MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

• Demonstrate knowledge of the Criminal Justice System, its subsystems (the institutions and structures of police, courts, and corrections) and their interactions (processes).
• Demonstrate knowledge of the major theoretical explanations for individual motivations to commit crime as well as the nature/occurrence of crime which includes the prominent schools of criminological thoughts - the Positivist, Classical and Chicago Schools of Criminology - and emergent theories.
• Demonstrate the ability to analyze criminal justice literature, through reading comprehension and interpretation.

Program Requirements

Undergraduate students can obtain a CJC minor. A minimum of 18 credit hours is required, including the introductory course CJC 101. At least 9 of the 18 credit hours must be in courses at the 300 or 400 level, and at least 9 of the 18 credit hours must be taken at UMKC. Only 6 credit hours from the major field of study may be applied toward a CJC minor, and only 3 credit hours may overlap between two minors. Students should receive a grade no lower than a C- in the required course and should have an overall 2.0 GPA for the minor.