Dean’s Welcome

The pursuit of a college degree in the field of Criminal Justice is a perfect major for those ready to assist, protect and service others for which an Associate or Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice prepares students.

Criminal Justice encompasses law enforcement, legal studies, human services, corrections, probation and parole on the federal and state levels. Our curriculum provides the successful student with a solid foundation in the fundamentals of criminal justice from understanding the theory and practical perspective of the field. Our educational offerings cover the full range of criminal justice, legal and justice policy issues. Students get the opportunity to study and understand the problems facing our communities as well as ways in which to solve them.

Our distinguished faculty are specially selected from many academic specialties including law, criminology, public policy, sociology, psychology, political science, economics and history. They are trailblazers in their own right, bringing their industry experience into the classroom and truly add a ‘real world’ insight to the curriculum.

A degree in Criminal Justice (CJ) prepares you for a career in law enforcement as a member of the Police Department, Corrections, as a Court Officer or Administrator—all areas of the uniform services if that is where your interest lies. A Criminal Justice degree also prepares students to apply to law school and ultimately become a member of the bar.

The Criminal Justice degree will also prepare students for a Human Services career path providing a comprehensive understanding of Human Services and how to be an effective practitioner.

A student majoring in criminal justice can select to minor in Human Services, Emergency Management and Legal Studies, while completing their major requirements.

Welcome to Monroe. We look forward to helping you succeed!

Michele S. Rodney, Esq., Dean, School of Criminal Justice

The School of Criminal Justice shares its missions with that of the college:

- Monroe College provides professional, career-oriented higher education to students from diverse backgrounds.
- We proudly offer access and opportunity to motivated students who desire to enrich their lives in a personalized and supportive environment.
- We provide caring, effective teaching and sustain faculty who are passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated to student success.
- We build on these strengths to prepare graduates for successful careers.

Our mission is guided by core beliefs including a commitment to students, a commitment to a respectful, caring environment and a commitment to accomplishment.
Overview
The School of Criminal Justice was founded in 2003 as a service-oriented response to the September 11th attacks. Monroe College recognized the need for highly trained criminal justice professionals both locally and federally. We structured our curriculum to empower future law enforcement officers, social workers and emergency responders to solve real-life on the job problems.

Now, as the second largest Criminal Justice program in the State of New York, Monroe College’s Criminal Justice program offers three distinct degrees. Our undergraduate program includes Associate of Science (AS) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees in Criminal Justice and our graduate program offers a Master of Science (MS) in Criminal Justice. Students learn the major trends, issues and realities of today’s Criminal Justice system, while building a solid foundation for a career in Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice jobs are in high demand. Police precincts, law firms, social services departments and the courts are actively seeking the best and the brightest graduates to keep communities safe and help make a difference. An associate, bachelor’s or master’s degree from Monroe College can help you move toward a rewarding and exciting career.

Objectives
Within the Monroe College School of Criminal Justice, a student is equipped with a comprehension of fundamentals and foundations of our justice system including current trends and developments in criminal justice, sound knowledge of the pivotal cases, legal developments that interface with members of society and the government. Students gain an appreciation of the changes in the field and the impact of those changes and how a criminal justice professional of today fulfills those responsibilities and duties. Our students are prepared to be problem solvers and meet the challenges in an ever-evolving field of criminal justice.

Awards and Accomplishments
Monroe’s Criminal Justice program can boast of the following achievements:

• Monroe’s program is the second largest Criminal Justice program in the State of New York

• Ranked among the top 31 schools in 2014 Best Online Masters in Criminal Justice Degree Programs by BestOnlineColleges.org

• Monroe College Mock Trial team won 1st Place in the John Marshall Law School 9th Annual National Diversity Mock Trial Competition

Program Facilities
The School of Criminal Justice can be found on the first floor of Jerome Hall located on Jerome Avenue.

The building houses modern classrooms, a resource lab with state of the art computers, plus a tutoring center staffed by professional criminal justice tutors who assist students in their course work, assignments, projects and other study initiatives.

The College libraries have extensive collections of Criminal Justice resources, all available online.

Monroe College Mock Courtroom
The School of Criminal Justice has a mock courtroom located on the Bronx campus in South Hall. This is a great venue that allows our students to have a hands-on experience of being a future practitioner in the court system. A future lawyer, judge or court personnel can practice their skills on our campus.
Program Clubs

Getting involved beyond the classroom is highly recommended as it will enrich your education, build your network—all while cementing lifelong connections and friends. There are a number of clubs in the School of Criminal Justice that welcome all freshmen.

