

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, B.S.

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: Beaver, DuBois, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre

PROGRAM CURRENTLY ON HOLD; NOT ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

Begin Date of Enrollment Hold: October 5, 2020

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science degree is intended to prepare students for careers in the administration of justice. Two emphases are provided:

1. for students interested in entry-level employment in justice agencies;
2. for students interested in academic or research positions and who may seek graduate education before beginning employment.

What is Administration of Justice?

As we continue the journey deeper into the twenty-first century, society is facing the serious social problem of effectively addressing crime in a rapidly changing world. Today's students are tomorrow's front line protectors and policy makers who balance the philosophies of crime control and due process. To be successful, practitioners, managers, and administrators in the criminal justice field must demonstrate a mastery of interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. Administration of Justice focuses on the interrelated components of the criminal justice system, public and private sector enforcement and investigation, legal systems, correctional treatment, and community services and on the development of critical thinking, written and verbal communication skills necessary to be successful leaders in this and related careers. Students engage in classroom instruction, research and experiential learning which prepare them for ethical leadership, global citizenship and engaged service.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy communicating with others.
- You are an analytical thinker.
- You are interested in the law and in social issues.
- You are interested in gaining invaluable professional experience through an internship within a criminal justice agency.
- You intend to become a practitioner in one of the traditional areas of criminal justice, such as law enforcement or corrections.
- You will seek employment in a supportive field such as counseling, forensics, data analysis, therapy and rehabilitation.
- You are considering graduate study in Administration of Justice, Public Administration, Legal Studies or other related fields.
- You are looking for an exciting career where no two days are ever the same.