B.S. in Sociology - Criminal Justice

Why study Criminal Justice at TU in Northeastern Maryland?

- Explore the realities of criminal behavior, crime and crime prevention worldwide.
- Discover how the criminal justice system operates and its impact on offenders, victims and society.
- Gain critical thinking and methodological skills for analyzing crime data and addressing problems related to crime and its control.

Students engage in the study of the causes of crime and criminality, other forms of social deviance and official responses to crime by law enforcement, the criminal courts and the corrections system. The program prepares students to pursue a career in law enforcement, crime measurement and analysis, mediation and conflict resolution, victim assistance, and homeland or corporate security, among others. The program also prepares students for graduate level programs.

While internships are not required for the program, there are opportunities currently available in Baltimore County for students seeking to expand their knowledge and experience base in an attempt to narrow down their vast career interests. Students enrolled in an internship covering 135 hours may receive 3 credits upon satisfactory completion.

Example Course Descriptions

**CRMJ 387 ISSUES IN POLICING** Individual and system-related problems facing police personnel.

**CRMJ 375 DRUGS AND CRIME** Examines the relationship among drugs, crime, and human behavior. Explores relationship between drug abuse and crime and the policy proposals and legislation developed to control drug trafficking, drug abuse, and drug-related crime.

**CRMJ 345 RACE AND CRIME** Structural and cultural dimensions of race-specific patterns of criminal offending and victimization. Focus on urban development, social construction of race, and the political-economy of crime and social control in America.

**CRMJ 353 THEORIES OF CRIME** Evolution of criminological theory; crime rates and trends; social profile of criminal offenders and victims; societal responses.

**CRMJ 355 DELINQUENCY AND JUVENILE JUSTICE** Nature, distribution, and causes of youth crime; youth gangs; the juvenile justice system.

**CRMJ 393 ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE** Analysis of the ethical dilemmas that confront law enforcement, criminal law, and corrections professionals in the course of their daily work. Focus on both macro and micro level solutions.

Selected Faculty Profiles

**Elyshia Aseltine, Ph.D.** Dr. Aseltine’s teaching and research focuses on crime/law/deviance, criminal justice, and race/ethnicity in the US and Africa. She teaches such courses as Race and Crime, Deviant Behavior, Deviance and Organizations, and Sociology of Law.

**Laura Hahn, M.A.** Laura Hahn previously worked with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Department of Juvenile Services. Her research interests include educational and social program and policy changes to reduce early and continued criminality, juveniles in the adult prison system, institutional inmate issues, education and community reentry and aftercare programming.

**John Skinner, M.A.** John Skinner is the former Deputy Police Commissioner and retired 21-year veteran of the Baltimore Police Department. Mr. Skinner was awarded Police Officer of the Year in 2010 by the National Alliance of Mental Illness for his collaborative partnerships in training police officers. In 2009, he was recognized by the United States Department of Justice for the development of the Patrol Response Survey, an evaluation program that measures the community's perception of police performance. Mr. Skinner was also named "Baltimorean of the Year" by Baltimore Magazine for the creation of the Safe Zone Project, a nationally recognized community stabilization strategy.
Harford Community College: Associate of Arts (A.A) in Criminal Justice

Towson University: Bachelor’s Degree (B.S.) in Sociology-Anthropology—Criminal Justice

Towson University offers students the opportunity to obtain a bachelor’s degree (B.S.) in Sociology-Anthropology—Criminal Justice without ever leaving Harford County! Students who complete Harford Community College’s Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Criminal Justice will be eligible to transfer to the Towson University in Northeastern Maryland facility on HCC’s campus to earn a bachelor’s degree.

**Recommended Course Schedule Sequence at Harford Community College**

**NOTE:** The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Requirements at HCC:

- **GB** Behavioral/Social Science *
- **GH** Arts/Humanities *
- **GM** Mathematics
- **GL** Biological/Physical Laboratory Science
- **GI** Interdisciplinary & Emerging Issues
- **GS** Biological/Physical Science
- **GE** English Composition
- **D** Diversity

At HCC, future transfer students may earn credits that count toward the Core Curriculum requirements at Towson University. These Core requirements consist of a minimum of 40 units of coursework in 13 categories.

### First Semester (15 credits)

- **CJ 101** Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- **CJ 104** Procedural Law and Evidence (3)
- **ENG 101** English Composition (3) **GE** (Core 2)
- **PS 101** American National Government (3) **GB** (Core 11) **OR**
- **PS 102** State and Local Government (3) **GB** (Core 11)
- **SOC 101** Introduction to Sociology (3) **GB, D** (Core 13)

### Second Semester (17 credits)

- **CJ 103** Introduction to Corrections (3)
- **CJ 111** Principles of Criminal Law (3)
- **ENG 109** English Composition: Research Writing (3) **(Core 10)**
- **PSY 101** General Psychology (3) **GB** (Core 6)
- **MATH 216** Introduction to Statistics (4) **GM** (Core 3)
- **Physical Education Elective** (1)

