



Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Turn Your Calling Into a Career With a Degree In Criminal Justice and Criminology

Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology program can help you develop the relevant skills and knowledge to pursue a number of different career choices.¹ Our curriculum provides a strong criminal justice foundation, so you have the flexibility to pursue a career in law enforcement, private security, public safety, and other options within the private and public sector. Our online platform offers the freedom to learn virtually anytime day or night. So you can learn and study according to your schedule.

Protecting Society Can Be a Rewarding Career

If you're passionate about a career in criminal justice, now is the time to prepare for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Kaplan University offers several programs designed to help you pursue your passion. Programs are taught by working professionals who bring real-world expertise to the courses they teach, so you gain practical knowledge and skills you can immediately apply to your chosen career.

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The Criminal Justice Field Needs Talented Professionals Like You.

Understanding the criminal mind and patterns associated with criminal behavior and activity can improve law enforcement response, enhance crime prevention efforts, and have a positive societal impact within our communities.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of private detectives and investigators is expected to grow between 2014 and 2024.² New opportunities within criminal justice and investigation are expected to result from heightened security concerns and the increased need to protect confidential information and property. In addition, continued demand for public safety is likely to contribute to the demand for police services.³

Demand for professionals with college experience is on the rise. In 2013, more than 20% of police departments required new entry-level officers to have at least a 2-year college degree, compared to 7% in 2003.⁴ Earning your associate's degree in criminal justice and criminology builds a path toward earning your bachelor's degree in criminal justice, which could position you for further advancement.⁵



Prepare for a Wide Range of Career Options.

The criminal justice industry boasts numerous career choices in a variety of public and private sector fields. An Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology degree may qualify you for employment opportunities such as computer crime, corrections, counterterrorism, detention, fraud investigation, homeland security, juvenile justice, law enforcement, private investigations, or public safety.¹

Our graduates have used their degrees to advance in police departments, seek careers in federal agencies such as U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and pursue commissioned jobs in the U.S. military. An associate's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue work in these environments:

- State and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Correction facilities (prisons and jails)
- Private detective agencies
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:¹

- Law enforcement position (police officers and detectives; additional academy training is usually required)—Pursue and apprehend individuals who break the law, and issue citations and warnings or make arrests; work to keep the peace and protect the public.
- Private investigator or detective—Assist individuals, businesses, and attorneys to discover, research, and analyze information that can be used to assist in the criminal justice process.

Local, state and federal law enforcement jobs may require additional training or education beyond the associate's level. You should fully research the requirements of any such position you intend to seek.

Build Your Strong Foundation, With a Specialized Education.

Kaplan University’s criminal justice and criminology program is designed to offer a strong foundation of professional skills and criminal justice knowledge while allowing you to specialize in an area of interest. Along with your core and major requirement courses, this degree program features a pool of open electives that allows students to take courses inside and potentially even outside of the criminal justice area in subjects such as legal studies, public administration, and information technology. A capstone project at the end of the program gives students the opportunity to apply their new knowledge and skills to real-world criminal justice scenarios.

- Knowledge of criminal justice leadership practices, including the role of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations
- An understanding of how new technology is used in criminal investigation, criminal enterprise, and in the operations of criminal justice agencies

Our Instructors Are Criminal Justice Professionals.

Kaplan University’s faculty members have years of experience in the field of criminal justice and criminology. Many are working professionals who truly understand your career requirements and the challenges you face, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

The Program Focuses on Building the Following Knowledge and Abilities:

- An overview of the U.S. criminal justice system, its agencies, and the issues and challenges facing the system
- In-depth knowledge of criminology theory, including causes of crime and discipline-specific evaluation of human behavior
- Analytical skills such as the ability to use scientific methods of inquiry to arrive at reasoned decisions

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology

Credit Hours: 90

Program may not be available in all states. Speak to an Admissions Advisor for details.



Kaplan University Tuition Cap

This program is offered at Kaplan University Tuition Cap pricing, which limits the cost of completion for eligible enrollees. For complete details, including eligibility, associated fees, and how prior learning credits could further lower the cost of attendance, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/paying-school/tuition-reduction.aspx.

Kaplan University—A Brighter Way Forward™

We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes for an Introductory Period.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan CommitmentSM gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.⁶

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁷

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Corrections

Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander

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Dean and Vice President,
College of Social and
Behavioral Sciences



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, <http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx>.

1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional police academy training and education may be required for law enforcement jobs. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

2 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Private Detectives and Investigators, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/private-detectives-and-investigators.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Police and Detectives, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/ooh/Protective-Service/Police-and-detectives.htm.

4 Source: U.S. Department of Justice, “Local Police Departments, 2013: Personnel, Policies, and Practices,” May 2015, www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/lpd13ppp.pdf.

5 While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any programs.

6 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu and www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

7 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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