

Criminal Justice

Be a Criminal Justice major at Sage and discover...

Where you'll go...

Working in the criminal justice system can be a very challenging and rewarding professional experience. Whether you serve as a law-enforcement officer, attorney, policy analyst, advocate, or any number of roles in the field, you'll enter a fascinating world in which you can make a difference.

At Sage, you'll explore the overall functioning of the criminal justice system in the U.S. and may choose to undertake special coursework in such areas as victimology, evidentiary law, and the death penalty.

With a degree in Criminal Justice from Sage, you will be prepared to work in any facet of the criminal justice system. The solid foundation you gain at Sage will enable you to find your place in this important field.

What you'll do...

See yourself...

- Becoming an attorney or entering government service.
- Protecting the public as a local, state or federal law enforcement officer.
- Pursuing a M.S. in Forensic Mental Health.
- Advocating for victims seeking justice and support.
- Working in the corrections system as a probation officer, a correctional official, or a correctional counselor.

Wherever you go and whatever you do with your degree in Criminal Justice, you'll be in demand for your skills, your knowledge and your desire to be of service to others.

At Sage you'll...

Take an array of core criminal justice courses that satisfy the standards for Criminal Justice Education as established by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Select electives that explore legal issues, the death penalty, women's roles in law and the criminal justice system, mental disorders, criminal investigation, and terrorism.

Learn social science research skills that will give you an advantage in your career pursuits and will better prepare you for graduate study.

Intern at probation departments, domestic violence shelters, Offices of Homeland Security, law offices, and community-based agencies. All students will complete a minimum one-semester internship.

Qualified students may choose to pursue a law degree through the 6-year joint B.A./B.S. and J.D. degree program with Albany Law School.

Sage graduates include lawyers, probation officers, a correctional academy instructor, social science policy analysts, victims' advocates, youth court directors, and local, state and federal law enforcement officials.

How you'll get there...

Here are the requirements you will meet to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice Core (21 credits)

Criminal Justice Functions and Processes
Law and Legal Process
Penology
Policing

Nature of Crime

Senior Seminar I in Criminal Justice
Senior Seminar II in Criminal Justice

Nature of Crime (3 credits)

Select one of the following courses:

Juvenile Delinquency
Victims and Their Experiences

Criminal Justice Applications (9 credits)

Internship

Statistics with Computer Applications

Select one of the following courses:

Research Methods

Research for the Professions

Social Structural Support Courses (6 credits)

Introduction to Sociology

Select one of the following courses:

Race and Ethnic Relations

Class, Power, and Privilege

Criminal Justice Elective Courses (3 credits)

Select one additional course from the

following list:

Women in Criminal Justice

The Death Penalty

Criminal Law

Sociology of Mental Disorder

Victims and Their Experiences

Women and the Law

Special Topics: Professional

Special Topics: Liberal Arts

Evidence

Family Court Law

Criminal Justice Minor (18 credits)

For both professional majors and other liberal arts and sciences majors.

Criminal Justice Functions

Nature of Crime

Select one of the following:

Law and Legal Process

Policing

Penology

Select three Criminal Justice electives.

About the Faculty

The diverse and talented members of the Sage faculty are highly credentialed academicians and dedicated teachers who are also authors, researchers, practitioners, and leaders in their fields. They encourage, challenge, and support Sage students and provide programs of study that connect the classroom to the world beyond campus.

Russell Sage College—Women of Influence

At Russell Sage College women are encouraged to take risks, discover their strengths, and apply what they've learned to improve the world around them. Women dominate every class discussion, run student government and the campus newspaper, and win all the academic prizes and scholarships. But, that doesn't mean Sage is a campus without men or without the potential for an active social life; it means that in the classroom, in the lab, on the playing field, and beyond, Russell Sage students are free to be their most intelligent, creative, determined, successful selves.

Be. Know. Do.

Russell Sage College was founded in Troy in 1916 by suffragist Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage, with the guidance of Eliza Kellas, head of the college preparatory Emma Willard School (also located in Troy). Together they founded Russell Sage College as a "school of practical arts," one of the very first institutions to offer women the means of economic and social independence through preparation for professional careers.

Sage remains one of the only women's schools in the country that requires a women's studies curriculum. Through two courses -- Women in the World and Women Changing the World -- you'll come to understand how women throughout history have struggled, adapted, changed, and flourished. This historical backdrop will lay the groundwork for your self-discovery as a woman in today's world.

Sage's Early College program is one of only two in the country designed for early college entry by outstanding young women in high school.

Inspiring Women

Inspirational women of influence have studied at and visited Russell Sage College. As a Sage student, you will learn by their courageous examples. Eleanor Roosevelt was the first person to receive an honorary degree from Sage; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has visited campus; Anita Roddick, activist, author, and founder of *The Body Shop*, has delivered the Commencement keynote; biologist and theorist Dr. Lynn Margulis was a Geneva Sayre lecturer at Sage; and activist Angela Davis, author and poet Maya Angelou, former U.S. Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello and artist Faith Ringgold have all visited.

At Russell Sage, women of all ages and backgrounds can gain a strong vision of their own power and potential. At Russell Sage, everything is possible.

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