Three Big Things:
- Interdisciplinary approach
- Individually tailored program
- Capstone and Internship opportunities

The Department of Sociology and Justice Studies offers a program in criminal justice, providing career education grounded in an interdisciplinary, liberal arts foundation.

We in the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies believe that a university must educate broadly to enrich both career and life. Accordingly, students in the criminal justice program will complete social science foundation courses, as well as core disciplinary courses. In order to assist students as they move into a variety of career paths, students will also complete coursework in an approved area of specialization.

Career Opportunities
The criminal justice major provides students with a variety of skills including critical thinking, oral and written communication, the ability to work effectively in groups and the ability to generate data and conduct basic research, all of which are desired by prospective employers in a very wide variety of settings. Criminal justice majors go on to successful careers in a wide range of settings mostly in, but not limited to, criminal justice agencies. Popular career settings for criminal justice majors include law enforcement, institutional corrections, community corrections and juvenile courts. Criminal justice majors work in agencies at the federal, state and local levels in addition to private businesses. The career options for criminal justice majors are not limited to line officer and case officer work but also include administrative and research oriented careers. Many criminal justice majors also choose to pursue careers in law. Criminal justice advisors are interested in working with students to identify their career goals early enough to help them shape the major and their experience within it toward their desired outcomes.

Curriculum
Students majoring in criminal justice will take an introductory course that orients them to the discipline followed by three foundation courses in the social and behavioral sciences that provide them with a grounding in theory, applied statistics and integrated research methods.

Building upon this foundation, students will take related courses in philosophy, government, sociology and psychology along with disciplinary core courses in criminal justice. These courses include:
- Introductory Ethics
- Criminal Justice Organization and Administration
- Criminal Law
- Crime & Society
- Abnormal Psychology
- Penology/Women in Prison

The remainder of the major consists of a specialization in criminal justice, also intended to further the career preparation of students. Current specializations in criminal justice include law enforcement, corrections and academic criminology for those students interested in graduate level study in criminology or a related field. The program also offers specialty courses in forensic field investigation taught by practitioners in the field. The major culminates with a discipline based capstone course and an internship requirement. The capstone experience entails students reviewing and applying what
they have learned in the major to criminal justice practice and the internship gives them practical experience in a criminal justice agency setting, a valuable preparation for employment. This major is designed to provide a thoroughly integrated liberal arts study and career preparation experience.

Preparation for College
Completion of a high school (or equivalent) degree is required for admission to EWU. Students considering a major in Criminal Justice are required to take two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language.

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The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney, within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master's degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
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