

Criminal Justice Studies at Truman

DISTINCT BY DESIGN

Degree offered

BS

Criminal Justice Studies

Minors offered

Criminal Justice Studies,
Forensic Science

Help host the annual Court of Appeals for the Western District of Missouri on Truman's campus.



91%

placement rate of graduates in the workforce or graduate school within 6 months of graduation

Join Truman's Mock Trial Team or our two Criminal Justice Studies professional organizations.



70

approximate number of students in the major

46

approximate number of students pursuing one of these minors

100%

 of faculty have a terminal degree

Criminal Justice Studies students can choose among four interdisciplinary concentrations: Law & Society, Criminological Theory & Research, Criminal Justice Administration, and Forensic Investigation. They also examine how the criminal law and institutions in law enforcement, courts, and corrections seek to provide justice.



Notable internships completed by students

- Adair County Prosecutor's Office
- Adair County Public defenders office
- Andrew County Sheriff's Office
- Benjamin Gray LLC
- Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center
- Court Appointed Special Advocate CASA
- Illinois State Attorney's Office
- Illinois State Police
- Jay Benson Law Firm
- Kirksville Police Department
- Marion County Circuit Court
- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Multiple counties of state Sheriff's Departments in Illinois and Missouri
- Nolan Law Firm
- Office of House of Rep. Fitzwater
- Overland Park Police Department
- Probation & Court Services - 3rd Judicial Court
- 10th Circuit Court, Marion County Courthouse



Notable employers

- Americorps
- Bardol Law Firm
- Missouri Department of Corrections Office of Probation & Parole
- Missouri Highway Patrol
- Missouri National Guard
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners
- Oklahoma Army National Guard
- Peace Corps
- Teach for America
- Total Quality Logistics
- US Army
- UTC Aerospace Systems

Notable graduate schools

- University of Missouri – Columbia
- Penn State University
- University of Arkansas
- University of Missouri – Kansas City
- Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville
- Webster University
- St. Mary's University
- University of Colorado – Denver
- Boston University
- DePaul University
- Washburn University
- University of Missouri – St. Louis
- Missouri State University



“ I have always enjoyed the flexibility that comes with being a Justice Systems major. I have been able to explore courses in economics, human rights, sociology, and government to learn how the criminal justice system operates in the real world. The faculty in the Justice Systems department are also phenomenal - each professor has real world experience related to the field in addition to strong academic credentials. So not only are you learning theories and research, but you can talk to someone who has specialized in your future career path. I also had the unique opportunity to travel abroad in Finland where I got to study international law, global ethics, human rights, and political philosophy. Thanks to the support from the justice systems department, I got to participate in life changing course work that all counted toward my academic goals at Truman.

– HANNAH LOERA, Class of 2022

Academic Interests: Justice Systems major with Public Administrations and Philosophy & Religion minors, Truman State University Office of Community and Citizenship Standards Internship

Student Involvement: Pershing Society, TSODA, Best Buddies, Women's Resource Center
Hometown: Austin, Texas

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