

Community and Justice Studies

The Community and Justice Studies major focuses on policies and strategies of public service organizations. Taking an applied interdisciplinary approach, the department works with other departments and many community groups, to emphasize understanding public service organizations, problem-solving, values in public policies, civic activism, and strategies for changing organizations. Graduates of the Community and Justice Studies major have pursued graduate study and careers in law, urban affairs, public administration, and related vocations. Graduates have also undertaken careers in law enforcement, courts, corrections, juvenile justice, as well as nonprofit community service organizations focusing on mediation and conflict resolution, spouse and child abuse, and similar issues. Many students look forward to civic involvement, influencing policy in their community, and supporting local communities.

The Degree Program

The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in Community and Justice Studies.

Related Major Skills

- group facilitation
- community building
- conflict resolution
- mediation
- community problem solving
- community organizing
- planning
- diversity
- management/multiculturalism
- supervisory skills
- decision-making skills
- problem identification
- restorative justice
- counseling
- coaching
- understanding of human behavior
- public speaking

Required Courses

The major consists of a minimum of 8 courses (32 credit hours) in Justice and Policy Studies:

- **Four (4) basic required courses:**
 - JPS 103: Community Problem Solving
 - JPS 262: Restorative Justice
 - JPS 310: Public Management & Organizational Theory
 - JPS 339: Research Methods
- **Three (3) from the following group—at least one at the 200 level, two at the 300 or 400 level:**
 - JPS 205: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
 - JPS 220: Community Building
 - JPS 244: Conflict Resolution Fundamentals
 - JPS 290: Internship (strongly recommended)
 - JPS 301: Criminal Justice Policy and Practice
 - JPS 313: Law and Society
 - JPS 365: Race in Criminal Justice
 - JPS 424: Trust and Violence
 - JPS 425: Family Violence
 - JPS 439: Understanding Oppressive Systems
 - JPS 440: Counseling
- **The following capstone course:** JPS 447: Basic Group Facilitation (Available only to juniors and seniors)

Internship Opportunities

The JPS program requires all students to complete an internship associated with their field of study. This is an important part of every student's education. The internship provides the student with an opportunity to explore career opportunities and offers the student a learning opportunity that cannot be duplicated in the classroom.

Examples of internship opportunities include:

- Human Services Institute
- The Salvation Army
- Weaver House Shelter
- Alberta Professional Service (Group Homes for Kids)
- High Point Police Department
- NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Possible Career Choices

Look at what some of our graduates are doing:

administrator public/private organization	counselor	political adviser
case manager	criminal justice professional	politician
community advocate	diplomat	public affairs officer
community organizer	group facilitator	public relations
consultant	lawyer	social worker
corrections officer	mediator	teacher
	paralegal	urban affairs officer

Faculty

William C. Pizio, Assistant Professor, Chair Justice and Policy Studies, wpizio@guilford.edu

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Degree Programs Offered

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Biology	Forensic Accounting ¹	Peace and Conflict Studies ³
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Chemistry	French	Political Science ¹
Community and Justice Studies ¹	Geology and Earth Sciences	Psychology ¹
Computer Information Systems ¹	German	Religious Studies
Computing and Information Technology ¹	German Studies	Sociology/Anthropology
Criminal Justice ¹	Health Sciences ³	Spanish
Economics	History ¹	Sport Management
Education Studies ^{2,3}	Integrative Studies	Theatre Studies
	International Studies	Women's Studies ³

¹ Programs can be completed entirely at night.

² Internship/student teaching must be completed in the daytime.

³ Requires a second disciplinary major.

