

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S.) or Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.)

UHD offers two undergraduate degrees for students planning to enter the criminal justice field and other areas of public service. The mission of both degrees is to prepare students for professional and managerial careers as well as research and advanced study.

The B.S. degree is designed for students just beginning their university studies and those who transfer academic course work from other 4-year universities or community colleges.

The B.A.A.S. with a concentration in Criminal Justice offers a seamless transfer from community college for criminal justice-related A.A.S. graduates. Students who haven't completed an A.A.S. degree but have completed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Basic Peace Officer Certificate are also eligible to enter the B.A.A.S. program and receive up to 24 hours of workforce credit toward the B.A.A.S. degree. Additional credit may be awarded for advanced levels of licensing.

UHD's Criminal Justice degrees teach you to integrate theory, empirical validation, and practical application. You'll develop strong communication and critical thinking skills by analyzing:

- The definition and measurement of crime
- The causes of crime
- Society's efforts to prevent and control crime

About the Program

Both the B.S. and B.A.A.S. are 120-credit-hour programs. You will receive an exemplary educational experience from accomplished professors. There are a variety of classes to help you discover what branch of criminal justice is the right fit for you.

Getting Started

1. **Apply for Admissions**
applytexas.org
2. **Apply for Financial Aid**
fafsa.ed.gov
3. **Fulfill Testing Requirements**
uhd.edu/testing
4. **Get Advised and Register**
uhd.edu/academics/advising
5. **Pay for Classes**
uhd.edu/cashiers
6. **Prepare for Class**

For more information, visit:
uhd.edu/admissions

Median Salary

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the national average salary of Police and Detective is **\$62,960**; Correctional Officer and Bailiff is **\$43,510**; Private Detective and Investigator is **\$50,700**; Fish and Game Warden is **\$58,570**; and Crime Scene Investigator is **\$57,850**.

Earn Your Degree

- Downtown
- Northwest
- Online

Contact

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713-221-8906
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Field experience (internships) are easily arranged for eligible criminal justice majors who want to experience working in a specific area of criminal justice. An internship provides you practical experience to which you can apply your academic knowledge.

Criminal Justice majors and faculty engage in high profile research and service learning projects with criminal justice organizations that benefit the local community and our students. Some of the organizations include:

- Houston Police Department
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- City of Houston Mayor's Office
- Harris County District Courts
- Children at Risk
- Harris County Community Supervision & Corrections Department
- Harris County Juvenile Probation Department
- The Beacon Center
- Children's Assessment Center



Affiliated Student Organizations

The Professional Society of Criminal Justice Students promotes the academic, professional, and social success of its members. It provides career resources, creates a strong support system for students and provides opportunities for community service.

Alpha Phi Sigma is a national criminal justice honor society that recognizes academic excellence of both undergraduate and graduate criminal justice students. Alpha Phi Sigma members are involved in community service and sponsor on and off campus events related to criminal justice.

Career Options

A Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice prepares graduates for a variety of careers. Potential employers include government agencies on a local, state, and national level. Non-profit and non-government work, academia, as well as for-profit corporations provide additional career opportunities. Some popular careers include:

