



Undergraduate Concentration

Juvenile Justice Studies

24 degree credits • accepted in bachelor's degrees • **Multidisciplinary Studies • Psychology • Human Services**

Juvenile Justice Studies provide students interested in working with adolescents and the juvenile justice system with a solid introduction to the history of youth services; current theories of adolescent development; and the impact of community disadvantage, child abuse and neglect on behavior. Students develop skills in vital areas such as suicide assessment, crisis intervention, and family mediation. They gain understanding of the complex factors that contribute to adolescent behavior, its impact, and societal responses. Particular emphasis is given to current practices and research on successful treatment models. Gender-specific concerns related to female status offenses and delinquency are explored across the continuum of courses. Students gain skills to address youth issues in the context of government agencies and community organizations.

In order to apply concepts learned in class, students may participate in an elective internship providing service in youth facilities, community programs, and probation offices.

Further Study — Students may go on to graduate study in juvenile justice, criminal justice, forensic psychology, youth development and advocacy, family studies, addiction studies, and counseling. Career possibilities include juvenile residential and community-based programs, state and private non-profit agencies, probation departments, violence prevention, child protection and youth advocacy.

Required Courses 12 credits

- PSY330 Adolescents in Search of Belonging 3
- PSY350 Introduction to Juvenile Justice 3
- PSY359 Contemporary Perspectives on Child Abuse & Neglect . 3
- PSY430 Global Justice for Youth 3

Juvenile Justice Techniques choose 6 credits

- JUS343 Youth & Gangs 1
- PSY351 Adolescents & Addiction 1
- PSY352 Sexual Activity as At-Risk Behavior 1
- PSY353 Suicide Assessment 1
- PSY354 Crisis Intervention 1
- JUS357 Circles I 1
- (new) Circles II 1
- JUS358 Bullying Behavior 1
- JUS365 Adolescent Females & Cutting 1
- JUS376 Internet Research Methods of Juvenile Justice 1
- JUS377 Legal Process for Reporting Suspected Child Abuse . . . 1
- PSY409 Family Mediation Techniques. 1
- JUS425 Program Models for Adjudicated Youth 1
- MAN350 Principles of Supervision 1
- MAN360 Risk Management for Residential Programs 1

Juvenile Justice Electives choose 6 credits

- JUS225 Introduction to Social Justice 3
- JUS342 Girls & Delinquency. 3
- JUS356 Youth & the Law 3
- PSY328 Forensic Psychology. 3
- JUS415 Violence in American Society 3
- JUS435 Restorative Justice & Victim-Offender Reconciliation . . 3
- BHS378 Program Planning and Evaluation 3

- PSY470-471 Psychology Internship I-II **or**
- BHS470-471 Human Services Internship I-II
one or two terms @ 3 credits 3 or 6

Other electives may be substituted with approval of program coordinator.

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