Interested in Criminal Justice?

There are several options for UW-Green Bay students who are interested in careers and courses related to criminal justice, law enforcement, advocacy, and related fields. Consider the below options and see which best fits your goals and strengths!

UW-Green Bay’s program focus means that graduates develop the ability to:

- Read and interpret complex material
- Analyze information from multiple perspectives
- Produce effective persuasive writing
- Communicate effectively with people from diverse economic, social, racial, ethnic, and other backgrounds
- Handle ambiguity and complexity
- Use logical reasoning to understand and solve problems
- Conduct research and interpret data

DJS Major with Criminal Justice Emphasis

The DJS major bridges the humanities and social sciences. A strength of the program is that it allows students to pursue a broad field of general education interests or more finely tailor their skill sets.

At large, the DJS major takes an interdisciplinary approach to crime, law enforcement, and the law; the Criminal Justice emphasis offers students the opportunity to specialize. Along with required courses in Criminology and the Criminal Justice Process, the DJS major includes classes like Senior Seminar, where students can explore various topics such as Crime and Punishment. The DJS major is a liberal arts degree which provides broad training in history, political science, and sociology, as well as skills in research, oral and written communication, and problem-focused thinking.

Criminal Justice from NWTC + DJS Major at UWGB

For students specifically interested in law enforcement, the articulation agreement between UWGB and NWTC offers the opportunity to take two years of classes in topics such as Investigation, Forensics, and Physical Fitness at NWTC, and then transfer to UWGB where they will receive block credit and finish with a DJS major in just two additional years.
Sociology & Anthropology Minor

The combined Sociology and Anthropology minor is a common choice for students interested in crime; students should take Criminology as an Upper Level Elective.

Additional Opportunities for those Considering Criminal Justice

- Take stand-alone Criminal Justice-related classes to enhance your degree such as…
  - Criminal Justice Process
  - Criminology
  - Constitutional Law
  - Law and Society
  - Forensic Psychology
  - Law and the Individual
  - Race and Ethnic Relations
  - Gangs in America

- Complete an internship! Students have interned with the Community Policing Program with the Green Bay Police, Correctional Facilities, Human Services, as well as Sherriff’s Offices.

Looking for more information? Connect with the Chair of Democracy and Justice Studies!