

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

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Department Description

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology offers programs of study leading to the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology

A program minor is available in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

The mission of the department is to extend knowledge about the nature of crime and criminal justice. This mission includes continuing participation by faculty in significant criminological research; other scholarly endeavors; and inviting students to join in that activity by:

- Learning the core materials of the discipline.
- Acquiring research skills.
- Assisting in faculty research.
- Becoming involved in student activities that supplement coursework and research.

Within the context of a liberal arts education, the program offers an interdisciplinary approach to study the criminal justice system. The program is designed to develop the intellectual skills required to function effectively as a field practitioner and to provide the knowledge base for careers as planners, administrators and researchers. The course offerings emphasize issues and problems relevant to policy considerations in criminal justice.

Department Activities

Financial Assistance

Students can receive financial assistance through various campus scholarships, loan programs, grants and the work-study program. Students who are interested should contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (<https://finaid.umkc.edu/>).

Alvin Brooks Scholarship

Award Amount: Varies

Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminal Justice & Criminology, who is in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Preference given to students who are a first generation college student, who graduated from an accredited Kansas City, Missouri high school or transferred from a Kansas City area community college. The student must demonstrate financial need.

How to Apply: Academic Works Scholarship Application

Clarence Kelley Memorial Scholarship

Award Amount: Varies

Qualifications: Full-time undergraduate student majoring in Criminal Justice & Criminology, who is in good academic standing. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to high academic achievement.

How to Apply: Academic Works Scholarship Application

Criminal Justice Club and Honor Society

The Criminal Justice and Criminology Club is open to all students interested in criminal justice topics; students do not have to be a Criminal Justice and Criminology Major. Club activities include service projects in the community, sponsorship of community speakers on campus, participation in local and regional professional meetings, and learning about internships and research opportunities. The department also has a chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, a national honor society for Criminal Justice students. Students must meet certain academic qualifications and pay an initiation fee to join this national honor society.

Cooperative Programs

The department cooperates with several other programs on the campus by jointly listing courses at the undergraduate level. Students may benefit from combining one of these areas of study with their major:

- Race, Ethnic and Gender Studies
- Honors Program

Graduate Academic Advising

Student academic advising is a continuous process in the department. The principal graduate advisor is available for consultation throughout the academic year. Graduate students are required to consult with the department to establish a tentative plan of study. A master's degree program of study form, and a form appointing a supervisory committee, should be submitted by the end of the student's first semester in the program. Students should leave their mail and e-mail addresses with the department so they can receive notifications concerning class time tables, new classes and other departmental news and opportunities.

Faculty

Misty Campbell, assistant teaching professor of criminal justice and criminology;

Lindsey Arbuthnot Clancey²; assistant teaching professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.A. (University of Missouri); M.S. (University of Missouri-Kansas City).

Cathleen Burnett professor emerita of sociology/criminal justice and criminology; B.A. (St. Lawrence University); M.S., Ph.D. (Vanderbilt University).

Janet Garcia-Hallett^{2,3}; assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.A. (City University of New York Hunter College); M.A., Ph.D. (Rutgers University).

Alexander Holsinger^{2,3}; professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.A. (Aquinas College); M.S. (Illinois State University); Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati).

Kristi Holsinger^{2,3}; professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.A. (Aquinas College); M.S., Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati).

Dale-Dan Irabor²; assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology;

Marijana Kotalja; assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology;

Toya Z. Like^{2,3}; professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.S., M.A., Ph.D. (University of Missouri-St. Louis).

Wayne L. Lucas; professor emeritus of criminal justice and criminology; B.S., M.S. (Illinois State University); Ph.D. (Iowa State University).

Ken Novak^{2,3}; professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.S. (Bowling Green State University); M.S., Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati).

Lori Sexton^{2,3}; associate professor of criminal justice and criminology; B.S. (Cornell University); M.A. (University of Pennsylvania); Ph.D. (University of California, Irvine).

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Undergraduate

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