

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

The core curriculum focuses on law enforcement, corrections, courts, juvenile justice, criminology, victimology, research methods to study crime, criminal and abnormal behavior, and society's response to these dynamics. There are two options to this degree.

#### Criminal Justice Administrative Option

- The Justice Administration Option allows students in depth exploration of topics such as crime scene investigation, child abuse and neglect detection, criminal justice organization structure, computer management information systems, leadership and management. Students seeking an entry level career in law enforcement might find this option conducive to career progression in a local, state or federal law enforcement agency.

#### Criminal Justice Counseling Option

- The Justice Counseling Option allows students more in depth exploration of topics such as abnormal psychology, counseling, and issues related to counseling. Careers in probation and parole, corrections, counseling and law enforcement are possible with this degree. If a student completes a series of courses within this option, they are eligible to apply for licensure as a Provisional Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor once they meet the practicum and other requirements outlined by the State of Nebraska. Students seeking to attend graduate school in counseling or psychology would probably be better served under this option.

### MINOR

Criminal Justice

### PROGRAM DEFINITION

The Criminal Justice major is an interdisciplinary social science curriculum that is focused on the development of practical skills and knowledge for professional careers in the justice field or private employment in insurance investigations or security related occupations.

### PERU STATE'S POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- Faculty members have experience in policing, corrections and parole and probation with an emphasis on a scholar-practitioner approach to instruction.
- All courses are offered online and on campus
- Instructional format permitting students personal and extended contact with faculty and individualized guidance during throughout all coursework.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet industry standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation's top graduate schools in all program areas.
- Adding an academic minor in a subject area outside of the major is simple at Peru State and can broaden the scope of knowledge and can improve employment prospects for any student.

### FACULTY

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### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to have 125 credit hours in order to graduate. Of the 125 credit hours, students must have 33 hours of criminal justice core courses and 24 hours of advanced criminal justice, psychology, sociology, and social work or business courses. Further information can be found at our website: <http://www.peru.edu/professionalstudies/programs/>

### Outcomes

Students with majors in Criminal Justice have found careers as a:

- Police Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Child Welfare Caseworker
- Social Worker
- Evidence Technician
- Criminologist
- Highway Patrol Trooper
- County Sheriff Deputy
- Special Agent, FBI
- Secret Service Officer
- U.S. Postal Inspections
- Loss Prevention

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