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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.
- When you join us this fall, we will be in 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.

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 Ignatian 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.

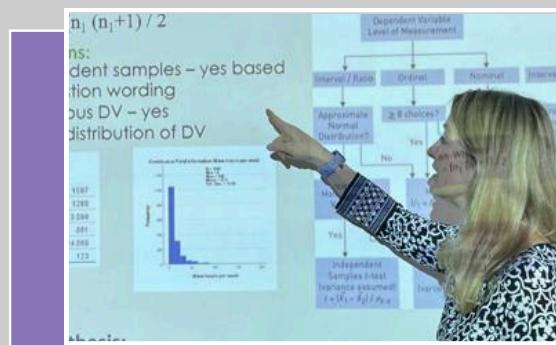
CYBERCRIME & HOMELAND SECURITY

"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



This upcoming Fall, we will be in our new building that will include three labs for crime analysis/research, cyber attack simulation, and cyber forensics and a mock crime scene for traditional investigations. There will also be rooftop reflection space, a prayer room, and space for the mock trial team to practice.

The faculty are planning a study abroad summer course for June 2025, titled "Global Crime, Justice, & Security in Spain." This travel course explores the concepts of justice, security, and crime, covering topics such as global justice standards, international law, and transnational crime. As part of the program, students will visit key Spanish criminal justice institutions in Madrid, including the Spanish National Police, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Ministry of Justice. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in a Cybercrime Investigation Competition at the International White Hat Conference in León, Spain.



Dr. Ismail Onat published an article based on his research using data from the Atlantic City Police Department. He analyzed the association between mental health related calls and the crisis intervention training. In another publication, Dr. Onat led the research on terrorist arson in urban places and published a journal article with his colleagues from two other universities.

Dr. Michael Jenkins traveled to El Salvador on a mission-based educational pilgrimage to learn about the Jesuit martyrs and life in El Salvador in the aftermath of the civil war. It was a transformational experience that shed light on the importance of Jesuit higher education in the world and the complicated issues of immigration, state violence, gangs, and crime in the US and in El Salvador.



Dr. Mehmet Bastug received the 2024 Faculty Senate Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award for his outstanding contributions to teaching in the Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity Master of Science program. He co-authored an encyclopedia entry titled "Cyberterrorism" with **Dr. Onat** for the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Dr. Bastug's recent peer-reviewed journal articles have been published in several reputable journals and conference proceedings, including the Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computational Science and Computational Intelligence (CSCI), the Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, and Terrorism and Political Violence. Additionally, he has renewed his Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) certification for another three years.

Dr. Sinchul Back, the Director of Cybercrime Studies, published an article on AI-assisted facial recognition, titled "AI-Powered Facial Recognition Training in Higher Education." The study examines how advanced facial and image recognition technologies can be integrated into higher education programs to better prepare future law enforcement professionals in the United States. Lastly, to incorporate drone operation and forensics into his technical courses, Dr. Back recently earned a Remote Pilot Certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In collaboration with his colleagues, Dr. Back will host the 5th Royal's Cyber Investigation Camp for area high school students from July 8-10, 2025. The camp, will be held in the University's Cyber Forensics Lab, and will introduce students to AI & Robotics Investigation through hands-on training and interactive lessons.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Amelia Farry Class of 2025

"I was accepted into the Cybercrime Investigations and Cybersecurity graduate program here at the University and have already started taking classes.

After graduation, I'll continue to pursue my master's and look for a law enforcement job."

Buse Onat Class of 2026

"I am currently enrolled in the accelerated Cyber Investigations master's program while completing my undergraduate studies as a triple major in Cybercrime & Homeland Security, Philosophy, and Criminal Justice, with minors in Forensic Accounting and International Studies. I am incredibly excited for the opportunity to intern at Natixis Investment Banking in NYC this summer, where I can explore the intersection of finance and cybersecurity!

I am thankful for the education, values, and mentors Scranton has provided me with throughout my studies."

Ryan Nodine Class of 2024

"After graduating in December 2024, I continued my education in the University of Scranton's Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Investigation Master's Program. Currently, I am prepared to begin an internship with the University's Center for the Prevention & Analysis of Crime, in collaboration with Lackawanna County, as a student crime analyst."

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

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

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

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

(Currently accepting applications for '24 -'25)

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



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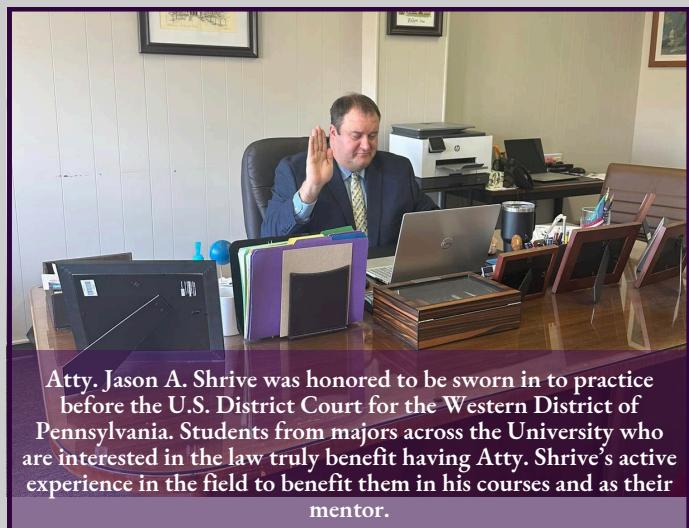
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In November 2024, the Criminal Justice Department faculty attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco.



Atty. Jason A. Shrive was honored to be sworn in to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Students from majors across the University who are interested in the law truly benefit having Atty. Shrive's active experience in the field to benefit them in his courses and as their mentor.