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## DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CYBERSECURITY, AND SOCIOLOGY

**Criminal Justice**

**Cybercrime**

**Homeland Security**

**Sociology**

**Criminology**



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to the Department of Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, and Sociology!*

We are glad you are considering the University as your academic home for the next few years. We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments.

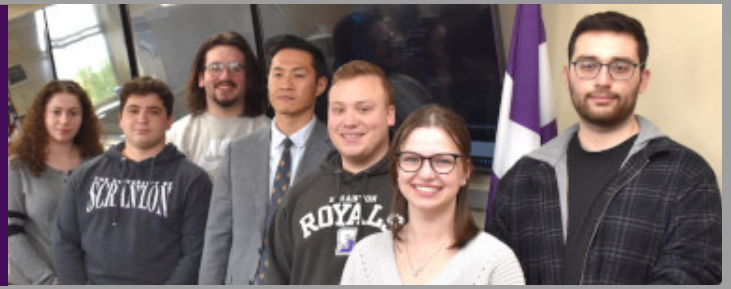
But first, here are a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs:

- We have a flexible curriculum that allows students to take advantage of multiple outstanding internship opportunities for credit and encourages them to complete a minor or double major.
- We collaborate with the University's Chemistry Department (Forensic Chemistry major) and Business School (Forensic Accounting track and Business 5yr BS/MS program).
- Our faculty are recognized nationally and internationally in their various professional organizations and also have relevant experience in the field.
- We have an active Criminal Justice Student Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, and engages in community service and we have recently started a chapter—Omega Sigma Alpha—of the American Criminal Justice Association.
- We are one of only nine criminal justice undergraduate programs in the United States to obtain certification from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- Our Center for the Analysis & Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) combines faculty expertise, practitioner insight, and student learning to enhance the technological and analytical capabilities of students, police officers, and other criminal justice and social service agencies in the regional community.
- We are a Catholic and Jesuit University that is based on a 450 year-old intellectual tradition that strives for excellence and cares for each and every student.
- In the Fall of 2025, we will be moving to a newly-constructed building, thanks to the generous grant from the US National Institute of Standards and Technology. This will include additional, world-class classroom and lab spaces for our programs and community initiatives.

If I can be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me at [michael.jenkins@scranton.edu](mailto:michael.jenkins@scranton.edu).

Yours in Justice,

*Michael Jenkins, Ph.D.*

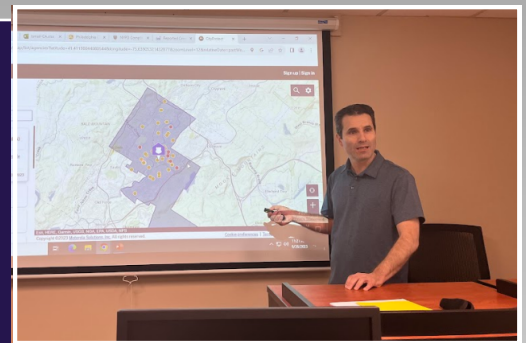


We prepare students for fulfilling careers in policing, courts, corrections, cybercrime prevention and investigation and social service. Our students develop critical thinking, research, analytical and technological skills while learning about equality and social justice. We are just one block from downtown Scranton, which means we have easy access to state and federal courts, law firms, social service agencies, and the police department. We incorporate the principles of Catholic, Jesuit and Ignation Education: especially with genuine care for each student and an emphasis on social justice.

## OUR PROGRAMS

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A degree in criminal justice at the University of Scranton can prepare you for a career in federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as community and institutional corrections. It can prepare you as well for advanced study in law, criminology and public administration.



*"Our faculty are highly trained, professionally active, and at the top of their fields. All are doing research and taking students under their wing."* - **James Roberts, Ph.D.**



Cybercrime is a serious threat to organizations around the world. Because of that, the cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing everyday. Our program in Cybercrime & Homeland Security is designed to prepare you to meet the growing demand for evaluating and managing and defending from complex cybersecurity incidents and threats, as well as learn about the effect of terrorism on our country.

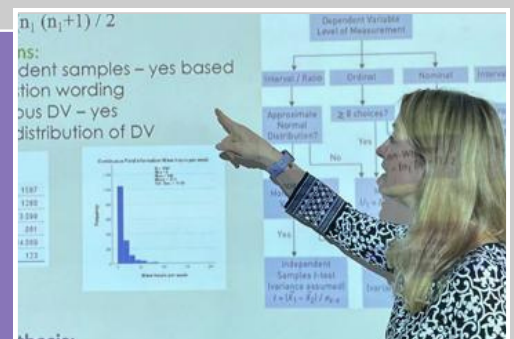
## CYBERCRIME & HOMELAND SECURITY

*"Our programs are not only providing students with a very rich curriculum, but also helping them gain experience and skills that can prepare them to compete with others in the job market."* - **Ismail Onat, Ph.D., M.A.**

## SOCIOLOGY

Sociology majors have a strong background in writing, theory, critical thinking and research. These skills, that come along with the understanding of the nuances of human interaction, are essential to a number of different occupations such as: research, administration, public health, human services, business, counseling, corrections, law, politics and public relations.

