

Criminology & Criminal Justice Degree

Core Courses

(Strong for ALL Social Service Careers)

- CCJ 200 – Criminology & Criminal Justice
- CCJ 317 – Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice
- CCJ 380 – Evidence-Based Justice

Optional Electives

- CCJ 208 – Careers in CJ
- CCJ 309 – Drugs and Crime
- CCJ 386 – Sex Crimes
- CCJ 360 – Victims of Crime
- CCJ 385 – Domestic Violence
- CCJ 365U – Crime and Social Justice
- CCJ 350U – Ethical Leadership in Criminal Justice
- CCJ 415 – Counseling Skills for Criminal Justice
- CCJ 480 – Reimagining Treatment and Justice
- CCJ 485 – Restorative Justice and Rehabilitation

Educational Opportunities

CCJ Internships *

Things to Consider:

- Earn academic credit
- Build professional networks
- Gain hands-on experience
- Explore agency culture

Optional Partnerships:

- Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services (Family Justice Center)
- National Crime Victim Law Institute (Lewis and Clark)
- Good Neighbor Center
- Janus Youth
- Girl Scouts Beyond Bars
- Hope Partnership
- Urban Bridges

** CCJ internships are not required, but available to all students seeking hands-on experience.*

Higher Education

Master's in Criminology and Criminal Justice or Social Work can help advance your overall career opportunities, mobility, pay, and job satisfaction.

Career Options

Crime Victim Navigator

Social Worker

Community-Based Youth
Program Leader

Community Outreach
Coordinator

Restorative Justice Facilitator

Domestic Violence or Sexual
Assault Program Coordinator

Criminal Justice Reform Policy
Analyst

Substance Abuse Counselor

Human Trafficking Advocate

Salary Examples

Victim Advocate

\$70,064

(Annual Average)

Child Protective Services (CPS)
(Social Service Specialist)

\$4,954 - \$7,592

(Monthly)

Juvenile Probation/Social
Services Officer/Juvenile
Correction Counselor

\$4,736 - \$7,751

(Monthly)

Academic Degree Add-Ons

Certificate in Criminal Behavior

Classes to Consider:

- CCJ 210 Intro to Juvenile Justice
- CCJ 305 Juvenile Justice Reform
- CCJ 370U Women, Crime, and Justice

Other Reminders & Notes

Plan Early:

- Timing of coursework, internships, and application due dates matter.

Double-Dip When Possible:

- Many CCJ courses count toward majors, minors, and certificates.

Meet with Advisors Regularly:

- Ensure proper sequencing and graduation readiness.

Build Your Resume:

- Attend University Career Center Workshops and Trainings
- Network at PSU Career Fairs, Viking Visits, and Class Guest Speakers
- Volunteer in your community (Idealist, formerly VolunteerMatch.Org and PSU's Gender Justice Navigator are two great community engagement resources)