Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

**MAJOR MAPS**

**FRESHMAN**
- Begin with your Core Curriculum Courses
- Enroll in CJ 1301 in your first semester and CJ 2301 in your second semester.

**SOPHOMORE**
- Continue taking Core Curriculum Courses.
- Enroll in 2000- and 3000-level CJ courses.

**JUNIOR**
- Ensure you are taking a good mix of CJ required and elective courses.

**SENIOR**
- Time for Senior Seminar and completing any required or elective courses. Don’t forget to register for graduation!

**LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES**
- Law Enforcement: $63,380
- Corrections Officer: $44,400
- FBI Agent: $64,629
- Crime Scene Investigator: $46,053
- Paralegal/Legal Assistant: $50,940
- Private Investigator: $50,090
- Victim Advocate: $49,470
- Reentry Coordinator: $43,379
- Attorney: $94,045

**CAREER POSSIBILITIES**

**TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR**
- Meet with your Freshman/Sophomore advisor in the AAC before registration.
- Meet with your Freshman/Sophomore advisor. Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Meet with your departmental advisor and review graduation audit once you reach 90 credit hours. Think about the MSCJ Program.

**YOUR MAJOR IN ACTION**
- Get to know your faculty. Take part in professional development opportunities in the College.
- Find a peer and/or faculty mentor. Continue to engage by attending events on campus.
- Seek out courses that fit your career aspirations. Talk to faculty about opportunities to engage in this career field.

**GET INVOLVED**
- You can join the Professional Society of Criminal Justice Students (PSCJS) as a freshman.
- If you haven’t joined yet, get involved in a student organization. Begin building your resume.
- Join PSCJS if you have not already. Also, you may be eligible for Alpha Phi Sigma, the National CJ Honor Society.

**GET HIP**
- Seek out course sections that are A+CE designated or designated as service learning.
- Begin to obtain career advising in the Department. Think about the CJ Field Experience course.
- Utilize the UHD’s career resources and also career advising in the Department. Continue service learning.
- Enroll in the Field Experience course or seek out volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule.

**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- While you are now at the beginning, keep the finish line in sight!
- Think about your career focus. CJ is a diverse field. What is the best fit for you?
- Continue thinking about your career focus and take courses in this area.
- Seek department career advising. Apply for jobs. The process may be lengthy.

**REFERENCE YOUR DEGREE PLAN FOR FULL COURSE INFORMATION**

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TOP 10 SKILLS employers look for:

- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS:

- Create a Job Mine Account
- Check in with your advisor
- Review your degree plan to stay on track
- Attend a financial literacy workshop
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center
- Seek out career advising.

Notes:

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