

Bachelor of Arts in Justice

The Justice major prepares students for careers in criminal justice, law, government, public service and non-profits. Foundational Justice courses help students identify their career of interest and design an academic plan that supports this goal. Students take an interdisciplinary set of required courses which aim to develop students' skills in communication, writing, and critical thinking, as well as build a foundation in constitutional law and psychological science.

Justice majors complete a capstone course where they apply their skills and subject matter knowledge in the field. Capstone students gain field experience in real-world settings including courtrooms, law firms, police departments, district attorney and public defender offices, corrections, clerk of courts, and non-profit agencies.

The Justice major curriculum aligns well with a double major or double minor. Suggested options include business administration, communication, English, global studies, history, philosophy, psychological science, Spanish, and theology.

Areas of Focus

The Justice major is made up of 29 credits in required courses. Students choose one of three career pathways for their remaining 15 credits: criminal justice, law, or social justice.

- **Criminal Justice:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in law enforcement, forensic science and investigations, corrections, or the courts
- **Law:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in a career as a lawyer, legal advocate, judge, or a position in government agencies, politics, corporate law, public interest law, or international law
- **Social Justice:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in working on social justice issues, including food insecurity, housing inequity, domestic violence, human trafficking, or mental health advocacy. Students might choose a career with a non-governmental organization or non-profit agency.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Mary's program provides students with the skills and knowledge needed in many rapidly growing fields that benefit from a justice background and integrate women's leadership into all aspects.

Opportunities exist for justice graduates in government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private corporations.

Types of jobs in various fields include:

- Attorney
- Community Organizer
- Compliance Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Criminologist
- Environmental Regulations Specialist
- Family Advocate
- Forensic Scientist
- Intelligence Researcher
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Nonprofit Director
- Paralegal
- Private Investigator
- Probation Agent
- Social Policy Analyst
- Victim Counselor

MAJOR	CORE	ELECTIVES
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FRESHMAN YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
First Year Seminar	3	Core	4
ENG 110 or 120	3	JUS 102 Introduction to Justice Careers	3
College Level Math	4	COM 231 or COM 235	3
JUS 101 Introduction to Justice	2	Core	3
TOTAL		TOTAL	
15 credits		13 credits	
SOPHOMORE YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
PSY 103 Introductory Psychology	4	POS 213 American Government	3
JUS category elective	3	JUS category elective	3
Core credits	3	Core credits	3
Minor/elective course	3	Core credits	3
		3	
TOTAL		TOTAL	
14 credits		15 credits	
JUNIOR YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
ENG 419 Technical & Business Comm	3	SWK 210 Race, Gender, & Class	2
JUS category elective	2	JUS category elective	3
Core credits	3	Core credits	3
Minor/elective course	4	Minor/elective course	3
		3	
TOTAL		TOTAL	
15 credits		14 credits	
SENIOR YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
PHI 330 Contemporary Issues in Ethics	3	JUS 497 Justice Capstone	3
JUS category elective	3	Minor/elective course	3
Minor/elective course	3	Minor/elective course	3
Internship	4	Minor/elective course	3
		3	
TOTAL		TOTAL	
12 credits		12 credits	

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This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.



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