

Honors Opportunities in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice introduces students to the fundamental foundations in criminal justice and criminology by preparing students to think critically, contribute to society and enhance public safety. Opportunities for graduates include: working at the local, state or federal level as a practitioner or continuing their studies in graduate programs in criminal justice, criminology, law or related fields.

Honors Only Courses

Each fall, the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a section of CRJ 100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice) that is open only to Barrett Honors students. The goal of this course is to expose incoming students to the discipline in a cohort-based model. Thereafter, students may register for a variety of Criminology and Criminal Justice courses that are open only to Barrett Honors students. These honors-only sections of courses include the following:

Fall Semesters:

- CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 225 Introduction to Criminology
- CRJ 302 Research Methods

Spring Semesters:

- CRJ 303 Statistical Analysis
- CRJ 306 Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice (or some other upper-division course)
- CRJ 494 Special Topics (select courses in specialized areas of interest)

Undergraduate Research

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice encourages its top tier performing students to participate in undergraduate research. Our faculty is listed number three in the nation for productivity. Together, this outstanding group of professors and scholars has written more than 30 books, including best selling texts in policing, corrections, courts, criminal law, criminal procedure, and a variety of specialty areas including mental illness and crime; sex, sexuality, law, and justice; gangs; and victimology. The faculty includes award winning teachers, scholars, and mentors. Our faculty consistently works on a variety of research areas including, but not limited to, criminal law and procedure, gangs, drug use, court processes, prisoner reentry and reintegration, immigration, crime and social justice, and many others. As a high performing student,

you could work side-by-side conducting research with one of our nationally ranked faculty member as an undergraduate!

4+1: Joint Bachelors and Master's Degree

Have you thought about getting your master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice while working on your bachelors? Barrett Honors students who are nearing their senior year, who earn a 3.4 or higher GPA, and achieve high grades in their CRJ courses may be eligible for our joint bachelors to master's program. This program allows students to take 9 credit hours of graduate level coursework and have it apply toward both their bachelors and masters degrees. Doing this could result in finishing a master's degree in one extra year beyond completion of the bachelor's degree—saving both time and money.

Internships

Students in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice are highly encouraged to participate in internships. We partner with community businesses and criminal justice organizations to provide undergraduate internships in corrections, courts, federal agencies, human services, and law enforcement. We have a dedicated internship coordinator who is available to assist students in locating internships in their area of interest, as well as act as a liaison between the student and the internship provider once the internship has begun. By participating in an internship, you could earn college credit, gain professional work experience, and network with professionals in their field.

Study Abroad: Israel

This 14-day Summer Study Abroad program allows students to earn up to 6 credit hours toward their degree requirements. While being led by Criminology and Criminal Justice professors, students fly to Israel to learn intelligence gathering, national security and counter-terrorism strategies. With an emphasis on what works in Israel, students are tasked with considering what can and cannot be applied in the United States.

This extensive on-site training gives students a glimpse into secure facilities and protected environments that Israel has developed over the years to deal with terror-related threats and risks. The experience includes intelligence briefings, lectures, and on-site tours. Students are also afforded the opportunity to experience the cultural aspects of Israel, including the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, the Masada, and the Dead Sea.

Study Abroad: London

This 23-day Summer Study Abroad program allows students to earn at least 3 credit hours toward their degree requirements. Honors contracts are available to all Barrett Honors students who participate. Barrett Honors students may also earn up to 3 additional credits in directed research projects that integrate their experiential learning while abroad.

Under the direction of Criminology and criminal Justice faculty, this program allows students to explore the British roots of the U.S. criminal justice system by providing a comparative overview of (1) English Common Law vs. U.S. constitutional and statutory law; (2) the criminal trial and appellate court systems in both countries; and (3) the differences in the ways that criminal justice system actors—especially police, criminal lawyers, and correctional officials—are trained and work. The program includes academic visits to the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, then Houses of Parliament, the Inns of Courts, the Old Bailey, the Royal Courts of Justice, Her Majesty's Prison at Wormwood Scrubs, a working police department, and

several museums. Additionally, the program includes sightseeing visits to Stonehenge, Oxford, the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, theater experiences in the West End of London, and more!

The Honors Thesis/Creative Project

The Honors Thesis/Creative Project is an opportunity for Barrett students to work closely with Criminology and Criminal Justice faculty. Students conduct research in an area of interest with greater intensity than is possible in a single course. The thesis/creative project should be on a topic about which you are passionate. Through the duration of this project, you will work alongside CCJ faculty, select a review committee, and defend your final product. Please visit this Barrett Honors College, [Thesis and Creative Project](#) website for additional details.