WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THIS MAJOR?

The Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts (Research and Policy Analysis) views crime as a social problem and seeks to develop in its students the capacity to critically assess the existing criminal justice system with an aim to improving its condition and function. The emphasis of the major is on developing analytical skills, ethical reasoning, and a capacity for solving problems. It aspires to cultivate creative and original thinking about one of the most challenging social problems of our time.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL

Assess and evaluate the role and function of institutions engaged in crime control
Articulate how institutions achieve social goals
Understand and describe how to create change within institutions
Focus on original research rather than secondary sources
Consider how race and ethnicity impact crime control
Design and carry out an original research project

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR

CJBA 110 Intro to Major Problems in Criminal Justice I
CJBA 111 Intro to Major Problems in Criminal Justice II
CJBA 120 Dimensions of Justice
CJBA 210 Legal and Policy Analysis of Criminal Responsibility
CJBA 220 Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Crime & Justice

See further major requirements at:
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/627.php
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Learn to formulate research questions scientifically
- Carry out experimental design
- Become adept at gathering and interpreting data
- Use data to evaluate critical policy questions
- Develop analytical and ethical reasoning ability

DEPENDING ON YOUR INTERESTS, WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Corrections
- Criminology
- Law
- Police Studies

For more information about minors, go to: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/662.php

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- You will be exposed to original research being carried out by the leading criminal justice scholars in the nation.
- You will learn what issues they believe are most important to the future of the American criminal justice system.
- You will develop a mentoring relationship with a leading criminal justice scholar.
- You will work closely with your faculty mentor on your own research project.

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Policy Analyst
- Criminal Justice Research
- Teaching
- Federal Service
- Policy-Making and Analysis
- Dispute Resolution
- Crime Analysis
- Law
- Victim/Witness Advocacy
- Community-Based Criminal Justice

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