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The Need for Criminal Justice Education

Criminal justice education is one of the most rapidly emerging modern disciplines in higher education today. The problem of crime in modern industrial society has become a major national concern in recent decades, generating wide recognition that educated professionals will be needed to work on solving this problem.

This growing movement toward professionalism in criminal justice means that the need for college-educated criminal justice personnel is now nationally supported. In the years ahead, the minimum educational qualification in many jobs will be raised either explicitly or *de facto* to the bachelor's degree level, making baccalaureate graduates in criminal justice more competitive in the job market. Already, such a hiring preference for college graduates is becoming evident among criminal justice agencies.

The criminal justice bachelor's degree will be useful to students planning careers in local, state or federal law enforcement or corrections, in probation or parole, in court-related areas, in private security, forensic criminology or teaching/training, among others.

Understanding criminal behaviors and the administration of justice in America today also is becoming increasingly important to many professionals working outside of the criminal justice system. Teachers, counselors, clinicians, social workers, business personnel, and governmental employees are only a few of the many professionals who, in the course of their work, may have contact with the criminal justice system, its staff, or the offenders or victims involved.

Programs Offered By UNF

The University of North Florida currently offers an undergraduate major in criminal justice leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. An undergraduate minor in criminal justice and a certificate in criminal justice also are available.

The University expects to begin offering a graduate program leading to the Master of Science degree in criminal justice in Fall 1982.

The Undergraduate Major

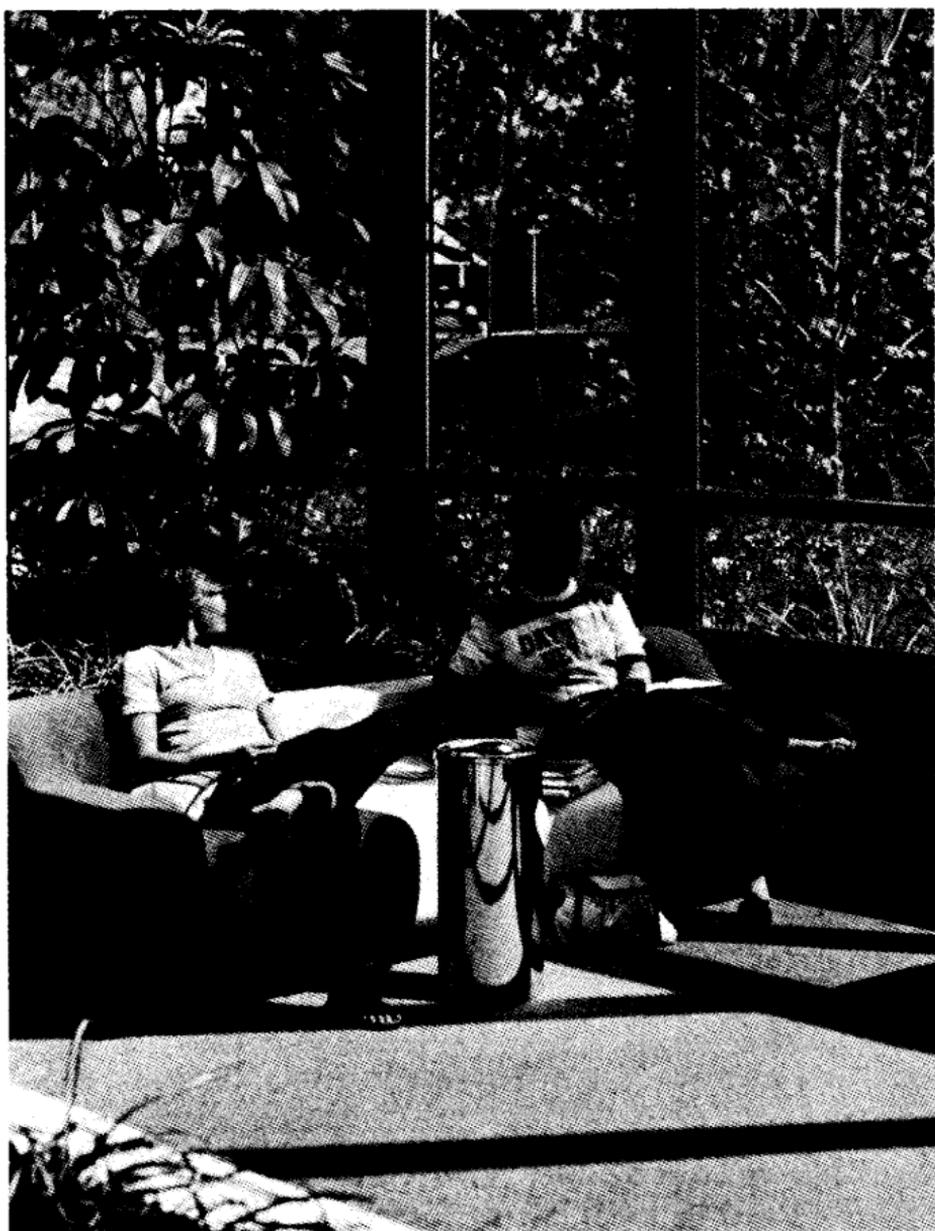
Criminal justice, as a discipline, draws together all the social and behavioral sciences, the natural sciences, the mathematical and computer sciences, and law and jurisprudence to focus on the problem of crime in society. The undergraduate degree program

