In the Criminal Justice concentration, you will:

- Develop competency and depth in understanding and interpreting the subject matter presented in introductory criminal justice and corrections courses.
- Communicate effectively, using written, oral, and visual modes appropriate to your audience and purpose.
- Understand, analyze, and evaluate numerical data and use it to draw or evaluate conclusions.
- Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate diverse information, ideas, and perspectives in a contextually appropriate manner.

To earn an A.A. in Social & Behavioral Sciences with a Criminal Justice concentration, you will need to:

- Earn at least 62 credit hours.
- Complete the Gen Ed Core.
- Complete the Arrupe Mission Core.

What can I do with a Criminal Justice concentration?

You will learn about various sources of law, the role of the judiciary in protecting individual and societal rights, and the public and private agencies tasked with law enforcement and rehabilitative efforts. You will also learn about philosophical, psychological, and sociological explanations of anti-social behavior. The knowledge and skills you acquire can help to make you an informed and empathic citizen. People who study Criminal Justice often find jobs like these:

- public safety official
- probation/pretrial services officer
- correctional or rehabilitation professional
- counselor
- juvenile or social justice advocate

If you decide to pursue a bachelor’s degree, you can continue studying Criminal Justice or a related field such as social work, psychology, or sociology.

How can I learn more?

Here are some ways to start exploring whether Criminal Justice is the right fit for you.

- Browse information about being a Criminal Justice major: Most college departments have a website with information about the majors they offer. Check out Loyola’s Criminal Justice & Criminology website (https://www.luc.edu/criminaljustice/). It’s also good to check out information provided by Criminal Justice departments at other colleges and universities.
- Explore your interests: Look for events sponsored by colleges or departments that interest you. You can also look for student organizations focused on your academic interests (https://luc.campuslabs.com/engage/).
- Explore information about careers: Visit Loyola’s Career Services page (https://www.luc.edu/career/). They offer a resource called “What Can I Do With This Major?”