

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, B.A. (BERKS)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Berks

Program Learning Objectives

- **Knowledge of the field:** Students will demonstrate an understanding about the roles and functions of the central components of the United States criminal justice system.
- **Theory:** Students will be able to apply major theoretical frameworks to understanding and analyzing the causes and prevention of crime.
- **Research:** Students will recognize the importance of scientific inquiry and how to use quantitative and qualitative research methods to study issues in the field.
- **Ethics:** Students will demonstrate the importance of ethics to the field of criminal justice.
- **Professionalism:** Students will behave professionally and ethically in all academic and professional experiences.
- **Diversity and Justice:** Students will recognize the roles that race, ethnicity, gender, and social class have in the criminal justice field and the need to be prepared to interact with individuals with diverse backgrounds.
- **Communication and Critical Thinking:** Students will demonstrate proficiency in writing, oral communication, and critical thinking.
- **Preparation:** Students will be prepared to either work in the criminal justice field or attend related graduate programs.