CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FORENSIC SCIENCE B.S.

Our mission is to ensure students understand the ethical implications associated with crime, criminal behavior, techniques used to reduce crime, and the legal system

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THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (FORENSIC SCIENCE)

North American University's Criminal Justice Program seeks to provide a uniquely relative academic curriculum based on a holistic view of the American Criminal Justice System. NAU students will receive an education based on cutting-edge information from highly qualified professors and instructors who possess the academic credentials and global experience that remain relevant and current in an ever-changing world.

The program supports a wide array of Criminal Justice employment opportunities starting with entry level positions and extending as far as the students' desire. NAU is determined to improve the world of law enforcement, one NAU graduate at a time. Whether as a Crime Lab Analyst, Crime Scene Investigator, Forensic Investigator or any other critical law enforcement position, NAU students will be prepared to lead.

Total number of Criminal Justice employees is expected to increase by 158,200 from 2016 to 2026. Given the exits and occupational transfers, the annual average occupational opening is predicted to be about 400,000 for 2016-2026 period.

The top postings were for investigators in various institutions and companies such as U.S. Customs & Border Protection, MD Anderson Cancer Center, City of Dallas. Other jobs were related to substance abuse controller; parole, police or corrections officers in various local, state and federal agencies and institutions; financial investigator, legal assistant, and so forth. The cities with the most number of criminal justice job openings included Dallas and Houston.

The job posting website Indeed.com listed

1,151

openings for criminal justice professionals in TX, as of October 2018.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

B.S in Criminal Justice degree program has seven student learning outcomes (SLO) and each course in the curriculum is designed to correspond to at least one SLO. Graduates of the program will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of links between forensic science that will allow students to make reasoned ethical and legal judgements related to the criminal justice profession.

2. Compare fundamental theories in various criminal justice disciplines and relate them to current criminal justice environments.

3. Understanding the importance of professionalism and ethical behavior in the forensic science community will allow students to analyze criminal justice problems & formulate relevant solutions as well as assess possible outcomes.

4. Understand the need for forensic science in the criminal justice field as well as develop written communication skills for presentation of findings in accordance with established professional guidelines.

5. Develop oral communication skills for discussing the scientific method in a laboratory setting and effectively testifying in a court of law.

6. Understand the basic principles used in forensic science, crime scene investigation and reconstruction, including evidence collection & preservation.

7. Develop an understanding of the importance of the interaction between law enforcement, scientists, forensics, correctional agencies, & the legal profession.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE COURSES [42 CREDITS]

CRJS 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice System
CRJS 2302 Policing System and Practices in America
CRJS 2303 Criminal Law
CRJS 2304 Constitutional Law
CRJS 2305 Criminal Trial and the Court
CRJS 3306 Correctional System and Practices in America
CRJS 3307 Criminology
CRJS 3308 Criminal Procedure & Evidence
CRJS 3309 Technical Writing
CRJS 3310 Criminal Investigations
CRJS 3311 Criminal Justice Research
CRJS 3312 Criminal Psychology
CRJS 3313 Diversity and Multiculturalism
CRJS 3314 Statistics in Criminal Justice

FORENSIC SCIENCE CONCENTRATION COURSES [18 CREDITS]

FORS 2329 Forensic Science and Criminal Justice
FORS 3330 Forensic Investigations
FORS 3331 Forensic Psychology
FORS 3332 Forensic Biology
FORS 4333 Digital Forensic
FORS 4334 Forensic Studies Experience

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES [24 CREDITS]

*UNRESTRICTED
CRJS 2315 Issues in Criminal Justice
CRJS 2316 Theories in Criminal Justice System
CRJS 2317 Comparative/International Criminal Justice
CRJS 2318 Victimology
CRJS 3319 Introduction to Criminalistics
CRJS 3320 Juvenile Delinquency
CRJS 4322 Ethics in Criminal Justice
CRJS 4323 Substance Abuse
CRJS 4324 Terrorism
CRJS 4327 Crisis Communication/Emergency Management
CRJS 4328 Social Justice
CRJS 4398 Internship
CRJS 4399 Special Topics
FORS 3436 Criminal Profiling
FORS 4338 Serial Murder
FORS 4339 Crime Scene Investigation Techniques

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES [36 CREDITS]

* MANDATORY   **AT LEAST ONE
ARTS 1311 Art Appreciation (3 cr.)
ENGL 2315 Survey of British Literature I1 (3 cr.)
ENGL 2316 Survey of American Literature I1 (3 cr.)
ENGL 2317 Survey of British Literature II1 (3 cr.)
ENGL 2318 Survey of American Literature II1 (3 cr.)
ENGL 2319 Survey of World Literature1 (3 cr.)
**HIST 1311 U.S. History I2 (3 cr.)
**HIST 1312 U.S. History II2 (3 cr.)
**HIST 2314 History of Texas2 (3 cr.)
PHIL 1311 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking (3 cr.)
PHIL 1312 Professional Ethics (3 cr.)
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy (3 cr.)
ECON 2311 Principles of Macroeconomics3 (3 cr.)
ECON 2312 Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr.)
**GOVT 2311 U.S. Government I4 (3 cr.)
**GOVT 2312 U.S. Government II4 (3 cr.)
PSYC 2311 General Psychology (3 cr.)
SOCI 2311 Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)
**BIOL 1311 Introductory Biology5 (3 cr.)
**BIOL 1312 Nutrition5 (3 cr.)
FITW 1311 Introduction to Fitness and Wellness
**GEOG 2312 Regional Geography in the World5 (3 cr.)
**GEOL 1311 Earth Science5 (3 cr.)
**MATH 1311 College Algebra5 (3 cr.)
**MATH 1313 Pre-calculus5 (3 cr.)
**MATH 2314 Calculus I5 (3 cr.)
*COMM 1311 Fundamentals of Communication6 (3 cr.)
*ENGL 1311 Composition and Rhetoric I6 (3 cr.)
*ENGL 1312 Composition and Rhetoric II6 (3 cr.)
SPAN 1311 Elementary Spanish (3 cr.)