

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE (B.A.)

Experience greater rewards and opportunities with a degree from one of the country's largest and most highly respected Criminal Justice programs.

### Unique broader focus on both Criminal and Social Justice

One of the country's largest programs of its kind, Lewis University's Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice provides a lens through which students see the bigger picture of criminal and social justice. We accomplish this because our courses are taught by well-respected experts with actual field experience. The result is a greater understanding of the real-world issues, policies and procedures that impact today's professionals. Our innovative curriculum topics include:

- Understanding the causal factors of crime
- Use of excessive force
- Juvenile justice policies
- Domestic violence/mandatory arrest ethical issues
- The revitalization of community-oriented policing
- The importance of partnership and building trust with the community
- Learning to write effectively for procedural efficiency and career advancement

### Join our list of distinguished alumni

More than 40 national police chiefs have earned their degrees at Lewis, including Phil Cline, former Superintendent of the Chicago Police Force – and Charles H. Ramsey, former Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department. You might be next.

### The Choice Is Yours

- Online
- On ground
- Combination of both formats

We understand the need to balance work, family and education. Earn a top rated degree with flexible choices that fit your life.

### An excellent next step for veterans

Your military training will serve you well in the criminal justice field. You can start classes while you're still on active duty. Take advantage of your veterans' benefits and enroll now.

### Why Lewis?

- Experienced faculty with real-world understanding and connections
- Evolving curriculum provides the ultra-practical and career-focused knowledge and skills to pursue careers in law enforcement and the legal system
- An ethical framework to help you face the moral challenges that come from a position of power
- Insight into today's biggest issues in law enforcement such as domestic violence, drug abuse, terrorism and prison overcrowding
- In-depth understanding of our legal system and the sociological aspects of crime

### Possible career options include:

- CIA Agent
- Corrections Officer
- DEA Agent
- FBI Agent
- Police Dispatcher
- Police or Probation Officer
- Security Professional
- Secret Service Agent
- Deputy U.S. Marshal

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## CURRICULUM

### Degree Requirements

- Successful completion of a minimum of 128 semester credit hours
- Completion of 39 semester graded credit hours at Lewis University.

### General Education (45)

- College Writing 1 (3)
- College Writing 2 (3)
- Introduction to Human Communication (3)
- Mathematics (3)
- Natural Science (3)
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- Social Science (3)
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*Three of the following courses:*

- Global History I (3)
- Global History II (3)
- Fine Arts Requirement (3)
- Introduction to Philosophy (3)
- Literature Requirement (3)

*Three of the following Mission-based courses, two must be taken at Lewis:*

- Christian Ethics (3) OR Ethics (3)
- Diversity and Social Justice (3)
- 100 level Theology (3)
- 200 level Theology (3)

*General Education requirements may differ for students transferring in 0-29 credit hours*

### Core Courses (39)

- Writing in the Disciplines (3)
- Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- Court Systems and Probation (3)
- Criminology (3)
- Introduction to Corrections (3)
- Juvenile Justice System (3)
- Law Enforcement (3)
- Domestic Violence (3)
- Professionalism and Ethics (3)
- Elements of Criminal Law (3)
- Social Policy and Social Justice (3)
- Criminal Procedure/Rules of Evidence (3)
- Research Methods (3)

### The Advanced Writing requirement is fulfilled by successful completion of the following courses:

- Writing in the Disciplines (3)
- Research Methods (3)

### Go further with our Bachelor's to Master's Program

Increase your opportunity with a master's degree. You can start it as part of your undergraduate curriculum. If you meet the admission requirements, you can enroll in up to 3 graduate courses that will count for your undergraduate and graduate curriculum, allowing you to complete your graduate degree in as little as one year after graduation with your bachelor's.

### Did You Know?

Lewis is a transfer friendly university.

Lewis can transfer up to:

- 72 hours from a 2-year college
- 96 hours from a 4-year university
- Military transcripts accepted

Credit hours must be transferred from a Higher Learning Accredited institution.

### See how your credit hours transfer to LewisU.

Schedule an appointment today to have your Transcripts evaluated!

[admissions.lewisu.edu/register/request](https://admissions.lewisu.edu/register/request)

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Core Courses

**ENGL-30200 Writing in the Disciplines:** This course is intended for students who need to write for specific audiences, usually in the context of a major or future employment. It provides students with strategies useful in communicating with others in the student's discipline, as well as teaching students how to use less technical language to communicate discipline-specific concepts and practices to those outside the discipline. *Prerequisite: ENGL 11200 and permission of instructor*

**CSJS-11000 Introduction to Criminal Justice:** This course provides a study of the function and jurisdiction of various law enforcement agencies, as well as their historical development, significant court decisions and relationships with other agencies. Citizen groups and political administrations, technologies, personnel stratification and affirmative action are also considered.

