



# Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

## Earn the Right Degree to Pursue a Career in Criminal Justice.

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program could help you develop your talent and pursue a number of different career choices.<sup>1</sup> This program is designed to prepare graduates for advancement in police departments, correctional facilities, loss prevention, and other organizations in the private and public sectors. Our curriculum offers a strong criminal justice foundation while allowing students to specialize in a preferred area of emphasis. And, our online course content is available virtually anytime day or night, so you can study according to your schedule.

## Protecting Society Is More Than a Career; It's a Calling

Our criminal justice programs are part of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals and leaders in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs.

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# The Criminal Justice Field Needs Talented Professionals Like You.

Public safety has become an important priority for society. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, protective service occupations are expected to add 153,900 jobs between 2014 and 2024.<sup>2</sup>

New opportunities for private detectives and investigators are expected to result from heightened security concerns and the increased need to protect confidential information and property.<sup>3</sup> In addition, continued demand for public safety is likely to contribute to the demand for police services.<sup>4</sup>

As the field becomes more competitive, employers may increasingly look for educated, qualified individuals.



## Prepare for a Wide Range of Careers With One Degree.

The criminal justice industry boasts numerous career choices in a variety of public and private sector fields. With a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, you may qualify for employment opportunities related to computer crime, counterterrorism, crime scene investigation, detention, fraud investigation, homeland security, juvenile justice, law enforcement, parole and probation, prisons, private investigations, or public safety. In addition, a bachelor's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue work in these environments:

- Federal, state, and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Private detective agencies
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

### Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:<sup>1</sup>

- **Law enforcement (police officers and detectives; additional academy training 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
- **State parks officer or highway officer**—Maintain order and respond to emergencies, protect people and property, enforce motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promote positive community relations
- **Private investigator or detective**—Assist individuals, businesses, and attorneys by finding and analyzing information
- **Probation officer**—Gather information about offenders' backgrounds by talking to offenders, their families and friends, and other people who have relevant information

Local, state, and federal probation officer jobs and law enforcement positions may require additional training or education including additional state-approved higher education beyond Kaplan University's degree. You should fully research the requirements of any such position you intend to seek prior to enrolling in your program.

# A Strong Foundation Starts With a Specialized Education.

Kaplan University's criminal justice program is designed to offer a strong foundation of professional skills and criminal justice knowledge while allowing students to specialize in an area of interest. Students can choose from five different concentrations including law enforcement, crime scene investigation, forensic psychology, juvenile justice, and homeland security. Along with the concentration selection, this degree program features a pool of open electives that allows students to take courses inside and potentially even outside of the public safety 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.

## The Program Focuses on 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

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

› Credit Hours: 180

- 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 Public Safety Professionals

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

## Accelerated Master's Degree Option

Interested in continuing on to pursue a graduate degree? Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward any of the following Kaplan University master's degrees while you earn your bachelor's degree:

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology

Complete both your bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Education Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.

### Shane Kelley, MS, MSCJ

› Academic Chair, Undergraduate Criminal Justice Programs

“Our criminal justice program provides a strong foundation for both current and aspiring criminal justice professionals. Using both theory and practice, it prepares students for high visibility careers in a diverse society. Our courses focus heavily on leadership, ethics, and similar principles that are highly desired throughout the criminal justice system.”

This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University. Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary.

# Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought®

## 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 Commitment<sup>SM</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

### 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.
- Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>6</sup>

### Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

### 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  
of the College of Social  
and Behavioral Sciences



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [kaplan.edu/info](http://kaplan.edu/info). For gainful employment information about our public safety programs, visit [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/criminal-justice/ge](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/criminal-justice/ge).

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook 2016-17 Edition*, Protective Service Occupations, [www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/home.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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<sup>5</sup> 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](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) and [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan\\_Commitment.pdf](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf). Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

<sup>6</sup> Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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