at UNF recognizes and builds upon this interdisciplinary nature of the field it seeks to address.

Course requirements for the major in criminal justice are broad-based in nature, stressing the interrelationships between the various components of the criminal justice system — police, courts, corrections — and familiarizing students with each of these components and their theoretical bases. This approach complies with current accreditation guidelines for post-secondary criminal justice education programs.

There are no specific criminal justice prerequisites required for entry into the program. All criminal justice majors are required to successfully complete seven specific core courses or their equivalents, at least 12 semester hours of major electives, and at least one course each from two of the following disciplines: sociology, anthropology, social welfare, political science, or psychology.

For specific course listings or more detailed information on degree requirements, please consult the UNF catalog.



The Undergraduate Minor and Certificate

The minor in criminal justice is designed to give students in majors other than criminal justice an opportunity to develop an understanding of the problems of crime, criminal behavior and the operation of the criminal justice system in America. The minor is composed of 18 hours of criminal justice courses, consisting of two specific required courses and 10-12 hours of electives.

Graduating UNF students or other baccalaureate degree-holders may receive a certificate in criminal justice upon completion of the minor and submission of a certificate application.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Master of Science degree program in criminal justice provides an opportunity for advanced academic work in a rapidly expanding field of study. The program is designed primarily to serve the various graduate educational needs of the mid-career criminal justice professional. It is equally appropriate, however, for the individual who is *preparing* for a career in a criminal justice agency, criminal justice teaching or training, or research or planning. A special emphasis is available for the student intending to pursue a doctoral degree in criminology or criminal justice. The program emphasizes the formation of professional skills which will permit students to keep up with developments in the field long after they have completed their formal studies.

The program consists of 36 graduate semester hours. A common core of courses required of all students consists of 10-13 semester hours of study, and includes either a graduate practicum or supervised teaching experience or a thesis/demonstration project.

The program then offers three subspecialty areas of study: the *professional practice option* focuses on the issues and skills involved in direct delivery of services to people; the *criminal justice management option* focuses on the issues and skills involved in the supervision, administration, and evaluation of other persons; and the *analysis and evaluation option* focuses on the handling of abstract information and the development of research and evaluation skills. Each subspecialty option contains both required and elective courses and consists of 21-24 semester hours of study.

Finally, each student will be permitted to take at least one program elective, chosen from any courses in the program, including those outside of the chosen option areas, if so desired.

