CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BS

The online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program provides a comprehensive exploration of criminal behavior and the responses of law enforcement, the court system, and corrections. Students will study law enforcement, the court system, and corrections in light of 21st-century policing principles including public safety, current social justice issues, and the constitutional rights of individuals. Students will explore the impact of crime on victims, offenders, and the general public.

- Criminal Justice Major, BS (https://catalog.baypath.edu/academic-programs/bs/criminal-justice/bsocr/)

Upon completion of the B.S. in Criminal Justice program, graduates will be able to:

- Understand the underlying causes of crime and criminal behavior, and distinctions between various forms of law violations.
- Demonstrate, defend and critique the structure of the criminal justice system and discuss legal and ethical responsibilities and practices.
- Evaluate, defend and critique differing views of national, state and local laws, policies and enforcement practices.
- Know the role of law enforcement in society, the structure and training of its officers and specializations such as community policing, state police, environmental police, federal law enforcement.
- Know the history, structure and role of federal and local courts; designated courts such as drug courts, juvenile courts, mental health courts and the judicial process; the roles of defense, prosecution and judicial professionals
- Evaluate, defend and critique the role of corrections, correctional facilities and sentenced populations, correctional policies, staffing and roles.
- Research and respond to controversial issues related to law enforcement, sentencing and correctional practices and defend differing views in a scholarly manner.
- Participate thoughtfully in debates on society's responses to crime: treatment vs. punishment, need for law and respect for human rights, the impact of crime and imprisonment, alternative sentencing and the principles of restorative justice.