The Criminal Justice Club
Learn about the criminal justice field through community involvement, exploration of various criminal justice organizations, guest speakers and field experiences. Students interested in criminal justice careers will benefit from heightened awareness of criminal justice issues, employment opportunities and preparatory assistance/mentorship from faculty who are experts in the field.

Membership is open to all students who are in good academic standing. There are no fees or dues associated with the club.

Mock Trial and Debate Club
We’ve all seen Law and Order or other entertaining programs on television exaggerating the drama of the courtroom. Now is your chance to learn what really goes on in the courtroom and have an opportunity to put your own spin on Jack McCoy or Johnnie Cochran. Not only will you perform as an attorney, but you will take on the roles of citizens to help bring cases to life.

The Mock Trial and Debate Club was formed to compete on the national stage and showcase the academic, dramatic and oratory skills of all Monroe College students, no matter your course study.

Pre-Law Club
If you are thinking about going to law school, the School of Criminal Justice pre-law club can help answer questions about the process. The purpose of the pre-law club is to educate our members about the requirements and preparation needed to enter a law school as well as any legal profession or arena.

One of our main goals is to create a productive and friendly environment for students who are interested in the study of law and to provide them with various resources regarding the process into law school. Through many visiting guests and activities geared towards law school, the pre-law club aims at exposure and preparation towards the many dynamics of the field of law.

Human Services Club
This club deals with the “softer” side of Criminal Justice. The members may broaden their understanding of the field of human services. The meetings may have guest speakers, films and group trips as well as community service. The students work on projects to meet the needs of others and network with Human Services agencies.

Amnesty International Club
Join an organization that makes a real difference fighting for the human rights of all people. If you want to help protect all people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied then this is the organization for you. It is an organization committed to preventing and stopping grave human rights abuses. It has 2.8 million supporters, members and activists worldwide.

Criminal Justice Honors Society
Alpha Phi Sigma is the only honor society for Criminal Justice Majors. The society recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate and graduate students of criminal justice. All members must be enrolled in the Bachelors Program and maintain a 3.2 GPA to be a member.
Program Career Opportunities

The Monroe Advantage Plan:
The School of Criminal Justice requires students to attend 3 semesters (Fall, Winter, and Spring) each year to stay in sequence with program requirements. The students who follow our recommendations:

- Earn a Bachelor’s degree in three years
- Earn up to 45 credits in one year
- Maintain tuition affordability with scholarships and grants
- Increase their chances for on-time graduation by over 65%
- Experience real world internships in their field of study
- Still have the entire month of August off to relax and enjoy with friends and family, as well as two weeks off in both December and April

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

At Monroe College, we believe in the values of education and changing people’s lives. For students who are undecided about their future career goals, the Criminal Justice associate degree program helps them pursue an education and can act as a stepping stone toward a bachelor’s degree. Associate degree graduates have more opportunities for career advancement and can attract higher salaries than high school graduates. Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Associate degree program are required to complete credits in career-oriented courses like policing, corrections, human services, child abuse counseling and investigation, building the foundation for a career in Criminal Justice.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Policeman
- State Trooper
- FBI Agent
- Undercover Investigator
- Security Manager
- Counselor
- Corrections Officer
- Probation Officer
- Criminal Court Officer
- Juvenile Counselor
- Court Advocate
Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor’s degree program in Criminal Justice provides an in-depth study of the major trends, issues and realities of today’s Criminal Justice system. It sets students up to pursue higher level managerial positions in the private and public sectors. Program courses include criminal law, homeland security, public safety and courts administration. Our highly experienced faculty of criminal justice professionals including police captains, attorneys, judges and corrections chiefs will work with you to help you achieve your personal and professional goals.

Bachelor’s degree students have the option to choose a concentration in either Human Services, Emergency Management or Legal Studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement and Policing
- Public Safety and Community Outreach
- Case Management

Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice

The innovative curriculum in our Master of Science in Criminal Justice will deepen your understanding of the changing national and international environment. Our graduates will emerge with a firm understanding of crime reduction strategies, dexterity in research and crime mapping skills as well as the ability to ascend to leadership roles in the field. Even better, our faculty combines both research and practical applications to enhance our graduate curriculum. The School of Criminal Justice Master of Science degree focuses on enhancing the knowledge of the field, critical thinking skills and a mastery of oral and writing competencies, which will be enriched by specializing in one of our concentrations in Human Services, Urban Crime Policy or Community Development.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Criminologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Criminal Profiler
- University or College Professor
- Upper Management and Administration
Faculty Profiles

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