

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

EMPHASIS OF PROGRAM

The Justice program at Southwest Minnesota State University prepares students for careers in Police, Courts, Corrections and Prevention. It also educates them as citizens to engage as effective change agents.

This is a broad based liberal arts program designed for those who want to make a difference. You'll gain the tools and understandings necessary to work effectively within the current system and to transform it to create better justice, less crime and fewer social problems.

Our major has been certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Board as meeting the education requirements for peace officers.* Completion of our program makes students eligible to continue their education for peace officers by completing a separate Skills training course. The education and the Skills are required before a student is eligible to sit for the peace officer exam.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Justice Administration Program prepares students to work in a tremendous number of areas in local, state, and federal government as well as the private sector. The program integrates knowledge from all fields of justice to broaden understanding of police, courts, corrections and prevention. This gives our students the advantage of being able to transfer easily from one area of the justice system to another.

Graduates find jobs in community policing, probation, court services, child protection, juvenile facilities, prisons, educational settings, communities, substance abuse, conflict resolution, victim services, parole, case workers, correctional officers, counselors, private security, financial crime investigation, positive youth development, domestic violence advocacy, program evaluation, parks & recreation officers, investigators, criminological research.

A degree in Justice Administration is also excellent preparation for law school or for success in graduate school.

INTERNSHIPS

Through Justice Administration internships, students gain valuable work experience, and the field experience component provides students with an opportunity to apply what they have learned. Internship alternatives include working with police agencies, juvenile and adult facilities as well as state and federal agencies, the court system and corrections agencies.

Student can complete an internship anywhere in the country with an organization connected to justice.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming students may be eligible for a number of academic and leadership scholarships through the Office of Admission. There may also be a scholarship available through University Public Safety in combination with employment.

YOUR FIRST CHOICE

The Justice Administration program at SMSU is student centered. According to student survey results, 96% of majors say, "the instructors care about students." 100% of majors think they are getting a good education and the same percentage say they enjoy their classes.

The Justice Administration program

- Takes a critical look at the criminal justice system including evidence-based assessments of what works and what doesn't work
- Enables you to understand and appreciate different situations and problems, and to communicate across different backgrounds, circumstances and predicaments
- Improves written and oral communication skills
- Teaches you how to manage, motivate and work effectively with people from all different backgrounds and how to be effective in an organization
- Introduces cutting edge solutions and innovative programs from around the country
- Provides opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to real life situations through service learning, class projects, community outreach and internships

We encourage students to double major or obtain at least one minor. Particularly marketable combinations with Justice Administration include Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, or Spanish.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Justice Administration at Southwest Minnesota State University is poised to becoming a regional hub for information about restorative justice and crisis intervention. We are committed to community policing, problem-solving courts, effective and humane correctional systems, prevention and understanding root causes of problems rather than just the symptoms.

State and regional leaders in criminal justice frequently come to class as speakers and panelists. You'll have an opportunity to network with top professionals in the field and learn about the latest innovations and problems. Minnesota has been a national leader in a number of criminal justice areas. We are committed to understanding and furthering this advantage.

Justice Administration at SMSU is committed to the University's goal of making a significant contribution to the quality of life in southwest Minnesota. Our students learn to integrate theories and research findings into practical solutions. A survey of majors found 100% believe the program has something positive to offer the surrounding community.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

(CERTIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION) (49 CREDITS)

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION CORE (37 CREDITS)

JUAD 144	Introduction to Justice and Society	3
JUAD 240	Community Policing	3
JUAD 242	Corrections System	3
JUAD 304	Victimology	3
JUAD 338	Youth & Crime	3
JUAD 370	Criminology	3
JUAD 399	Criminal Procedure	3
JUAD 442	Court/Police/Corrections Management	3
JUAD 450	Advanced Criminal Law	3
JUAD 498	Senior Seminar	3
JUAD 398	Pro Seminar	4
PHIL 103	Ethics	3
	or	
PHIL 303	Ethics in the Professions *	3

ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

JUAD 238	Restorative Justice Circles	1
JUAD 239	Resolving Conflicts (Workplace)	1
JUAD 246	Introduction to Security	3
JUAD 286	Special Topics	1-4
JUAD 300	Women & Justice	3
JUAD 310	Crisis Intervention (adult) *	1
JUAD 315	Effects of Poverty and Race on American Justice	3
JUAD 320	Crisis Intervention (youth) *	1
JUAD 380	Corporate & White Collar Crime	3
JUAD 441	Organized Crime	3
JUAD 460	Rehabilitation & Prevention	3
JUAD 486	Special Topics	1-4
JUAD 499	Field Experience/Internship	3-12
COMM 310	Persuasion	3
ENVS 107	Intro to ArcGIS	2
MGMT 300	Management Principles	3
MGMT 333	Conflict Resolution	3
POLI 227	Courts and the Law	3
POLI 328	Constitutional Law	3
PSYC 200	Social Statistics + Lab	4
PSYC 235	Abnormal Psychology *	3
PSYC 360	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
SOCI 244	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3
SOCI 315	Applied Social Research Methods	3
SWRK 280	Substance Abuse	3
SWRK 330	Basic Interview Skills	3

*These courses must be taken by students going into policing to fulfill the PPOE requirements of the POST BOARD. Students intending to become peace officers must contact BC Franson and complete the PPOE Application, found at <https://www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/justiceadministration/index.html>

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