

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Providing a strong and broad preparation in criminal justice, this major is designed for professionals who plan to move into positions within law enforcement, probation, the court system, and related nonprofit and government organizations. Criminal justice can also be paired as a "minor" with our Counseling Psychology major, and has been taken by students interested in going on to law school. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "the field of criminal justice is among the fastest growing for future job opportunities."

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Working students who want to complete their bachelor's degree in an accelerated, values-based learning environment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- at least 12 sh from an accredited college or university;
- at least 2.0 gpa (on a 4.0 scale);
- free online application;
- official transcripts from all colleges attended.

Prospective students may scan/email unofficial transcripts for the initial evaluation.

COST:

\$550 per semester hour. Ask about scholarships.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Initial registration and orientation via School of Adult Learning advisor. Returning students register online or by phone.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Complete the free on-line application.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Upon evaluation and acceptance, students are referred to an advisor to discuss program options and orientation.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Year-round calendar with six intensive seven-week sessions.

DELIVERY MODE:

Face-to-face with on-line support.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center at Grayslake

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks may be purchased online through the North Park University bookstore website.

TRANSFER POLICY:

- School of Professional Studies will accept up to 90 semester hours from a community/city college providing the hours are all transferable.
- Students may transfer up to 90 semester hours from an accredited four-year college/university.
- North Park's residency requirement is 32 semester hours.
- Students must complete 50% of the major with North Park.
- A minimum grade of "C" or better is required to waive a course in the major
- Courses are waived at the discretion of the major department faculty chair.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

Minimum of 120 semester hours, including all major and general education requirements.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Office of Student Administrative Services: (773) 244-5560.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Accelerated and intensive class sessions meet once a week for seven weeks
- Credit for Life Experience: Earn Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit hours at North Park by demonstrating learning gained outside a traditional academic environment—informal life experience, professional training, certification, licensure, or any other source.
- North Park University is distinctively Christian, urban, and multicultural.

CONTACT PERSON(S):

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Chicago, IL 60625

WEBSITE:

<http://www.northpark.edu/sps>

REQUIRED COURSES:

Adult Learning Core courses

2 courses - 8 semester hours

GS 2050 Strategies and Technologies for Professional Development 4 sh

GS 2080 Writing for the Disciplines 4 sh

Criminal Justice Major courses

11 courses - 36 semester hours

CJ 3000 Introduction to Criminal Justice 4 sh

CJ 3100 Research Methods in Criminal Justice 4 sh

CJ 3200 Correctional Services 4 sh

CJ 3300 Juvenile Justice System 4 sh

CJ 3400 Criminal Procedure 2 sh

CJ 3500 Criminal Law 2 sh

CJ 4000 Law Enforcement Administration 2 sh

CJ 4100 Urban Communities and Crime 4 sh

CJ 4200 Restorative Justice 2 sh

CJ 4300 Professional Issues, Ethics, and Diversity 4 sh

CJ 4400 Practicum in Criminal Justice 4 sh