What is a crime and how do we construct that category? What is the relationship between individual level violence and state violence? What does all this have to do with social class, race, gender and sexuality?

Criminology and Justice Studies (CJS) students at HSU ask these questions and more. Our program is unique as it adopts a critical criminology perspective that moves beyond traditional understandings of crime. It unearths the social and historical processes that constitute crime.

Our Program

Our program prepares students to be transformative leaders in a variety of locations, from probation and legal advocacy to community activism and policy research. Students should know that the CJS program at HSU is NOT a law enforcement or correctional officer training program. Instead, you will find a liberal arts program emphasizing critical thinking, theoretical application, and research experience. Employers tell us that these are all desirable skills for a variety of careers in private industry, state, and non-profit organizations as well as in the criminal justice field.

You will explore significant questions and develop sophisticated solutions for...

- crime
- social inequalities
- migration
- violence and justice
- hunger

Why HSU?

Our faculty members come from multiple disciplines including Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Film, Political Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Social Work, Psychology, and Native American Studies. Coursework addresses law, policy and social justice, and provides a strong focus on systems of oppression. Our students learn to critically analyze the relationship between systems of oppression organized around race, class, gender, and sexuality. In addition, your professors and peers will support you as you develop public speaking and solid writing skills.

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Related Careers  

- Analyst  
- Attorney  
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- Community Organizer/Activist  
- Conflict Mediator  
- Criminalist  
- Crisis Response Team Worker  
- Data Specialist  
- Domestic Violence Service Provider  
- Drug Counselor  
- Employment Counselor  
- Environmental Justice Activist  
- Grant Writer  
- Group Home Counselor  
- Intervention Specialist  
- Interviewer/Researcher  
- Law Enforcement Legal Advocate  
- Legislative Assistant  
- Outreach Worker  
- Probation/Parole Officer Professor  
- Program Coordinator  
- Program Manager  
- Public Defender  
- Public Defense Investigator  
- Reentry Job Coach  
- Researcher  
- Social Worker  
- Volunteer Coordinator  
- Youth Counselor  

Careers listed may require additional education.