*"Most students don't think they're going to be doing a lot of data collecting in their 'real' job. It helps them see the utility of what they're doing. It really drives home to students that what they're doing will be used by a real agency."* - **Loreen Wolfer, Ph.D.**



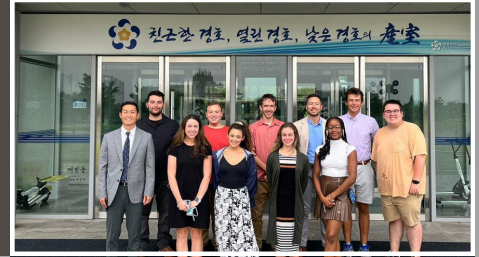


## DEPARTMENT NEWS



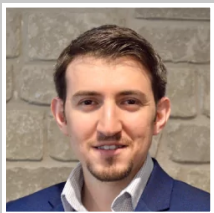
The University of Scranton has released plans of a new building that our department will move to in the Fall of 2025. Faculty worked on plans throughout the semester to ensure the space will include the technology and software components needed for our academic research and outreach programs.

Want to study abroad in South Korea? This travel course, offered by the criminal justice department, covers the meaning of justice, security and crime in South Korea. Topics include global standards and patterns of justice, international law and transnational crime. Students will develop knowledge related to Korean systems and responses to crime, justice and security and compare them with those in the U.S. Students should plan to pay approximately \$4,022 to cover the costs associated with this travel course. Costs include airfare, ground transportation in the host country, visa, travel insurance, meals, lodging and entry to all planned cultural activities in country. Additionally, normal fees apply (approx. \$650).



**Dr. Ismail Onat** published an article in collaboration with **Dr. Mehmet Bastug**, where they analyzed how American adults' fear vary between Domestic and International terrorism. The article, "Deconstructing Fears of Terrorism: A Comparison between Fear from Domestic and International Terrorist Group" provides a significant contribution to the literature on the fear of terrorism topic by illustrating the important differences among general fears of terrorism, fears of domestic terrorist groups, and fears of international terrorist groups. He also hosted a 3 day seminar at the University on crime data to professionals who are passionate about leveraging data to enhance crime prevention and law enforcement strategies.

**Dr. Michael Jenkins** will travel to Chicago in March to receive the Outstanding Service Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Science's Police Section. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the Academy's largest section and, particularly, his service as editor of the Police Forum and for his mentorship of graduate students and junior colleagues in the field of policing.

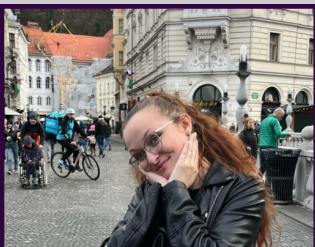


**Dr. Mehmet Bastug**, in collaboration with **Dr. Ismail Onat** and **Dr. Ahmet Guler from Penn State University** recently published an article to the International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime. The article, "Threat Construction and Framing of Cyberterrorism in the U.S. News Media", aims to explore the influence of news media on the fear of cyberterrorism and how cyberterrorism is framed in the media. The framing and portrayal of cyberterrorism in US newspapers are discussed.

**Dr. Sinchul Back**, the Director of Cybercrime Studies at the University, was recently promoted to associate professor. Dr. Back started working at the University in 2019. He is a dynamic instructor who teaches many different classes within the cybercrime and cybersecurity curriculum at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Since arriving at the University, Dr. Back designed and taught 8 different courses and was integral in the creation of the Department's undergraduate and graduate level cybercrime programs.



## WORK STUDY SPOTLIGHT



**Ashley Burdick**

Senior  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
Criminal Justice and Journalism &  
Electronic Media



**Awni Pimentel**

Senior  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
Political Science and Philosophy



**Megan Taylor**

Junior  
Binghamton, New York  
Criminal Justice major with a minor in  
Psychology



**Nathaniel Williams**

Junior  
Wall Township, New Jersey  
Criminal Justice

*"Being a criminal justice work study, you get to work with professors and make new connections among the department outside of the classroom."*

## READY TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS? WE OFFER COURSES IN:

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Ethical Hacking
- Sociological theory
- Cyber-intelligence
- Race & Ethnic Relations
- American Policing
- Terrorism
- Homeland Security
- Law and American Court System
- Sociology
- Digital Forensic Investigation
- Emergency Management
- Police Criminalistics

## OUR CLUBS

- Criminal Justice Club (Chapter of American Criminal Justice Association)
- Mock Trial
- Cyberinvestigation Club

## ALPHA PHI SIGMA

*The National Criminal Justice Honor Society*

**2023-2024 Inductees**

**James Roberts Ph.D., Advisor**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Sydney L. Gero   | • Audrey Phillips   |
| • Sarah Hazelrigg  | • Ryan Lally        |
| • Gianna Marmo     | • Olivia Ciccimarra |
| • Claudia O'Reilly | • Emily McAlarney   |

(Currently accepting applications for '24-'25)

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Pennsylvania State Prison
- Scranton City Police
- U.S. Secret Service and U.S Marshals
- County Probation
- J.P. Morgan
- District Attorney's Office
- Dunmore Police Department
- Lackawanna County Police
- Lackawanna County Sheriff
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Security Agency
- Community Intervention Center
- The Institute for Economic and Public Policy
- Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency

## WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- FBI
- Counterterrorism
- Private Security Analysis
- U.S. Immigration and Customs
- Local & State Police Departments
- Federal Corrections
- Public Defenders Office
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Private Sectors for Cybercrime
- Civil Division in Courts



The University of Scranton mock trial team recently competed in regionals hosted by American University in Washington D.C.



Scranton students took second and third place in a cyber security simulation student competition hosted by Endicott College in Massachusetts.