Overview

The Department of Criminal Justice, established in 1976, offers an undergraduate program leading to a degree of Bachelor of Science, as well as a minor, in Criminal Justice. The undergraduate program is designed for the academic development of knowledge and understanding of practices, theories, and concepts of justice, as well as to prepare students for professional careers in justice and social services, as well as graduate studies.

Careers in Criminal Justice Administration

Animal Cruelty Investigator * Bailiff * Border Patrol * CIA Agent * Community-Based Corrections Professional * Consumer Affairs Director * Corrections Officer * Court Clerk * Crime Analyst * Crime Scene Investigator * Crisis Counselor * Deputy Insurance Commissioner * Detective * Drug Court Professional * Equal Opportunity Representative * FBI Agent * Group Worker * Highway Patrol * Insurance Investigator * Investigator * Juvenile Probation Officer * Lawyer * Loss Prevention Officer * Marshal * Parole Officer * Park Ranger * Police Administrator * Police Officer * Postal Investigator * Probation Officer * Security Operations Manager * Sheriff * Social Worker * Victim Advocate * Vocational Rehabilitation Officer * Youth Worker

Notable Alumni

• Blake Nakamura ('87), Chief Deputy, Justice Division, Salt Lake County District Attorney
• Ryan Cantrell ('98), Lieutenant, Special Operations Division, Hayward Police Department
• Matt Warren ('07), Detective & SWAT, Newark Police Department
• Amanda Geipe ('08), Program Manager, Employment Services, County of San Mateo
• Garth Langely ('10), Special Agent, United State Secret Service
• Bridget Blount ('10), Correctional Case Records Supervisor, CA Department of Corrections
• Miledrea Stubbs ('10), Marriage Family Therapist, Trainee, Superior Court of Alameda County
• Kevin Halm ('12), Detective, Concord Police Department
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Bias Crimes; Youth Crime; Community Alternatives; Restorative Justice and Social Justice.

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DNA Evidence; Crime Scene Investigation and Evidence Protection; Crime Scene Reconstruction.

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