

# Murray State University Criminal Justice

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## Program Overview

The Criminal Justice program at Murray State University demonstrates a strong commitment to the employability of its graduates by offering a series of opportunities throughout the curriculum, to engage with employability qualities. The required courses focus on administration, corrections, theory, adjudication, law enforcement, research, and analysis, which require students to develop critical thinking skills, expose students to different approaches, and learn the ethical requirements of the profession.

Alumni include police chiefs, prosecuting and defense attorneys, corrections administrators, agency training directors, loss prevention managers, and Federal agents.

One graduate has enjoyed a lengthy career with the U. S. Secret Service where he was a member of the U.S. Vice-President's detail and subsequently served as the agency's lead recruiter.



## Strengths & Noteworthy Practices

The core curriculum provides strong preparation in oral and written communications appropriate to the career field. The assignments and learning activities for thinking, problem-solving, and inquiry are also exceptional. Ethics concepts are infused throughout the curricula.

The program maintains a close relationship with its career services department and integrates its services into the program. Additionally, program faculty maintain strong relationships with employers in the field. Internship opportunities are available and strongly encouraged. Students in the program may also join the University Criminal Justice Society, which sponsors field trips to Criminal Justice agencies and provides lectures by practitioners in Criminal Justice.

