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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND CRIMINOLOGY

Criminal Justice

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Sociology

Criminology



Messages from the Chair

Welcome to our department and to our programs in Criminal Justice, Cybercrime & Homeland Security, and Sociology!

We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments as you consider the University of Scranton as your academic home for the next few years.

But first, we would like to offer a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs.

We offer a flexible curriculum that offers students the opportunity to take advantage of multiple internship opportunities and the ability to complete a minor or double major.

- The Criminal Justice Department has collaborations with the University's Chemistry Department (for a Forensic Chemistry major) and the University's Business School (on a Forensic Accounting track and the 5yr BS/MS program).
- Our faculty are nationally and internationally known and have experience in the field.
- The students can engage with the active Criminal Justice Club and the Cyber Investigation Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, engages in community service and compete in national cybercrime competitions.
- Our Criminal Justice program is 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) and the Cyber-Forensics and Cybersecurity Lab gives students the chance to work with faculty and practitioners on research and skills that are pertinent to their future professional fields.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our department. I hope you enjoy the updates on our faculty, students and alumni shared here. We look forward to welcoming you to the department soon!

Yours in Justice,

Michael Jenkins, Ph.D.

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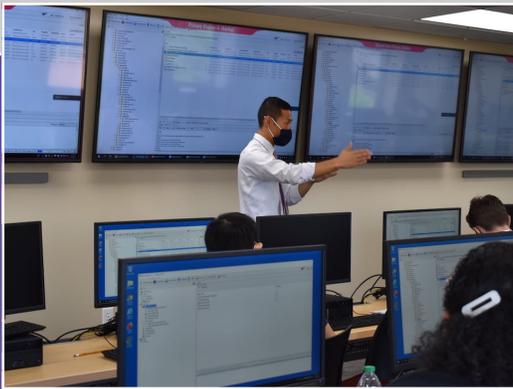
"We want students to work with Criminal Justice agencies to practice what they learned from their courses and the skills that they have had throughout their higher education." - Ismail Onat, Ph.D.



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.

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.



Cybercrime & Homeland Security

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.

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.





"Our faculty have a diverse set of interests in the Sociology, Criminal Justice and Criminology fields that cover everything from Ethical Hacking, Crime Pattern Analysis and Evaluation of Social Interactions." – **Loreen Wolfer, Ph.D.**

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 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.**

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

Alpha Phi Sigma

The National Criminal Justice Society
2022-2023 Inductees

- Athina Pramagioulis
- Alexandria Maniscalco
- Clare Maguire
- Owen Mueller

Alpha Kappa Delta

The National Honor Society for Sociology
2022- 2023 Inductees

- Sontae Petrie

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

"We want to offer a hands-on learning experience in Criminal Justice: to get engaged in the local community and to see how their courses apply to their eventual practices that they might be involved in." – **Michael Jenkins, Ph.D.**



Department News

This fall, the Criminal Justice department launched a Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity masters program. This program is offered online. This new 30-credit Master's Degree in Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity program courses include Cyber Criminology and Criminal Justice, Digital Forensics Investigation, Mobile Forensics, Cyber Defense and Cyber Risk Assessment and Management, among others. This program looks to offer students skills in preventing cybercrime. Graduates of the program can work for small or large businesses, as well as for government agencies or nonprofit organizations. Positions in this field include cybercrime investigator, digital forensic examiner or cybersecurity specialist.

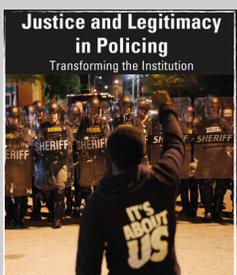


Dr. Back and Dr. Jenkins took nine students to Seoul, South Korea for 10 days while studying issues, justice and security. They visited the border with North Korea as well as a variety of training sites and the South Korean Supreme Court. The trip to the border gave the students the opportunity to learn about North Korean and South Korean relations. The class was the first civilian group to visit the facilities like the presidential secret service training facility; they also visited the ROK marine camp and the National Police Agency.



Ismail Onat, Ph.D. received the Provost's Faculty Enhancement Award for Excellence in Scholarly Publication in April. This is the University's way of promoting faculty scholarship and recognizes faculty who have strived for creative activity. Dr. Onat is an associate professor of criminal justice and criminology and joined the University in 2016. His work has been published in *Crime and Delinquency* and the *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*.

Seniors Claire Maguire and Sydney Gero, were awarded the Royal Experience Summer Internship stipend over the summer. Claire interned with the Montgomery County Detective Bureau as a student analyst for the agency's crime data. Sydney interned with the New Jersey State Parole Board. This program Program provided six University of Scranton students, selected from a competitive pool, a stipend of up to \$4,000 to support their participation in a meaningful unpaid internship for the summer of 2022.



Dr. Jenkins co-authored the lead article in an edited book titled "Justice and Legitimacy in Policing". He also recently attended the Triennial Conference of Alpha Sigma Nu—the Jesuit Honor Society, in his role on the executive committee of the national board of directors. It was held at Creighton University.

Alumni Spotlight



Brittany Colon '18 graduated from the University of Scranton with a degree in criminal justice. She started off as a student officer and as a student, completed the University of Scranton's police academy. In 2022, she was chosen as the Philadelphia Police Department's Officer of the year. Officer Colon was also recognized this year for her efforts saving the life of a stabbing victim by doing CPR and stopping the bleeding.



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