



# Criminal Justice Studies

**SOCIOLOGY**  
major & minor

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES**  
major & minor

**SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**  
major & minor

- Prepare for a career in advocacy, law enforcement, corrections, law, or social services, as well as take part in research and community service learning.
- Learn from world-class faculty who will engage you in solving real-world problems in and out of the classroom.
- Participate in projects that combine social science research and experiential learning to provide public policy recommendations.

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**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Sociology

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Western's criminal justice program offers an interdisciplinary understanding of the impact of justice and injustice on individuals, communities, institutions and nations. Students will engage in the study of how crime and justice are linked to power, ideology, social control and social change in our contemporary society. Students in the criminal justice program will select a substantive study track in one of two areas.

The criminal justice track focuses on criminal justice structures and processes. The program explores crime as a social problem and society's reactions to it, the organization and operation of police, courts and punishment, as well as causes of crime and delinquency and other current issues.

The justice studies track focuses on sustainable and just solutions to social, political and economic problems. The program explores critical issues related to socioeconomic, racial/ethnic and gender justice, cultural identity, human rights, human relationships to the environment, deviant behavior and social control policies.



## Potential Careers

*According to Glassdoor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics*

- Attorney
- Political Consultant
- Criminologist
- Intelligence Analyst
- FBI Agent
- Probation/Parole
- Police Officer
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Victim Advocate
- Child Welfare Worker

## Immediate Impact



of sociology graduates are working or continuing their education.

*2023-24 career outcomes report, [wmich.edu/about/facts](https://wmich.edu/about/facts)*

## GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Master of Arts and Ph.D. programs in sociology at Western help students develop an advanced understanding of the significant features and processes of human society through a focus on both research and teaching. The program prepares competent professionals for careers in research, education, government and private enterprise. The core programs of study stress both theory and method while elective credits and the theses develop substantial knowledge in an area of interest.

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## Scholarship Opportunities

Students are encouraged to visit the individual department, school, and institute pages for information on scholarships available specific to their program of study.

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