The Major Experience:
CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A Criminology and Criminal Justice major is a social science approach to the study of crime. Students learn the key components of the criminal justice system, as well as criminological theory and research methods to understand criminal justice policy interventions and their impact on institutions and individuals.

Students gain a solid understanding of evidence-based policies and criminal justice interventions being used by professionals today. They also develop a number of skills and qualities that make them qualified for diverse employment opportunities, including:

- A foundational knowledge of the American criminal justice and legal system.
- An understanding of criminal behavior and an appreciation for the external factors that influence it.
- Problem-solving, creativity and decision-making skills that are honed by identifying new questions, designing research studies and evaluating data using statistical analysis to draw conclusions.
- Oral and written communications skills from preparing and presenting reports and research.
- High standards for ethics and honesty that are developed through reflection, critique and appreciation for what makes a just and effective criminal justice system.
- A solid network of Criminal Justice professionals, built through numerous site visits, guest speakers in the classroom, and relationships with full-time and adjunct faculty with work experience in the field.
- Relevant professional experience built through a required internship in the senior year.

In addition, Criminology and Criminal Justice majors build their career readiness through a multitude of courses within and connected to the major. Use the chart below to reflect on where and how the major has bolstered your Career Readiness:

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| Professionalism         | CJFS 5660 - Senior Capstone and Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3800 - Inside-Out Prison Exchange |
| Critical Thinking       | CJFS 5660 - Senior Capstone and Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3140 - Research Methods and Data Analysis |
| Career & Self-Development | CJFS 1120 - Crime and Justice in America  
                              | CJFS 5660 - Senior Capstone and Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
                              | CJFS 3810 - Topics in Criminal Justice courses:  
                                  | Case Management for Court-Ordered Populations; and Investigating Criminal Cases |
| Technology              | CJFS 3140 - Research Methods and Data Analysis  
                          | CJFS 5660 - Senior Capstone and Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice |
| Leadership              | CJFS 3715 - Mental Illness in Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3730 - Victimology  
                          | CJFS 5660 - Senior Capstone and Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice |
| Teamwork                | CJFS 3715 - Mental Illness in Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3730 - Victimology |
| Communication           | CJFS 3750 - Theories of Criminal Behavior  
                          | CJFS 3730 - Victimology  
                          | CJFS 3760 - Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Justice  
                          | CJFS 3780 - Special Topics: International Crime and Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3400 - Survey of Forensic Science  
                          | CJFS 3800 - Inside-Out Prison Exchange |
| Equity & Inclusion      | CJFS 1400 - Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice  
                          | CJFS 3800 - Inside-Out Prison Exchange  
                          | WSTD 3500 - Topics: Engendering Justice  
                          | CJFS 3780 - Special Topics: International Crime and Criminal Justice  
                          | SOC 3350 - Race, Racisms and Racialization |
CO-CURRICULAR COMPETENCY BUILDERS

Outside of the classroom, Criminology and Criminal Justice majors can build their Career Readiness through a number of co-curricular opportunities across campus. For example:

- Build your **Professionalism** and **Career & Self-Development Skills** through programs with the Career Development Center. Work with a Career Counselor, participate in an Internship, and hone your interviewing skills through the Practice Interview Program.
- Develop **Leadership Skills** through campus leadership programs like HU-LEAD, Hamline Undergraduate Student Congress (HUSC) or through opportunities like becoming a New Student Mentor or Residential Advisor.
- Hone your **Teamwork Skills** through Athletics, Campus Rec or through numerous Student Activities such as Center for Justice and Law (CJL) Investigates, Forensic Science Society, Mental Health Alliance, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, or Students Preventing Sexual Violence.
- Expand your horizons and build **Equity & Inclusion Skills** by studying abroad or participating in diversity organizations.
- Build additional **Critical Thinking, Technology**, and **Communication Skills** through on-campus employment or volunteer opportunities in the community around campus.

WHERE WILL YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?

A Criminology and Criminal Justice major provides Career Ready Competency and pre-professional training that can lead to a variety of career fields. In particular, Criminology and Criminal Justice majors often pursue careers in:

- Corrections
- Juvenile Justice
- Probations and Parole
- Reentry and Crime Prevention
- Legal Assistance
- Court Administration
- Private Security
- *Law Enforcement
- Global Intelligence
- Research
- *Teaching
- Private Investigation
- Legislative Advocacy
- *Criminal Law
- Victim Advocacy
- Youth and Family Advocacy
- Case Management
- Retail Loss Prevention
- *Academia
- Crime Analysis
- International Relations
- *Social Work
- Immigration and Naturalization Services
- Customs and Border Patrol
- Nonprofit Advocacy

* These positions may required additional education, licensure, or certifications beyond an undergraduate degree.