic discipline majors and programs of study, 11 education majors within various academic disciplines, and contract majors

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Enrollment: About 600 students from 30 states and 14 foreign countries

Student-Faculty Ratio: 10:1; average class size is 12

Athletics: 18 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) varsity sports

Accreditation: Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association
www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org
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Bethany Mission Statement: The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service.