

SCHOOL OF HUMAN SERVICES



Springfield College



Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services
Concentration in Criminal Justice

The Dynamic Criminal Justice Field **NEEDS SKILLED PROFESSIONALS.**

Criminal Justice is a vast field that has expanded in many new directions over the last twenty years. Increasing complexities to criminal activities, heightened concern for victims' rights, and other new trends have opened challenging avenues for criminal justice professionals — in police work, victim advocacy, corrections, probation/parole, and other related careers.

A FLEXIBLE APPROACH PREPARES YOU FOR THE CHANGES TO COME.

Because the rapidly changing field of criminal justice will continue to evolve, the Springfield College's Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with a Concentration in Criminal Justice is designed to prepare you to be effective in today's and tomorrow's workplace. A number of courses provide a strong background in how to be prepared for alternative experiences in the field. Whether your goal is to advance your current career in criminal justice or to make a career change into this field, this innovative program will give you a broad perspective on all areas of criminal justice rather than a narrow focus on one area.



LEARN IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITH EXPERIENCED PEERS.

From the beginning, you will be teamed with a group of peers, your cohort. As part of this tightly-knit group of adult learners, you will become an active participant in an exciting collaborative learning experience. This group will become an important support network during your time in the program and after you graduate.

While the backgrounds of our students vary greatly, no specific career preparation is required. Many of our students are police officers, corrections workers, probation or parole officers, security personnel, and private investigators. Other students have a strong interest in criminal justice and are new to the field. You will find that all students are just like you in that they are adult learners with full time jobs, and a wealth of “real world” experience.

While some of our students may have some college experience, it is not a requirement. Students with completed college credits may transfer up to six credits of pre-core or elective courses into the concentration. We offer a process for obtaining undergraduate credit for real-world experience that is equivalent to college courses. Professional training, as well as CLEP and DANTES testing, also may be applied toward your degree.



COMPLETE YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN 16-24 MONTHS WITH WEEKEND CLASSES.

Our program is tailored to fit into your work schedule with classes two weekends a month. Most students are able to complete their degree in 16-24 months. Our personable and professional staff will be there to help and guide you every step of the way — from the application process to graduation.

IN THIS INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM, PROFESSORS ARE ACTIVE PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELD.

In this program you'll gain knowledge and insight which often can be of immediate use in your job. Classes are small, so you will receive personal attention in an adult learning program where we value your contributions.

Learning through collaboration with your peers, presentations, class discussions, guided reading, and writing assignments, you will enhance your experience and skill by integrating new knowledge. Our professors are active practitioners in the criminal justice field, working in police departments, sheriff departments, correctional facilities, and other criminal justice positions. They will work with you and your peers as facilitators, helping you and your classmates blend new knowledge with your ideas and your real world experiences.

An essential piece of the program is the Group Project in Community Development and Change. In this year-long project, you will work with your peers to creatively solve a real-life problem and implement significant change. Some examples of past projects include: initiating a gun buy-back program, creating a trigger lock safety program, training neighborhood watch captains, and establishing a skateboarding site to help youths avoid conflicts with authorities.

SUPERB ACADEMICS DELIVER PROVEN BENEFITS.

You will sharpen your skills and attain a strong educational background by completing a minimum of 50 semester hours of courses in human services and an additional 24 semester hours focused on criminal justice. To graduate, you will complete 120 semester hours.

Required core courses in the Criminal Justice Concentration blend academics with practical experience to give you a superb foundation in the concepts and principles of the field:

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Race and Justice

Ethics & the Law

Contemporary Issues in Constitutional
Interpretation

The Changing Nature of Criminal Justice

Transformational Alternatives

Criminal Law

In criminal justice elective courses, you may choose one focus area or a combination of several areas (General, Counseling/Advocacy, Police, Corrections, and Legal Issues) based on your needs and interests.

Some courses from these areas include:

Juvenile Justice

Women & Crime

Substance Use & Abuse

Corrections

Confronted by Violence

Crisis Intervention

Victimization





MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Start now to shape the direction of your career in criminal justice. We welcome your questions and are ready to help with your application. All campuses of the Springfield College School of Human Services offer programs leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services and a Master of Science Degree in Human Services. Each campus has its own special character, and some offer different specialized concentrations. Contact our central office in Springfield, Massachusetts, or any of our 11 regional campuses, to identify the campus closest to you which offers the Concentration in Criminal Justice.

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San Diego
(619) 582-4002 or (877) 271-7155

Delaware

Wilmington
(302) 658-5720 or (800) 506-9270

Florida

Tampa Bay
(813) 936-2800 or (800) 724-2778

Massachusetts

Boston
(617) 242-3361 or (866) 272-9056

Springfield
(413) 748-3204 or (800) 727-0004

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(603) 666-5700 or (800) 727-0504

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(843) 554-7244 or (866) 272-6004

Texas

Houston
(713) 681-1120 or (866) 252-8801

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St. Johnsbury
(802) 748-5402 or (800) 441-1812

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for transforming careers
and communities



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