For more information about the undergraduate or certificate programs in criminal justice, contact the Department of Political Science and Sociology, (904) 646-2540. Information about the graduate program in criminal justice may be obtained from the MSCJ program director, (904) 646-2758. Admissions information and applications may be obtained by writing the Director of Admissions, University of North Florida, 4567 St. Johns Bluff Road, S., Jacksonville, Florida 32216, or calling (904) 646-2620.

The University of North Florida

The University of North Florida is located on a 1,000-acre tract in southeast Jacksonville, a few miles from the Atlantic Ocean. UNF was authorized by the 1965 Florida Legislature and, following intensive studies, created to meet the higher educational needs of northeast Florida with programs at the junior, senior, and graduate levels. UNF offered its first classes in 1972 to a 2,000-student Charter Class.

An upper-level institution of the State University System of Florida, the University recognizes the necessity for partnership and cooperation with other institutions in the total educational process. The curricula are planned and offered with recognition of the need to achieve a continuum of study and are specifically tailored to the community college transfer.

UNF is committed to serving all segments of the population within Florida, as well as those within its primary geographic area of responsibility. This commitment is underscored by the UNF Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity programs, which have been developed to ensure equal access for all citizens to the University community.

The UNF Downtown Center

Located in the Galleria Building, corner of Laura and Duval, the UNF Downtown Center is ideally situated in the heart of Jacksonville's business and banking community. This location allows a quick walk to class for most people employed downtown, and is an even easier walk from the terminus of all major city bus routes. The Downtown Center is connected to the main campus with daily city-bus service.

The Nature of the Campus

A unique feature of the UNF campus is its 12-mile system of nature trails and its designation as a game preserve and bird sanctuary. Wild and partially tame

animals and birds are a regular sight on campus, particularly near the numerous small lakes and streams which contribute to the natural beauty of the compound.

Virtually every type of terrain found in northeast Florida can be found among the trails. The trails also are open to area residents as a community resource and, in July 1978, were officially designated a national Recreation Trail in the U.S. National Trail System.

Opportunities for such outdoor activities as hiking, canoeing and jogging are made even more enjoyable by the surprising variety of native animal and plant life which can be seen.

The campus is compact and most of the buildings connected by a two-story, covered pedestrian walkway. Parking areas surround the campus allowing minimal walking distances and easy accessibility to the buildings. However, planners of the UNF campus clustered the buildings and parking lots so that most of the land would be forever wild and safe from the intrusion of concrete.

Available Programs of Study

Three colleges and two divisions offer undergraduate degrees at UNF. The College of Arts and Sciences awards the Bachelor of Arts Degree; the College of Business Administration, the Bachelor of Business Administration; and the College of Education, the Bachelor of Arts in Education and the Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Services degrees. The Division of Nursing confers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, while the Division of Technologies offers the Bachelor of Technology degree.

Master's degrees are offered in accounting, administration and supervision, allied health services, business administration, guidance education, counseling psychology, elementary education, mathematical science, physical education, personnel management, public administration, secondary education, special education, student personnel, and vocational and technical education.

Cooperative degree programs leading to the Master of Arts in History, the Doctorate of Education and Specialist in Education degrees also are available.

Undergraduate Admission

The University subscribes to the Florida Community College/State University System Articulation Agreement, which provides for recognition of the Associate of Arts degree from a Florida public institution as the

basic credential for admission. All baccalaureate programs are planned for students who have successfully completed two years of college at an *approved* institution, including a well-developed program of general education. In many cases, students holding Associate of Science degrees will qualify for admission, and qualified applicants from four-year colleges are admitted.

Accreditation / Recognition

The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Baccalaureate and Master's programs of the College of Business Administration are accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The Florida Department of Education has approved the teacher education programs and recognizes credits and degrees earned at UNF as applicable toward teacher certification.

