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Criminal Justice



Description

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

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...

Additional Opportunities

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

Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

Degree Type:

AA

Length:

24 Months

Delivery Formats:

Traditional, Hybrid, Online, Degree Fully Online

Important Dates for Credit Programs

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Registration Open	April 14	November 10	April 13
Financial Aid Priority Date	July 14	December 1	May 11
Admission Deadline	August 8	December 22	May 15

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Tuition and Fees Due	August 22	January 9	May 29
Last Day to Register	August 22	January 9	May 29
Classes Begin	August 25	January 12	June 1*
*Some classes begin before this date. See class schedule [1] for more information.			

Please refer to our [Important Dates](#) [2] for more information.

Financial Aid Available

Did you know that as a student in this program you may be eligible for financial aid? Through grants, [scholarships](#) [3], and loans, more than 60 percent of first-time, full-time CWI students receive some form of financial assistance. To learn more about financial aid options and whether you may be eligible, visit [Financial Aid](#) [4].

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for a full-time CWI student averages half the cost of a state university and a third of the cost of a private college. Tuition and fees vary based on program and residence. Visit [Tuition and Fees](#) [5] for more information.

Advising

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. CWI One Stop Student Services offers advising assistance, to help in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals. Visit [Advising](#) [6] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7] to schedule an appointment.

Start taking your math and science classes early on, do not wait until your second year at CWI.

CRIJ Class offerings by semester:

- CRIJ 101: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 102: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 103: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 104: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 199: VARIES
- CRIJ 201: FALL
- CRIJ 205: SPRING
- CRIJ 220: FALL
- CRIJ 270: SPRING
- CRIJ 275: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 276: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER
- CRIJ 293: FALL, SPRING, SUMMER

PHYE 155 may be taken instead of two PHYA activities courses. This change would result in 1 less

elective credit needed.

Transfer

Look beyond your degree at CWI and plan for continuing your education by working closely with CWI advising and representatives of your intended transfer school. Planning before you transfer can save you time and money. Visit [Transfer Information](#) [8] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7].

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Career Information

Consider visiting <http://cwidaho.myplan.com> [9] 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@cwidaho.cc [10] to learn the access code that will allow you to complete Assessments of your interests, personality, values and skills. This 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 64 college credits (associate degree).

Professions

- Law Enforcement
- Police Officer

Locations



Nampa Campus Academic Building

5500 E. Opportunity Dr. Nampa, ID 83687



Ada County Campus Pintail Center

1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709



Canyon County Center

2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651



Nampa Campus Aspen Classroom Building

6002 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

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