

Prepare to become a leader through Heritage University's Criminal Justice program.

At Heritage University, we know studying criminal justice is about more than just public safety. We teach innovative ways to approach public policy and justice in an ever-changing America.





BACHELOR OF ARTS, B.A. Criminal Justice

To get started on your criminal justice career today, visit us at *heritage.edu/criminaljustice* or call (509) 865-0440.





CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Our criminal justice program produces critical thinkers who are knowledgeable, communicate effectively, work collaboratively and adapt to changing realities and circumstances. You will learn the facts, concepts and knowledge affecting the development of public policy, justice, security and public safety in America. The curriculum promotes ethical behavior in applying skills and academic knowledge to practical situations. With this understanding, students are encouraged to think creatively about exploring ways to promote public safety, prevent crime and improve the state of the criminal justice system overall.

Graduates of Heritage University's criminal justice program go on to build fulfilling careers both in and out of the legal system. Heritage alums are found in law enforcement at the local and state levels, in legal offices, nonprofit organizations, in corporate safety and security, as well as law and graduate schools.

ALUMNI EMPLOYERS

Aveanna Healthcare
Comprehensive Healthcare
Franklin County Courts
Juvenile Social Services
La Casa Hogar
Nike World Headquarters
Sunnyside Police Department
Target Corp.
U.S. Army Military Police

Washington State Department of Corrections
Washington State Department of Revenue
Washington State Patrol
Winco Foods
Yakama Nation
Yakima County Corrections
Yakima County Courts
Yakima County Probation



WHAT COULD YOU DO?

- Legal assistant
- Corrections officer
- Police officer
- Sheriff
- Corporate security
- Prosecuting attorney
- Crime victim advocate
- Paralegal
- Tribal judge
- Mental health case manager
- Law school
- Graduate studies

Heritage seeks partnerships with agencies and professionals at all levels of the criminal justice system to provide specialized study, networking and internship opportunities for our students. Our students have spent a summer riding along with officers with the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, helped local residents seeking legal help for immigration issues while interning at a Yakima-area law office, and worked with forensic pathologists with the Yakima County Coroner's office, to name a few. With our faculty's deep connections to the industry, we can help you find internship experiences that match your professional goals. Which means you graduate with a degree, work experience, and a professional network.

"The Criminal Justice Program at Heritage University paved the way to my career with the Sunnyside Police Department.

The instructors were knowledgeable about the content and shared that knowledge and experience in a constructive manner that prepared me for my career in criminal justice. With their encouragement, I felt that upon graduation, I had the confidence I needed to succeed and become a well-equipped law enforcement professional to help others and keep the public safe."

- Miguel Juarez II ('19, Criminal Justice) Sunnyside Police Officer



SAMPLE COURSE GUIDE FOR B.A. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Courses in bold are part of the *GENERAL UNIVERSITY COURSE REQUIREMENTS*. This is a sample course guide and may change as needed.

FRESHMAN YEAR FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
UNIV 101 Foundations for Success	3	CRMJ 370 Survey of Criminal Justice System or CRMJ 200 Justice System or Admin of CJ	3
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
CRMJ 101 Intro to Criminal Justice	3	TECHNOLOGY or Program Elective	3
SOC 220+Lab Social Statistics or college-level math 100 or above	3 or 4	POSC 101 or POSC 201W or SOC 101 or PSY 101 Intro to Political Science, Intro to Sociology, or Intro to Psychology	3
FINE ARTS	3		
	15-16		15

SOPHOMORE YEAR FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
CRMJ 301 Criminal Law or POSC 313 Constitutional Law	3	CRMJ 370A Survey of Corrections & Juvenile Justice	3
PHIL 210 Logic and Critical Reasoning	3	World Language	4
ENG 351W Technical and Report Writing	3	LAB SCIENCE	4
CRMJ 300 Criminology	3	HUMANITIES	3
TECHNOLOGY or Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
	15		17

JUNIOR YEAR FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
CRMJ 315AW Survey of Crime Control Policies	3	SOWK 306 Cultural Diversity and Social Justice (Upper Core) Cross-listed SOC 305	3
CRMJ 371 or BADM 317 Interpersonal Communications in Criminal Justice or Professional Communications	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
	15		15

SENIOR YEAR FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
CRMJ 490 or POSC 490 Internship (Upper Core) Variable 1-6 credits	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
Program Elective	3	Program Elective	3
SOC 460W or SOWK 459W or CRMJ 499W Research Methods for Social Sciences (SOC 460W and SOWK 459W are cross listed) or Capstone	3	Program Elective (special project/Internship)	As Needed
	15		15

TOTAL: 122 CREDITS*

^{*}The criminal justice degree requires a minimum of 120 credits to complete. In some cases, such as in this example, your total credits may be more than the minimum requirement.

