

Minors

Criminal Justice Minor

The Criminology Minor allows the student to explore the legal, social, and practical aspects of the criminal justice field. This minor can be completed online. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Criminal Justice website:

www.umfk.maine.edu/academics/programs/psa/prog/cjm/

Forensic Science Minor

The Forensic Science Minor offers the student the opportunity to explore and develop an interest in forensic science. Students pursuing a career in criminal justice or public safety will find that a forensic science background will be an invaluable asset in field operations and career advancement. Not available on-line. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Criminal Justice website:

www.umfk.maine.edu/academics/programs/psa/prog/fsm/

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Rural Public Safety Administration & Criminal Justice



Degree and Certificate Programs

Public Safety Administration (B.S.)
Online Public Safety Administration (B.S.)
Criminal Justice (A.A.)
Online Criminal Justice (A.A.)
Public Management Certificate of Study
Criminal Justice Certificate of Study
Criminal Justice Minor
Forensic Science Minor
Law Enforcement Pre-Service
(100 hour course)

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice

Students enrolled in the PSA and CRJ programs at UMFK will have a first hand opportunity to experience living in Rural America. They will also be exposed to a curriculum, which has been specifically developed for those individuals who are seeking a leadership and administrative career in what has been called "Small Town America".

The events of terrorist attacks and other severe natural disasters have changed our view of the world and sharpened our focus on what's important in life. More and more people are focusing on careers in public service and many with an emphasis in Public Safety. Safe guarding our homeland and local communities has taken center stage and with it comes an ever-increasing need for well-educated individuals to fill new positions. Today, as never before in Rural America, community leaders are looking for individuals who not only know their craft, but also can manage day-to-day operations within their organization. In response, UMFK is offering this innovative degree program, which is aimed at filling this void for Rural Public Safety Administrators.

What makes UMFK's Public Safety and Criminal Justice Programs so special is its versatility. It's geared not only to undergrads, but also to those already holding a degree or currently working in a public safety capacity.

For undergrads interested in a PSA degree, there are several avenues of study open to you including credit for experience, training and professional development.

If you hold a 2-year degree an individualized curriculum will be provided for you. If you are already working as a public safety professional, PSA coursework offers you a flexible way to upgrade your existing knowledge and create opportunities for advancement within your workplace. Our academic advisors will review your records to determine if your credentials meet the credit requirements.

To make our PSA and CRJ programs more accessible both degrees may be earned on-line through the Internet, ITV or through traditional classroom instruction.

Upon graduation, depending upon your prior work experiences, you will be ready for any number of positions within local, county, state or federal government.

Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Rural Public Safety Administration

The Rural Public Safety Administration major provides a liberal arts/public management background for students interested in orienting a career in public service and public safety administration. The major is interdisciplinary and has as its core 30 hours of coursework devoted to identifying, investigating, and understanding public safety issues including an applied component of internship. This degree has a planned field of study which consists of a minimum of 30 credit hours in the area of student's specialization. Students will with the assistance and direction of their advisor, design their own field of study, either from one of the following recommended options, or a specially designed program. These options include, forestry, criminal justice, public health and environmental quality. This degree can also be completed through the online, ITV, classroom formats or a combination thereof. The degree can also be earned completely online. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Public Safety Administration website:

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Associate of Arts in General Studies Criminal Justice Sequence

The Criminal Justice Study Sequence (A.A.) degree gives the two-year student the opportunity to take courses relevant to various careers in law enforcement. The degree may also serve as an in-service program for law enforcement officers. You can work on your A.A. in preparation for your B.S. in Rural Public Safety Administration. The degree can also be earned completely on-line. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Criminal Justice website:

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Law Enforcement Pre-Service (100 hour course)

UMFK has partnered with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to offer the Law Enforcement Pre-Service Program, also called the "100 hour course." UMFK has developed a 3 credit hour course that meets all requirements of the Academy's LEPS course. This program is required by the State of Maine as the minimum level of training for any part-time law enforcement officer. It is intended to provide training and instruction to properly prepare persons for tasks that are preformed by local law enforcement personnel. Students who successfully complete this course will receive a certificate from the Academy. This UMFK course is offered in two formats. A training session lasting thirteen days, consisting of all day classes, is offered every summer at the UMFK campus. In an exclusive agreement with Academy, an Interactive Television (ITV) format, is offered every fall semester, and is available throughout the state of Maine. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Criminal Justice website:

www.umfk.maine.edu/academics/programs/psa/prog/100hr/

Certificates

Public Management Certificate

The Certificate in Public Management is designed to offer students and professionals the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation for public administration and management. The student will take eighteen (18) credit hours of core courses and nine (9) hours of elective courses, for a total of 27 credits. This certificate can be completed through the on-line, ITV, classroom formats or a combination thereof. Students will be allowed to request acceptance of up to twelve (12) transfer credits from other institutions, experiential learning, or other appropriate sources. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Public Safety Administration website:

www.umfk.maine.edu/academics/programs/psa/prog/pmcert/

Certificate of Study in Criminal Justice

The Certificate of Study is designed to offer college level preparation and coursework to those interested in or currently practicing in the criminal justice or law enforcement fields and to act as a catalyst for effective entry into the A.A. Criminal Justice and B.S. Rural Public Safety Administration programs. This certificate can be completed through the on-line, ITV, classroom formats or a combination thereof. The requirements include completion of six (6) core courses and three (3) approved elective courses related to criminal justice or public safety, for a total of 27 credits. Students will be allowed to request acceptance of up to twelve (12) transfer credits from other institutions, experiential learning, or other appropriate sources. For additional information, please consult the UMFK Criminal Justice website:

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