**CSJS-20000 Court Systems and Probation:** This course examines the historical and contemporary impact of the judicial process as the forefathers envisioned. The United States court system and its relationship to the criminal justice system are explored, along with the current system of probation in the United States. The organization and jurisdictions of the federal and state court systems are studied. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-22000 Criminology:** This course provides historical and current analyses and a critique of foremost theories and "schools" of crime. The approach is multidimensional - psychological, sociological, genetic, geographic and political. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-24000 Introduction to Corrections:** Students consider adult corrections and parole with a concentration on historical trends, administration, reception/diagnosis, incarceration, furlough work-release, parole, authority, recidivism. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-26000 Juvenile Justice System:** The juvenile justice system is viewed from both a historical and contemporary perspective with an emphasis on delinquency theories and prevention. Major topics include delinquency and community, arrest, pre-trial detention, court procedures and personnel, probation, training schools and camps, community-based networks, parole, release and recidivism. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-27500 Law Enforcement:** A study of the history and philosophy of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. with emphasis on the interdependence of law enforcement and other components of the criminal justice system. The course also examines the roles of the police in the administration of justice and the critical issues that affect law enforcement in contemporary society. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-28600 Domestic Violence:** This class takes a broad look at domestic problems, including juvenile status offenders, runaways, child abuse, incest and social isolation. It also considers suicide-homicide, depression, sexual dysfunction, drug-abuse/ alcoholism, rape, and institutional solutions like shelters, counseling and protective *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-35600 Professionalism and Ethics:** This course explores professional ethics applied to Criminal Justice. Students examine the philosophical origins of ethics and the relationship of ethics to law and the concept of justice. General ethical propositions are established and applied to specific issues in criminal justice to educate students about ethical decision making and to assist students in becoming personally responsible in their professional careers. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-43000 Elements of Criminal Law:** This course is a basic study of laws, codes and jurisdictions relating to crime. Special attention is given to landmark court decisions, Illinois' criminal codes, relationships of social climate to enforcement of laws, historical trends and future directions. *Prerequisite CSJS 20000*

**CSJS-44000 Social Policy and Social Justice:** This course will introduce, examine, and provide students the skills with which to analyze social justice policies. This course will emphasize a conceptual approach rather than a statistical focus to studying the

creation, implementation, and evaluation of social justice policies. Although this will focus more on the steps involved in the evaluation of social justice policies, it will also address the existence of social justice policies and their relevance to the success of the social institution known as the social justice system (acknowledging the operations of each social justice component - law enforcement, courts, and corrections). *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-44500 Criminal Procedure / Rules of Evidence:** This course covers the aspect of the evidence being material, competent, and admissible. The rules of evidence governing the admissibility and legality in court are explored. The rules of evidence are designed for the courts to allow or disallow the viewing of evidence which may or may not be relevant to the case at hand. Exploration of court precedence will occur. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000*

**CSJS-49000 Research Methods:** This course is designated to provide students with an overview of the methods and techniques of research in the behavioral sciences. Special emphasis is placed on methods and techniques for conducting research in justice, law, and public safety studies, including the relationship between theory and research, the nature of causation, research designs and techniques, conceptualization and measurement, operational, sampling, and ethical issues. Furthermore, students will be exposed to current research in the field. *Prerequisite CSJS 11000 and two upper-division Criminal/Social Justice courses*

**CSJS-49600 Rights and Civil Liability:** The purposes of this course is to understand the liabilities that may attach to the police and their respective departments when officers engage in improper conduct, and to understand various lawsuits that may be filed against a police officer for misconduct. These suits include actions of officers that are intentional, as well as those that are negligent. Students learn why proper training, supervision and department rules and regulations are so important. *Prerequisites: CSJS 11000*

# LEWIS UNIVERSITY ALBUQUERQUE

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Lewis University-Albuquerque is a private, non-profit, Catholic university where the traditions of liberal learning and preparation for professional life give the university its educational identity and mission focus.

The Lewis main campus is located in Romeoville, Ill., 30 minutes southwest of Chicago. For seven consecutive years, Lewis has been named one of the “Best Colleges” by *U.S. News & World Report* and received recognition from *The Princeton Review*.

Sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Lewis University has a long and successful history in providing adult students an opportunity to complete a college degree with a learner-centered accelerated delivery format compatible with their needs and lifestyles. The Christian Brothers have been teaching in New Mexico since 1859 and Lewis continues that educational mission in the Albuquerque region.



## Locations

### Lewis Main Campus

One University Parkway  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
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### Lewis University at Albuquerque

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Albuquerque, NM 87110-4383  
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### Lewis University at Kirtland

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