

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION)

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

The Criminal Justice BA (Crime Control and Prevention) was completely revised in 2012 and now ranks among the most innovative criminal justice programs in the United States. Unlike most criminal justice programs, which emphasize factual knowledge of the status quo, the Criminal Justice BA helps students develop the capacity to analyze, critique, and change the existing criminal justice system. The professors who teach in the major view crimes as a social problem that can be researched, evaluated and improved. In the classroom, the emphasis of the major is on developing analytical skills, ethical reasoning, and a capacity for solving problems. The major aspires to cultivate creative and original thinking about one of the most challenging social problems of our time and to develop the next generation of leaders who will help solve that problem.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■■■

Analyze and critique the function of institutions engaged in crime control and explain how their operation might be improved.

View crime as a social problem and think strategically about how it can be responded to.

Articulate how institutions achieve social goals.

Understand and describe how to create change within institutions.

Focus on original research and documents rather than secondary sources.

Consider how race and ethnicity impact crime control.

Design and carry out an original research project.

Work closely with a faculty mentor, who is a leader in the criminal justice field.

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: Criminal Responsibility

CJBA 220: Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Crime & Justice

SPECIAL TOPICS COURSES ■■■

CJBA 358: Hate Incidents & Crimes

CJBA 363: Space, Crime, and Place

CJBA 366: Death Penalty: Law and Policy

CJBA 367: Wildlife Crime

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Learn to think strategically about crime control and prevention strategies.
- Formulate research questions to assess the effectiveness of these strategies.
- Implement a research design.
- Become adept at gathering and interpreting data.
- Use data to evaluate critical policy questions.
- Think creatively about alternative strategies and explain how they might be tested and implemented.
- Develop analytical and ethical reasoning ability.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- The aim of the BA is to teach students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. We believe that any minor that challenges you to think, read, and write will serve you well.

For more information about minors, go to:

www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- You will work with the leading criminal justice scholars in the nation.
- You will read and do original research with these scholars.
- You will develop a mentoring relationship with at least one of these scholars.
- You will work closely with your faculty mentor on your own research project.
- You will learn what issues these scholars believe are most important to the future of the American criminal justice system.
- You will develop the leadership and analytical abilities to be a leader in the criminal justice field.

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

- Leadership positions in federal and state agencies that make crime policy
- Leadership positions in police and corrections departments
- Policy Analyst
- Graduate study and a professorship
- Criminal Justice Research
- Federal Service
- Policy-Making
- Dispute Resolution
- Crime Analysis
- Law
- Victim/Witness Advocacy
- Community-Based Criminal Justice