**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLICE STUDIES**

**WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?**

The Police Studies Baccalaureate Degree provides a comprehensive understanding of the police in the American criminal justice system. It is a dynamic major that responds to issues of diversity as well as innovations and changes in technology, crime prevention and management. The Police Studies major focuses on the police as an institution, and offers concentrations in Police Administration, Management and Operations; Crime Analysis and Intelligence; and Investigative Science.

The Bachelor in Police Science program will allow students to enter the workplace with the theoretical and applied knowledge to accomplish four simply stated but vitally essential mandates of fair and effective policing:

- To prevent and reduce crime and disorder in communities
- To reduce the fear of crime in communities
- To improve the quality of life in communities
- To accomplish these goals in a fair and just fashion

While some Police Studies majors will enter the workplace directly, others who plan to attend graduate school will receive a solid academic foundation for future studies.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

Use and critically evaluate a variety of practical and theoretical approaches relevant to policing.

Use and critically evaluate a variety of practical/hands-on/research approaches relevant to policing.

Analyze and assess the quality of operations and methods in policing.

Integrate policing theory, research and policy in written reports and presentations.

Explain and discuss the importance of diversity, ethical considerations and statutory requirements that police and law enforcement professionals encounter as community care takers and providers of public safety.

**FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR**

- **PSC 101**: Introduction to Law Enforcement
- **PSC 202**: Police Organization and Administration

The foundation course for this major is **CJBS 101** (Introduction to the American criminal justice system)

*“The Police Studies major has provided me with a pragmatic sense of what policing in America actually encompasses. Courses associated with this major exhibit how police departments operate, from the management and financial aspect to patrol and criminal investigations. It serves as a terrific foundation for understanding police culture and has driven me to continue pursuing a career in law enforcement.”*

— William Morris, Police Studies Major
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Summarize, analyze, compare, evaluate, interpret and synthesize ideas about the police and the social forces they face.
- Present ideas verbally and in writing; interpret data and shape information into specific points and arguments as well as debate critical issues in policing.
- Develop a position on a topic and defend that position based on reason and logic to solve problems, advocate for change, or preserve the status quo.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Political Science
- Sociology
- Corrections
- Dispute Resolution
- Computer Science

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WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- Research and publishing with professors
- Data analysis with professors
- Comprehensive literature reviews
- Internships

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

- **Law enforcement, government and public sector:** Local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies
- **Security field:** Security and loss prevention
- **Private investigations**
- **Non-profit research:** Police Foundation, Police Executive Research Forum, International Association of Chiefs of Police and Vera Institute, Urban Institute
- **Graduate school:** Law school; master's and doctoral program

Students with an interest in computers are encouraged to develop some knowledge in that area, since computers are used routinely to commit many forms of crime. Computer-savvy professionals are in high demand, including city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Also, students with an interest in languages should develop their ability to read, write, and speak a second language. Crime is not isolated to one or two ethnicities. It is broad-based and involves ethnicities throughout the world.

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