

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** PROGRAM DETAILS

The **Criminal Justice program** provides students with interdisciplinary knowledge of criminal, constitutional, and correctional law processes, investigation and evidence collection, policies, and management practices within criminal justice agencies and organizations.

Majors:

Criminal Justice
Juvenile Justice Studies

CONVENIENT
AFFORDABLE
100% ONLINE

Minors:

Criminal Justice
Forensics and Investigation
Homeland Security Administration
Forensic Psychology
Cyber Criminology/Computer Forensics

Certificates:

Children's Advocacy Studies Training (CAST)



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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Criminal Justice program offers the **Watson-Stevenson Scholarship** to a full-time student majoring in criminal justice each semester to provide a student with financial assistance while completing their criminal justice degree.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The **Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA)** is an active component of the Government and Public Administration Department. Students who become members learn about the criminal justice field and gain valuable experience through a variety of academic programs, events, conferences, and other activities.

For a full list of student organizations, visit:
athens.edu/student-life

Already have prior work experience?

Students are awarded college credit through the **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** for the following certifications and experience:

- APOST
- ADOC
- Paralegal
- Military
- Law Enforcement Officials
- Magistrate Judge

Scan the code to learn more.



Crime Analyzation, Simulation, and Experimentation Laboratory (CASElab)

The **CASElab** provides educational training to Homeland & Corporate Security and Criminal Justice programs, as well as the Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST). The lab will offer opportunities to conduct crime scene reenactments, academic research, and mock case simulations.

The CASElab will allow students to conduct exercises in everything from initial and critical responses, case management, home visits, active shooter, cyber criminology, crime scene and forensic investigations, fingerprinting analysis, drug identification, crisis prevention, and evidence collection. Students will have access to professional equipment and utilize best practices regarding crime scene documentation, photography, measurements, and evidence collection techniques.

INTERNSHIP & OBSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES

The criminal justice field is very diverse and interdisciplinary. As a result, the CJ 464 Internship course is designed to provide students with on-the-job training to gain professional skills that are critical for employment. Students enjoy hands-on lab experiences, access to labs, courtrooms, clinics, research equipment, research, and resources with over 100 agencies in the North Alabama area acting as internship placements. These opportunities also provide workforce readiness and development training for future employment. In addition, Criminal Justice students are provided with various opportunities for job observations (field experience) and training while obtaining their degree. We offer training sessions and virtual workshops with trained professionals.