



# Criminal Justice & Criminology

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY TEXAS

Concordia University Texas is dedicated to the mission of developing Christian leaders. Founded in 1926, Concordia is proud to be Austin's leading Christian university, where Christ is honored and students of all backgrounds are welcomed. We are guided by our vision to be the premier university where the adventure of faith, learning and life-changing experiences leads to meaningful work.

CTX is a regionally accredited institution of higher education, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees through a variety of delivery methods. We offer over 50 majors and concentrations.

Concordia's campus, unique in its natural setting on a preserve, is conveniently located minutes from both downtown Austin and the Texas Hill Country. Our location provides students with resources and opportunities to learn, explore and thrive in the best of both worlds — a small school and a big city.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Criminal Justice and Criminology degree is designed to offer a strong foundation of both fields through a Christian lens. We prepare students for entry into a variety of careers with diverse employers and prepare those who want to continue their studies for entry into graduate or professional programs. We integrate restorative justice concepts while developing Christian servant leaders whose vocation it will be to deal with crime in all of its forms, on all of its levels, with all of its participants and with all of its consequences. Students can earn their degree with the general track or in one of two special emphasis tracks: management of law enforcement or homeland security. Averaging more than 20 years of field work, our faculty members have collectively worked in businesses, prisons, courtrooms, management, squad cars, intelligence, defense, prosecution, ministries and the military.

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## WE THINK ABOUT AND STUDY...

- ▶ What motivates criminals and would-be criminals.
- ▶ Why we punish criminals.
- ▶ How our faith impacts our response to criminal behavior.
- ▶ How our system treats victims and criminals.
- ▶ How criminals impact society.

## MEANINGFUL WORK IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- ▶ Trial Judges
- ▶ Prosecutors
- ▶ Defense Attorneys
- ▶ Police Patrolmen
- ▶ Police Detectives
- ▶ Probation Officers
- ▶ Correctional Officers
- ▶ Social Workers
- ▶ Security Specialists
- ▶ Profilers
- ▶ FBI / ATF Agents
- ▶ Victims' Advocates

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

### Faith and Justice

Faith and Justice: This course explores the concept and definition of justice within our faith framework, considering what it means to different people at different times in different places and what it should mean to us today as we consider careers in criminal justice and criminology.

### White Collar Crime

One of the more fascinating topics our students have the opportunity to study is white collar crime, which combines elements of business with elements of crime such as fraud, embezzlement, larceny, forgery, misrepresentation, et cetera.

### Homeland Security

This is one of many courses our students may study that presents the history of terror groups, as well as their motivations and tactics. Students examine the methodologies known as criminal profiling, which explores the sociological and psychological motivations of serial criminals and terrorists.

We offer one major and two minors in online and onsite formats. The CRIJ major is 42 credit hours (14 courses). The CRIJ minor is 18 credit hours (six courses). CRIJ also offers the Legal Studies minor, which is 19 hours (six courses and an internship).

## UNPARALLELED ACCESS

Concordia's Criminal Justice and Criminology program will serve as an excellent launching pad for your career or your future pursuits into the law enforcement academy, graduate school or law school. Every state agency that deals with crime is in this very city, giving our students unparalleled access to observe our legislature, to watch our trial and appellate courts in action or to serve an internship with a social justice agency.

## SEE OUR SYSTEM AT WORK

Two offsite field learning opportunities are held each year, rotating destinations among Waco's Texas Ranger Museum, Houston's Police Department Museum, Huntsville's Texas Prison Museum and Austin's Briscoe Center for American History: Civil Rights and Social Justice Collection. We offer online, onsite, day and evening courses so that you can arrange your academic schedule to fit your life, and we do all of this from a faith-based perspective that informs the way that we live our lives.

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