

MAJOR MAP

Criminal Justice - Bachelor of Science

Available Specialization in Forensic Investigation



URL for Undergrad Catalog - bgsu.edu/catalog.html

CLASS OPTIONS	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
	Take Intro to CJ. Review other requirements in undergraduate catalog www.bgsu.edu/catalog.html	Follow your check sheet of courses.	Make certain you take the courses required for your internship.	Complete all major requirements, including Senior Seminar.
GOOD ADVICE	Meet with an academic advisor in your college advising office. Learn about CJ faculty at www.bgsu.edu/cj .	Meet with your CJ faculty member/mentor. Review the internship requirements and syllabus on Canvas.	 Meet with your CJ faculty mentor/advisor.	Meet with your advisor and review your degree audit for graduation.
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Work throughout your career with faculty on research projects and other major activities. 	Consider working on research with a faculty mentor.	Volunteer with a CJ or related agency. Visit the Service Learning website at www.bgsu.edu/service-learning .	Participate in the required internship. Work on research with faculty.
USEFUL CONNECTIONS	Join student groups (Justice Student Association, Collegiate Against Child Abuse, etc.) and build relationships with others in your Linked courses. Join a study group.	Participate in the Justice Student Association. Consider applying to be a member of the Residential Conduct Committee or University Conduct Committee.	Participate in a campus or other leadership program.	Be a leader in an organization or activity.
GLOBAL VIEWS	Consider taking a foreign language course.	Explore study abroad opportunities at www.bgsu.edu/educationabroad . 	Participate in international and cross-cultural events, such as the International Dinner or Safe Zone Training.	Attend a state, regional or national criminal justice conference.
CAREER PREP	Visit the BGSU Career Center at www.bgsu.edu/career-center and consider enrolling in the Falcon Internship Guarantee Program. Explore in-demand careers, career pathways, and occupations using http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com	Utilize Career Center resources. Network with employers at job fairs, field trips and the Etiquette Dinner. Explore volunteer opportunities, job shadow and information interview experiences.	Start the search for an internship site. Prepare a professional resume and attend career fairs. Network with employers. 	Identify job opportunities and start to apply. Research and apply to graduate or law schools. Create a LinkedIn profile to network with groups and professionals in the field.

Graduation & Beyond

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Federal Investigation
- State/Local Policing
- FBI
- Secret Service
- Customs Agent
- DEA
- ATF
- Homeland Security
- Private Security
- Forensic Investigations

LAW

- Lawyer
- Paralegal
- Court Reporter
- Judge
- Court Clerk
- Bailiff

CORRECTIONS

- Probation/Parole
- Counseling
- Corrections Officer

HUMAN SERVICES

- Victim Advocate
- Case Manager
- Intake Specialist
- Juvenile Justice
- Substance Abuse Counselor

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Points of Pride

- Small class size and high availability of dedicated professors
- Master of CJ online program is nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report
- Field placements available throughout the U.S.

ALUMNI SUCCESS



Thomas Ullom '93, is currently the special agent-in-charge, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Chicago Regional Investigations. Following graduation, Ullom went on to excel in the specialized training programs for federal agents, and he was voted Outstanding Graduate and Class President/ Representative in both the U.S. Marshal's and the DEA's Basic Training academies. Since then, he has spent more than 20 years building and maintaining strong professional relationships with several U.S. Attorneys' offices as well as multiple federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

“ So much of this job is based on the relationships that you develop, and I don't think that is so different from a lot of other careers. No matter what field you choose, you can work in great places, but if you don't connect with the people, the job won't be nearly as satisfying. ”

– Thomas Ullom '93

MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ONLINE PROGRAM NATIONALLY RANKED

Master of Criminal Justice program nationally ranked 10th best in the country according to U.S. News and World Report.



FACULTY SUCCESS



Adam Watkins, Ph.D. is an associate professor in the Criminal Justice Program at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Watkins was previously involved in the evaluation of programs established to reduce gun and gang violence in targeted urban neighborhoods. He is currently working on the evaluation of a program in Lucas County designed to help justice-involved youth transition from detention to the community.

Dr. Watkins takes great pride in being an alumnus of the Criminal Justice Program at BGSU. The required internship as part of the program was instrumental in helping him decide that working with at-risk youth was a career interest. He worked with such youth in group homes and correctional settings after graduation. He eventually returned to school and completed his Ph.D. Since returning to BGSU in 2010, Dr. Watkins has continued to focus on youth crime and the social response. His most recent publications deal with the use of School Resource Officers as a security measure and the detrimental effects of gang membership.

BGSU is the only Ohio university with a Bureau of Criminal Investigation laboratory, offering internships with BCI personnel.

