CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Temple University’s Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice program teaches students to think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively and conduct research designed to improve our understanding of crime and related social problems.

Our undergraduate Criminal Justice Major fosters a comprehensive understanding of the nature of crime and the effectiveness and fairness of society’s efforts to prevent and control it. Students engage in a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of crime, offenders, and victims, and the agencies, goals, laws, policies, and processes of the criminal legal system. The program emphasizes critical thinking about the kinds of questions and problems that shape developments in research, practice, policy and reform, and the skills utilized by scholars and professionals in the field.

A HANDS-ON APPROACH

Students are encouraged to apply the core skills they learn in their degree programs—how to think critically, solve problems and communicate effectively—in real-world professional settings through criminal justice internships and experiential learning projects. Criminal Justice majors may receive course credit toward their degree for completing an internship.

You’ll also have the opportunity to participate in The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program®, an initiative originating from Temple’s Department of Criminal Justice, which facilitates dialogue and education across profound social differences through courses held inside prison.

PREPARE TO WORK IN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY

The skills gained from a liberal arts degree are highly relevant in today’s rapidly evolving world. The versatility of this program’s curriculum helps you graduate with valuable skill sets sought by many employers. Our in-demand graduates are well positioned to enter a variety of fields and pursue a range of careers, some of which include victim’s services, federal, state, and local law enforcement, social justice advocate, probation officer, paralegal, youth services, addiction treatment and counseling, crime analyst, criminal justice research, and cybersecurity professional.

Some criminal justice graduates also go on to graduate study in the social sciences or law, leading to career paths in criminal defense, prosecution, forensic psychology, higher education and more.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

- BA in Criminal Justice
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity and Human Behavior Certificate (undergraduate)
- Accelerated +1 BA/MA in Criminal Justice
- MA in Criminal Justice
- PhD in Criminal Justice

LEARN MORE
At the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), students have access to more than just great classes. Our urban setting provides **countless experiential learning opportunities** outside the classroom like internships, research endeavors with faculty and community engagement. These experiences **empower our students** to continue developing their skill sets, pursuing their interests and growing into tomorrow’s leaders in challenging and rewarding career paths.

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**INTERNSHIPS**

Internships impart valuable skills that are extensions of those taught in the classroom. CLA is committed to enhancing students’ professionalism and assisting them in obtaining internships. Visit the **Joyce K. Salzberg Center for Professional Development** for internship resources dedicated solely to liberal arts students.

**COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING**

Community-engaged Learning (CEL) is a collaboration between students, faculty and community stakeholders to address a community-identified need.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Undergraduate research opportunities at CLA range from developing an independent project to partnering with a faculty member or working with a university lab or group.

**STUDY ABROAD**

Studying abroad can be one of the most transformative experiences you’ll have as a college student. Temple University students have many opportunities to study abroad through our international campuses in Rome and Japan, foreign exchange programs and external partnerships.

**DEADLINES**

**NOVEMBER 1:**
- Transfer Application Deadline for Spring
- Early Action First-year Application Deadline for Fall

**FEBRUARY 1:**
- First-year Application Deadline for Fall
- FAFSA Financial Aid Application Deadline

**MAY 1:**
- FAFSA Financial Aid Application Deadline
- Housing and Tuition Deposit Deadline

**JUNE 1:**
- Transfer Application Deadline for Fall

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**WHAT YOU SEE ISN’T ALWAYS WHAT YOU PAY.**

That’s why the College of Liberal Arts is committed to keeping tuition low—in fact, we are one of the few colleges within Temple University that **does not charge a tuition differential**. Our priority is to help you graduate with **less student debt**.

For more information on Temple University tuition and financial aid, visit Student Financial Services at [sfs.temple.edu](http://sfs.temple.edu)

**LEARN MORE**

Have more questions about the College of Liberal Arts? Connect with CLA Enrollment staff, faculty and current students virtually, on campus or both!

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Visit [admissions.temple.edu](http://admissions.temple.edu) to get started.

**TRANSFERRING?**

Whether transferring has always been a part of your plan or you suddenly find yourself ready to make a change, the College of Liberal Arts offers flexibility to help you accomplish your goals as efficiently as possible.

To learn more about transferring to Temple, please visit [liberalarts.temple.edu/transfer](http://liberalarts.temple.edu/transfer) or email us at clatransfer@temple.edu.