### Third Semester (14 credits)

- **CMST 101** Speech Fundamentals (3) **GI** (Core 4)
- **PHIL 205** Ethics (3) **GH** (Core 14)
- **SOC 102** Social Problems (3) **GB, D** (Core 12)
- **Biological/Physical Science Lab** (4) **GL** (Core 7)
- **Physical Education Elective** (1)

### Fourth Semester (15 credits)

- **BA 210** Business Computer Applications (3) **OR**
- **CIS 102** Introduction to Information Sciences (3) **GI**
- **CJ 213** Criminology (same course as SOC 213) (3)
- **Arts/Humanities Elective (not PHIL or ENGL)** (3) **GH** (Core 5)
- **Biological/Physical Science Elective** (3) **GS** (8)
- **SOC 201** Marriage and the Family (3) **GB**

*Last revised 10/04/16.* Please note that this information is subject to change. Be sure to meet with your HCC advisor each semester to track your progress and confirm your course schedule.
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Fall Term A (15 units)

- CRMJ 353 (3 units): Theories of Crime
- CRMJ 353 (3 units): Example: SOCI 351 Deviant Behavior
- TBD (3 units): Elective
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Units Needed to Complete Degree

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Spring Term A (15 units)

- CRMJ 368 (3 units): Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- Social Control Course (3 units): Example: CRMJ 385 Police Administration
- SOCI/ANTH/Outside Electives (3 units): Example: ANTH 209 Anthropology of American Culture
- TBD (3 units): Elective
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Fall Term B (15 units)

- Criminal Justice Practice Course (3 units): Example: CRMJ 375 Topics in Criminal Justice
- CRMJ 355 (3 units): Example: CRMJ 355 Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
- SOCI/ANTH/Outside Electives (3 units): TBD
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Spring Term B (15 units)

- Social Control Course (3 units): Example: CRMJ 387 Issues in Policing
- CRMJ 345 (3 units): Example: CRMJ 345 Race and Crime
- Criminal Justice Practice Course (3 units): Example: CRMJ 375 Principles of Criminal Investigation
- TBD (3 units): Elective
- TBD (3 units): Elective

The cycle sequence can begin during any term. Order of schedule is subject to change.

General Information
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Three Reasons to Apply

Save Money.

- Fulltime TUNE students save more than $1,500 per year on fees as compared to students on the main campus. Tuition amounts are the same at both locations.
- Parking is free and convenient.
- TUNE students save on room and board, which costs approximately $11,000 per academic year on the main campus.
- Students are eligible for the same Financial Aid packages (grants, scholarship, loans, etc.) that are awarded to main campus students. In order to be considered, students must submit the FAFSA by the posted deadline.
- Student employment opportunities are available on-site.

Convenient. Close to Home.

- Program advisors and admissions representatives hold regular office hours on-site.
- Select programs offer internship opportunities in the region.
- TUNE’s Director of Student Services organizes diverse student life activities and events to bring the full college experience to TUNE.
- Fulltime TUNE students have access to Harford Community College’s fitness facilities.
- Students may purchase textbooks, class materials, TU apparel, and much more at TUNE’s bookstore. Items can also be ordered from TU’s main campus UStore and delivered to TUNE for pickup.
- Food, beverages, and snacks are available on-site at the TUNE café, bookstore, and vending machines.

Established partnerships with local community colleges provide a seamless transfer and assure maximum transfer credit.

All programs are Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) approved and, if applicable, accredited by their specific professional organization.

The same high caliber instructors teaching on main campus also teach courses at Towson University in Northeastern Maryland (TUNE).

Students receive a bachelor’s degree awarded by Towson University. The programs at TUNE are identical to those on main campus.

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How to Apply

1. To access the online application, please visit our webpage at www.towson.edu/tunemd and click the “Apply Now” button. You can also visit the application directly at www.towson.edu/applytune.

2. Please read the application instructions carefully. Allow yourself approximately 20-30 minutes to fully complete the application. A $45 non-deferrable, non-refundable fee is required with your application. Payment may be made with a credit card or electronic check.

3. Remember to send official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities to Admissions via email to: Admissions_Documents@towson.edu [Some schools will send electronically to TU.]
or via postal mail to: Towson University Office of Undergraduate Admissions 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252

4. Some majors have additional requirements or screening criteria, such as prerequisite courses, supplemental applications, GPA requirements, or passing Praxis scores. Admission to Towson University does not guarantee entry into these majors. The following programs at TUNE have additional requirements: Business Administration, Education, and Nursing.

The Deadlines

The final application deadline is June 15 for fall admission and December 15 for spring admission. The application will remain open on a space-available basis.

To be considered for merit-based scholarships offered through the University, your TU application, official transcripts, and standardized test scores* must be submitted by December 1.

The TU Priority Deadline for the FASFA is usually in mid-January and posted at www.towson.edu/finaid.

* Standardized test scores are only required if you have earned fewer than 30 transferrable credits.

Questions?

Transfer advising staff are on-site at regular times throughout the semester. Please call us at 410-704-TUNE (8863) or email tunemd@towson.edu to make an appointment to meet with a counselor if you have questions regarding transfer of credits or the application process.