

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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As a criminal justice major, you will be prepared for challenging and exciting careers within federal, state, county and municipal justice systems and have many occupations to choose from. The curriculum includes specialized courses reflecting current trends in justice in the United States and worldwide. In classes with low student-to-faculty ratios, you will have access to faculty with both real-life and research experience and have the opportunity to get the most out of each course from exciting applied-learning experiences. This program leaves room to explore an unrelated minor or second major.



Criminal justice career interest areas

- Police officer
- Special agent
- State police officer
- Probation or parole officer
- Security or private investigator
- Correctional officer
- Youth security specialist
- Legal assistant
- Judicial administrator
- Border patrol agent
- Military officer with criminal justice specialty

Did you know?

Student-faculty relationships are a focal point of the UNK experience.

Faculty interact on a personal basis with students as teachers, advisors, mentors and friends both inside and outside the classroom, and from your freshman year to graduation and beyond.

Alumni profile

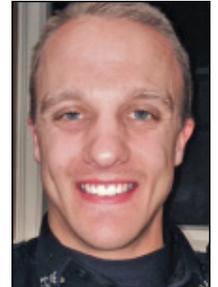
"I chose criminal justice as my major because I wanted to make a difference in a community by serving others and being a positive influence in their lives," Jesse Bartels said.

"When I first visited the UNK campus, the students and faculty I met with made me feel welcome. I was able to speak with professors from the criminal justice department one-on-one before I even applied to attend UNK, and they answered all of my questions."

The 2012 UNK graduate is now employed with the Hasting Police Department as a police officer. Bartels describes his career as "each day different from the last, and there are no ordinary calls."

"Police officers must always be on their toes and willing to give up everything for those who cannot protect themselves, even if they have no idea who the person is." He says many people are grateful that he is there to serve and protect them.

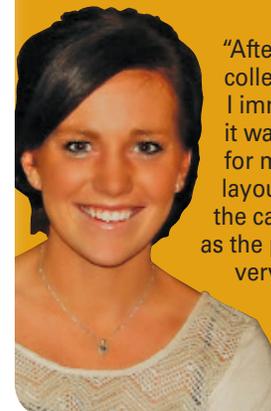
"Being a police officer has been a very rewarding experience for myself. Earning a degree in criminal justice was just the first step toward my career in law enforcement."



JESSE BARTELS

Christine Herrick, 2014 graduate

Criminal justice major, family studies minor



"After my first college visit to UNK, I immediately knew it was the place for me. I loved the layout and size of the campus, as well as the people. I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend such a great school."

CRIMINAL JUSTICE Bachelor of Science

FOUR YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE

The schedule is a guideline for progress toward a degree. Consult with your academic advisor.

<p>Semester 1 (15 credits)</p> <p>General Studies Written Communication General Studies Oral Communication Portal 188 (your choice) General Studies Distribution Aesthetics CJUS 101 Intro to Criminal Justice</p>	<p>Semester 2 (15 credits)</p> <p>General Studies Natural Science General Studies Democracy PSCI 110 Intro to American Politics SOC 100 Intro to Sociology General Studies elective (2-3 credits) CJUS 103 Orientation to Criminal Justice</p>
<p>Semester 3 (16 credits)</p> <p>General Studies Distribution Humanities General Studies Natural Science with lab STAT 235 or 241 Statistics PSY 203 General Psychology CJUS 230 Police Services</p>	<p>Semester 4 (15 credits)</p> <p>General Studies Distribution Humanities CJUS 215 Correctional Services CJUS 250 Criminal Justice Research Methods Course in minor Course in minor</p>
<p>Semester 5 (15 credits)</p> <p>Capstone 388 (your choice) CJUS 326 Theories of Crime, Criminal Law CJUS elective (your choice) Course in minor Course in minor</p>	<p>Semester 6 (15 credits)</p> <p>CJUS 340 Criminal Evidence Procedure CJUS elective (your choice) Course in minor Course in minor Unrestricted elective</p>
<p>Semester 7 (15 credits)</p> <p>CJUS elective (your choice) Course in minor Course in minor Unrestricted elective Unrestricted elective</p>	<p>Semester 8 (14 credits)</p> <p>CJUS 475 Internship (5-9 credits) CJUS 480 Senior Seminar Unrestricted elective Unrestricted elective</p>

Criminal justice organizations

Criminal Justice Club is a student organization and **Alpha Phi Sigma** is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Meeting twice a month, professionalism and career development is the focus with guest speakers such as:

- Probation and parole officers
- Prosecution and defense attorneys
- Patrol officers and chiefs of police
- Wardens and correctional officers
- Sheriffs and deputies
- Undercover narcotic agents
- FBI and DEA agents

Each semester, students can go on field trips to places such as:

- The Nebraska State Penitentiary
- Lincoln Correctional Center
- State Patrol headquarters
- Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center
- Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

Criminal justice scholarships

- Sgt. Justin Duffy Memorial Scholarship
- Donna Wick-Rios Criminal Justice Scholarship
- Dale and Ellen J. Schroeder Scholarship
- Lloyd L. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Personal traits needed for success in criminal justice

- Shows excellent character
- Acts responsibly
- Values honesty and integrity
- Enjoys helping others
- Demonstrates self-discipline
- Takes action for accountability
- Cares about societal issues
- Embraces technology
- Makes sound decisions under pressure

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STUDENT PROFILE – Maggie Jackson



Hometown: Riverton, Neb.
Majors: Criminal justice and political science
Graduation: spring 2015

“I have always had an interest in law and my goal is to go to law school. I chose criminal justice because I thought it was an amazing field and would help strengthen my interest in law,” said Maggie Jackson, a UNK student with dual majors in criminal justice and political science. “When I came for my campus visit, I was given a tour of the crime lab and talked with some of the professors. I decided then that UNK was the right fit for me. The faculty members are the best part. Each one is dedicated to the success of the students, and I would not be where I am today without their guidance and support.”