Student Services:

Student Financial Aid

The primary purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance for all academically qualified students who could not further their educations without help. It administers a comprehensive student financial aid program in the form of scholarships, grants-in-aid, loans, and part-time employment.

Housing

Although at present there are no dormitories at UNF, the Student Activities Office maintains an off-campus housing list and assists students with housing needs or requests. The size and diversity of Jacksonville provides students with almost limitless choice of housing within a 10-mile radius of the campus.

Child Care

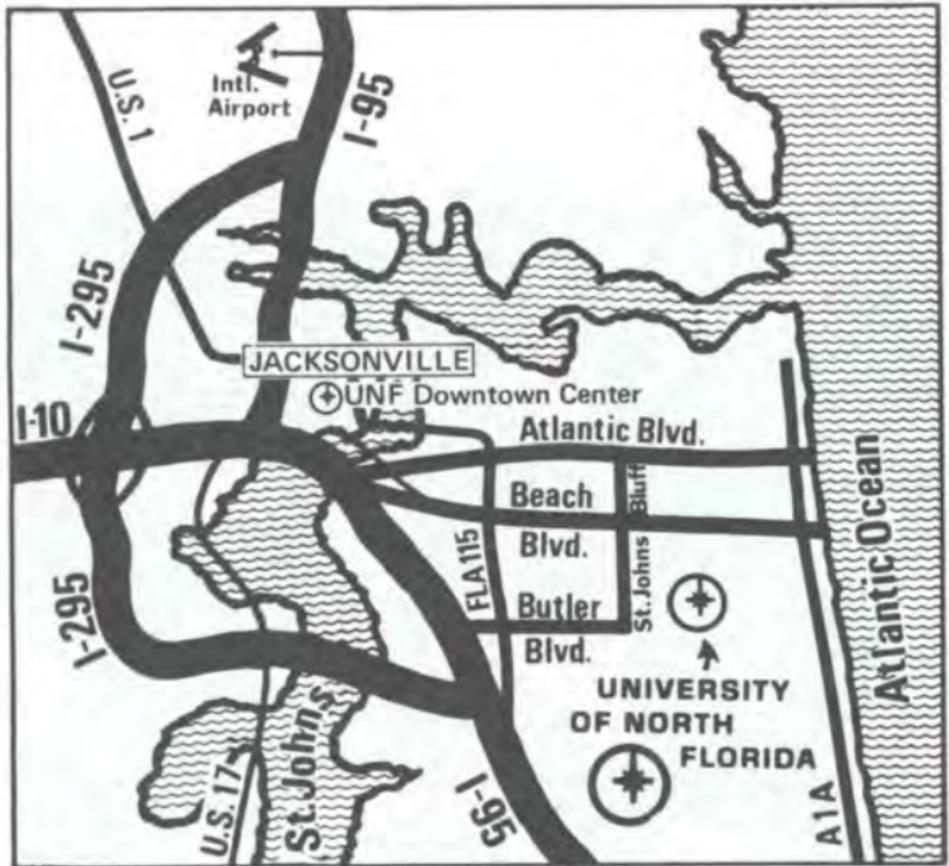
The UNF Child Care Center cares for the children of UNF students at a nominal charge during class hours. It serves children from 2 to 12 years of age.

Career Planning Center

The Career Planning Center at UNF is designed to assist students to find full- or part-time employment which supplements their classroom experiences. It also offers on-campus interviewing programs as well as other programs designed to acquaint students with potential careers and employers.

Student Life

UNF is a non-traditional university because most of its students are older, more mature, and predominantly part-time commuters. Nevertheless, UNF offers a varied program of student activities which appeal to the tastes of most students. Recreational facilities are available for tennis, hand- and racquetball, weightlifting, and other individual sports. Intramural team sports are sponsored, and numerous lounges and gamerooms are available for leisure time activities. Student clubs and organizations are available for those who wish to participate in more specialized activities. The UNF Student Government Association permits the student body a degree of representation in University governance.



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