

# MAJOR

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION)

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ROOM 422 HAAREN HALL, 524 WEST 59TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY  
212.237.8032 [WWW.JJAY.CUNY.EDU/DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL-JUSTICE](http://WWW.JJAY.CUNY.EDU/DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL-JUSTICE)

### WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

The Criminal Justice BA (Crime Control and Prevention) was completely revised in 2012 and now ranks among the most innovative criminal justice programs in the United States. Unlike most criminal justice programs, which emphasize factual knowledge of the status quo, the Criminal Justice BA helps students develop the capacity to analyze, critique, and change the existing criminal justice system. The professors who teach in the major view crime as a social problem that can be improved. In the classroom, the emphasis of the major is on developing analytical skills, ethical reasoning, and a capacity for solving problems. The major aspires to cultivate creative and original thinking about one of the most challenging social problems of our time and to develop the next generation of leaders who will help solve that problem.

#### IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■ ■ ■

**Analyze** and critique the function of institutions engaged in crime control and explain how their operation might be improved.

**View** crime as a social problem and think strategically about how it can be combated.

**Articulate** how institutions achieve social goals.

**Understand** and describe how to create change within institutions.

**Focus** on original research and documents rather than secondary sources.

**Consider** how race and ethnicity impact crime control.

**Design** and carry out an original research project.

**Work** closely with a faculty mentor, who is a leader in the criminal justice field.

#### FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■ ■ ■

**CJBA 110** Intro to Major Problems in Criminal Justice I

**CJBA 111** Intro to Major Problems in Criminal Justice II

**CJBA 120** Dimensions of Justice

**CJBA 210** Legal and Policy Analysis of Criminal Responsibility

**CJBA 220** Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Crime & Justice

See further major requirements at:

[www.jjay.cuny.edu/criminal-justice-crime-control-and-prevention-ba](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/criminal-justice-crime-control-and-prevention-ba)

## WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Learn to think strategically about crime control and prevention strategies.
- Formulate research questions to assess the effectiveness of these strategies.
- Carry out experimental design.
- Become adept at gathering and interpreting data.
- Use data to evaluate critical policy questions.
- Think creatively about alternative strategies and explain how they might be tested and implemented.
- Develop analytical and ethical reasoning ability.

## WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- The aim of the BA is to teach students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. We believe that any minor that challenges you to think, read, and write will serve you well.

For more information about minors, go to:  
[www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors-o](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors-o)

## WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- You will work with the leading criminal justice scholars in the nation.
- You will read and do original research with these scholars.
- You will develop a mentoring relationship with at least one of these scholars.
- You will work closely with your faculty mentor on your own research project.
- You will learn what issues these scholars believe are most important to the future of the American criminal justice system.
- You will develop the leadership and analytical abilities to be a leader in the criminal justice field.

## THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Leadership positions in federal and state agencies that make crime policy
- Leadership positions in police and corrections departments
- Policy Analyst
- Graduate study and a professorship
- Criminal Justice Research
- Federal Service
- Policy-Making
- Dispute Resolution
- Crime Analysis
- Law
- Victim/Witness Advocacy
- Community-Based Criminal Justice

For more detailed information on these career ideas and for additional ones, contact:

**Center for Career & Professional Development  
(L.72.00 New Building)**

**Phone: 212.237.8754**

**Email: [careers@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:careers@jjay.cuny.edu)**

**[www.jjay.cuny.edu/center-career-professional-development](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/center-career-professional-development)**