

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Students work together to analyze a mock crime scene at HPU's CRJ Learning Lab.

Crime House

The CRJ Learning Lab, affectionately called "The Crime House" by our students is a building purchased for use in teaching students specific skills related to police work, crime scene analysis, and other investigational activities. Mock crime scenes are created so students can try their hand at tasks such as working a double homicide scene, locating and processing types of evidence such as blood spatter, fingerprints, and footwear impression evidence. Students are taught how to interview witnesses, victims and criminal suspects, as well as how to carry out a warrant-based raid, search for hidden suspects, and how to safely approach and make an arrest of a dangerous subject. Students are taught defensive tactics, as well as how to observe proper policies related to the use of force.

Student clubs & honor societies

- Alpha Sigma Phi, the country's most prestigious academic honor society in the field of criminal justice
- Justice Club
- Phi Alpha Delta, a national pre-law honor society

What can I do with this major?

A degree in criminal justice is useful for a wide range of careers, including:

- Advancement to graduate school to study criminal justice, sociology, political science or social work
- Airport Security Management (TSA)
- Corporate Asset Protection Management
- Crime Records/Data Management
- Criminal Justice Professor
- Diplomatic Security/Executive Protection Specialist
- Federal Investigator (FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, DEA, Customs, INS, ATF, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security)
- Governmental Regulatory Agency (EPA, FDA)
- Insurance Claims Adjustor/Investigator
- Law School
- Social Work (Child Abuse/Protective Services Agent)
- State Bureau of Investigation (SBI, SHP, DMV)
- Treatment Counselor
- Wildlife/Game Officer; Park/Forest Ranger

Why criminal justice is a top major

- The program takes students on a scholarly adventure to explore subjects such as the explanation of human behavior, the nature of crime, juvenile delinquency, social deviance, the behavioral and psychology profiling of violent criminals, crime scene investigation, drug abuse, law, trials and the courtroom process, punishment, the treatment and rehabilitation of criminals, terrorism, the protection of society and homeland security
- Students are given exclusive access to the local Guilford County Court System with opportunities to attend both felony and misdemeanor trials and observe and analyze cases
- All criminal justice courses combine lively classroom instruction with experiential instruction on the practical, hands-on aspect of the justice field via simulations, role playing, mock scenes and other field related exercises
- The Citizen Police Academy Course, a cooperative venture with the local High Point Police Department, is an experiential course that gives students a taste of what it is like for a police recruit to go through a police academy
- Collaborative research opportunities for students to learn the mechanics of doing justice research under the direction of a criminal justice faculty member
- On the HPU Intercollegiate Mock Trial Competition Team, students are put in a court environment to role play realistic cases and trials under faculty direction

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Unique course offerings

Student reports indicate that all classes in the criminal justice major are highly interesting. Unique courses are:

- Controlled Substances
- Courts and Trials
- Crime/Law
- Criminology
- Crime Scene
- Mock Trial
- Probation and Parole
- Terrorism
- The Citizens Police Academy
- The Death Penalty
- Violent Crime

High Point → District of Columbia

High Point University has a unique affiliation with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) in Washington, D.C. and has established the High Point Washington (HPW) program. The program enables HPU students to spend an exciting semester living, working and studying in the nation's capital, while earning HPU academic credit. Students are immersed in a full-time internship relevant to their field of study, complete an academic course, design and conduct a civic engagement project and participate in a leadership forum. This program gives HPU students an unparalleled opportunity that is unavailable elsewhere.



Meet Britt

Class of 2017

Special investigator at CACI which provides information solutions and services in support of national security missions and government transformation for Intelligence, Defense and Federal Civilian customers.

Hometown: Germantown, Tenn.

Major: Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology

How HPU helped you get there: "HPU helped shape me into the person that I am today. The lessons that I learned at HPU - from time management and organization to building relationships and being a team player - helped me succeed in my career."



Dr. Robert Little, chair of the Criminal Justice program, serves as a helpful mentor to students pursuing career advice within the field of law enforcement.

For more information about HPU's Criminal Justice Program, contact: