

## BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

### What is Law Enforcement?

Law enforcement refers to the system and activities undertaken by governmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure that laws are enforced, public safety is maintained and order is preserved within a society. Law enforcement agencies are responsible for preventing and investigating crimes, apprehending individuals who violate laws and maintaining community peace and order. These agencies play a crucial role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens.

#### Key aspects of law enforcement include:

- Crime prevention and deterrence
- Investigations
- Arrest and detention
- Enforcement of laws
- Public safety
- Public media relations
- Community policing
- Traffic control
- Crisis intervention
- Supporting the justice system
- Training and professional development

Law enforcement agencies can exist at various levels, from local and state departments to federal agencies like the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States and U.S. Territories. The structure and responsibilities of law enforcement agencies can vary significantly based on factors such as jurisdiction, size of the community and the nature of the threats they face.

### Why study Law Enforcement?

The law enforcement profession in the United States confronts some of the most difficult problems and issues that any nation can experience, as it provides public safety services to our citizens. The Tiffin University Bachelor of Criminal Justice (BCJ) degree with a law enforcement major provides the foundation for successful employment and practice. At TU, students will receive an innovative academic and practical education in the law, the behavioral sciences and the political process. Students will participate in hands-on, practical application of theoretical principles learned in the classroom.

- At TU, students can graduate with a law enforcement degree and become OPOTA (Police Academy) certified in just four years.
- Our Criminal Justice Experiential Learning Center allows students to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world situations – in a realistic, but controlled, environment.
- An internship in the field is a required part of the curriculum, often leading to a foot in the door to a first job in the field.
- TU partners with The Washington Center Internship Program, which provides students with a unique opportunity to intern with federal agencies while living in Washington D.C. for a semester.

- Students may have an opportunity to participate in the Cold Case Fellowship Program, which allows selected students to work on active/pending cold cases selected from across the country.

Receiving an education makes graduates competitive candidates. It also opens more opportunities for them, as many law enforcement agencies require a formal education.

### What can I do with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Law Enforcement degree?

Law enforcement is a challenging yet rewarding career field, with many job openings across the country. The field also offers career mobility, as police officers can work in a variety of areas within law enforcement.



## Possible Careers

- Administrator
- Bailiff
- Border Patrol Agent
- Corrections
- Highway Patrol Officer
- Corporate Security
- County Sheriff's Deputy
- Criminal Investigator
- Detective
- Fish and Game Warden
- Fraud Investigator
- Insurance Investigator
- Intelligence Analyst
- Narcotics
- Parole/Probation Officer (Adult or Juvenile)
- Police Officer
- Prosecutor's Office Investigator
- School Resource Officer
- Security Guard
- Special Agent

## How much will I earn with a BCJ in Law Enforcement?

Salary ranges in criminal justice vary depending on factors such as location, experience and education. It's always best to refer to official sources such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics (at [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)) or consult with specific law enforcement agencies/organizations for the most accurate and up-to-date salary information. Due to difficulties in hiring and retaining qualified applicants, many departments are offering hiring bonuses between \$1,000 and \$75,000 as well.

- Police Officer (location dependent) - \$45,000 - \$109,000
- Police Detective (location dependent) - \$55,000 - \$110,000
- FBI Special Agent (Entry Level) - \$77,969
- Intelligence Analyst - \$58,278 - \$83,640
- State Trooper - \$54,000 - \$89,000



## What is your pathway to graduation?

YEAR 1	
FIRST YEAR FALL	FIRST YEAR SPRING
DEC100 Dragon Education: Engage	ENG142 Rhetoric and Academic Writing
ENG141 Rhetoric and Intro to Research Writing	NAT130 Foundations of Healthy Living
JUS110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	COR120 Correctional Thought & Practice
DLT101 Digital Literacy & Technology Readiness	POL101 Intro to American Political Process
SOC101 Introduction to Sociology	ENF150 Police and Society

YEAR 2	
SECOND YEAR FALL	SECOND YEAR SPRING
DEC200 Dragon Education: Explore	JUS202 Criminal Procedure
MAT185 Quantitative Reasoning	One of the following courses: HIS201/ENG201/PHI110/ART210/CUL210/PHI215/GSC110
JUS201 Criminal Law	ENF239 Applied Criminal Investigation and Criminalistics
COR231 Juvenile Justice Systems	Open Elective (100 level or above)
CDS334 Technology & Crime	COM130 Intro to Speech Communication

YEAR 3	
THIRD YEAR FALL	THIRD YEAR SPRING
DEC300 Dragon Education: Connect	SCS300 Research Design
MAT273 Applied Statistics I	ENF245 Emergency Organization and Management
ENF335 Law Enforcement Supervision	ENF355 Forensic Investigation of Sex Crimes
Open Elective (200 level or above)	Open Elective (200 level or above)
ENF293 Criminology	JUS361 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

YEAR 4	
FOURTH YEAR FALL	FOURTH YEAR SPRING
DEC400 Dragon Education: Impact	JUS461 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice or JUS465 Criminal Trial Evidence
SOC360 Multicultural Issues in Society	ENF450 Crime Analysis
JUS461 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice or JUS465 Criminal Trial Evidence	Open Elective (200 level or above)
ENF468 Criminal Justice Report Writing	Open Elective (200 level or above)
Open Elective (200 level or above)	SCS470 Internship

### Can I choose a minor?

There are several minor options available to law enforcement majors; historically, two of the most popular have been the following:

MINOR OPTIONS			
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS		LEADERSHIP STUDIES	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
CST201 Introduction to Programming	3	PSY250 Social Psychology	3
DMD230 Video Production I	3	LDR220 Introduction of Leadership	3
UAS150 Intro to UAS Technology and Licensing	3	COM441 Organizational Communications	3
UAS225 UAS Photography and Videography	3	LDR415 Leading with Cultural Intelligence	3
UAS350 UAS Advanced Flight Operations	3	LDR440 Theory and Application of Leadership	3
		MGT301 Organizational Leadership	3

### Enhance your degree with a designation, license or certification.

DESIGNATION OPTIONS			
REMOTE PILOT LICENSE - PART 107 FAA CERTIFICATION - "DRONE PILOT"		OPOTA POLICE ACADEMY CERTIFICATION STATE OF OHIO	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
UAS150 Intro to UAS Technology	3	Open Elective	3
*Eligible to take Remote Pilot License Exam for FAA Certification		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3
		Open Elective	3



**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**

## Dual Enrollment/4+1

Students wishing to be promoted to higher ranks or levels of administration in law enforcement would greatly benefit from completing their master's degree. The dual enrollment opportunity allows graduate-level classes in a students' senior year to simultaneously count toward undergraduate and graduate degrees. Most MSCJ graduate degrees can be completed in one year or less.

YEAR 4	
FOURTH YEAR FALL	FOURTH YEAR SPRING
*JUS510 Contemporary Criminal Justice: Issues and Trends	*JUS525 Legal & Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
DEC400 Dragon Education: Impact	JUS461 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice or JUS465 Criminal Trial Evidence
SOC360 Multicultural Issues in Society	ENF450 Crime Analysis
JUS461 Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice or JUS465 Criminal Trial Evidence	Open Elective (200 level or above)
ENF468 Criminal Justice Report Writing	SCS470 Internship

\*Signifies a graduate-level class.

## Stay on track!

### YEAR 1

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure your plan meets your career goals and takes into consideration options such as possible minors, dual enrollment, unique internship opportunities, and whether you are considering attending the OPOTA Police Academy your Senior year.
- Consider job shadowing/exploration opportunities.
- Explore student groups, fellowships, clubs and extracurriculars on campus that apply to your career goals.
- Make sure you complete DEC100.

### YEAR 2

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Develop your resume.
- Continue job shadowing to build a professional network.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Make sure you complete DEC200.
- Begin exploring internships and graduate schools/programs (if applicable).

### YEAR 3

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Visit Career Services regularly to plan for your internship and begin practicing skills related to your upcoming job search (interview practice, dress for success seminars, etiquette 101, etc.)
- Work with the school's internship coordinator to help secure an appropriate internship.
- Fine-tune your resume and cover letter with Career Services.
- Make sure you complete DEC300.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Finalize graduate school plans.
- Complete your internship.

### YEAR 4

- Meet with your assigned faculty mentor and professional advisor to ensure you are on target to graduate.
- Complete/submit graduate school applications by deadlines.
- Attend the career fairs offered on campus throughout the year.
- Begin your job search and submit applications for potential opportunities.
- Make sure you complete DEC400.
- Apply for graduation through the Registrar's Office at TU.