

# Criminal Justice

<https://cwi.edu/program/criminal-justice>



The study of criminal behavior and law enforcement is more sophisticated than ever before—and at College of Western Idaho (CWI), we are preparing many students to start a career in this exciting field. In our Criminal Justice program, you will discover and appreciate complex issues in legal studies, sociology, political science, psychology, arrest, and search and seizure. Our goal is to prepare you to pursue a career in local, state, and federal law enforcement, court administration, victim services, and corrections.

## MISSION

Program Mission Statement: The mission of the Criminal Justice Department is to provide students a knowledge of the criminal justice system, create inspirational and professional leadership through classroom guidance and real world opportunities, dispel myths, broaden perspectives, produce educated, well rounded, criminal justice professionals, and informed members of the community.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major components of the criminal justices system, theoretical perspectives of crime causation, empirical findings, and historical trends in criminal justice.
- Understand basic research methods in criminal justice, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation of crime data.
- Respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to criminal behavior and mental processes.
- Understand and apply psychological and sociological principles to personal, social, and legal issues.
- Weigh evidence, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of the law and criminal justice as a discipline.

## STUDENT CLUBS



### Criminal Justice Club

Criminal Justice Club provides an opportunity for learners to obtain a wider understanding of the criminal justice system. We regularly hold discussions and invite guest speakers, explore careers regarding criminal justice, take field...

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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In addition to learning in the classroom, the criminal justice program provides students with opportunities such as:

- Presentations by Guest Speakers
- Networking with Community Agencies
- Participation in Annual Social and Human Relations Department Symposium
- Criminal Justice Club
- Service Learning
- Internship

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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### Criminal Justice - Associate of Arts Degree, 24 Months

Delivery Formats: In-Person, Hybrid, Online, Degree Fully Online

## CAREER INFORMATION

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Consider visiting <http://cwidaho.myplan.com> and click on the Careers tab, you can search the careers for which a degree in Criminal Justice is appropriate.

As you explore the MyPlan.com website, take the time to email CWI's One Stop Student Services at [onestop@cwi.edu](mailto:onestop@cwi.edu) to learn the access code that will allow you to complete Assessments of your interests, personality, values, and skills. This process will help you recognize some of the careers in the world of work that would be a good match for you as well as learn the educational path that will lead you to those careers.

There are many careers available in the criminal justice field. Different agencies require different educational levels. Many law enforcement agencies require a minimum of 60 college credits (associate degree). Please ensure you look at the educational requirements of the position you are interested in as requirements may vary from state to state.

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## PROFESSIONS

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- Law Enforcement (county, municipal, state or federal)
- Court Bailiff
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Coroner
- Dispatcher
- Victim Witness Coordinator
- Court Clerk
- Court Interpreter
- Jury Commissioner
- Bail Bondsman
- Correctional Officer
- Warden
- Probation Officer
- Parole Officer
- Juvenile Probation Officer

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## CWI ONLINE COURSES

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## LOCATIONS

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