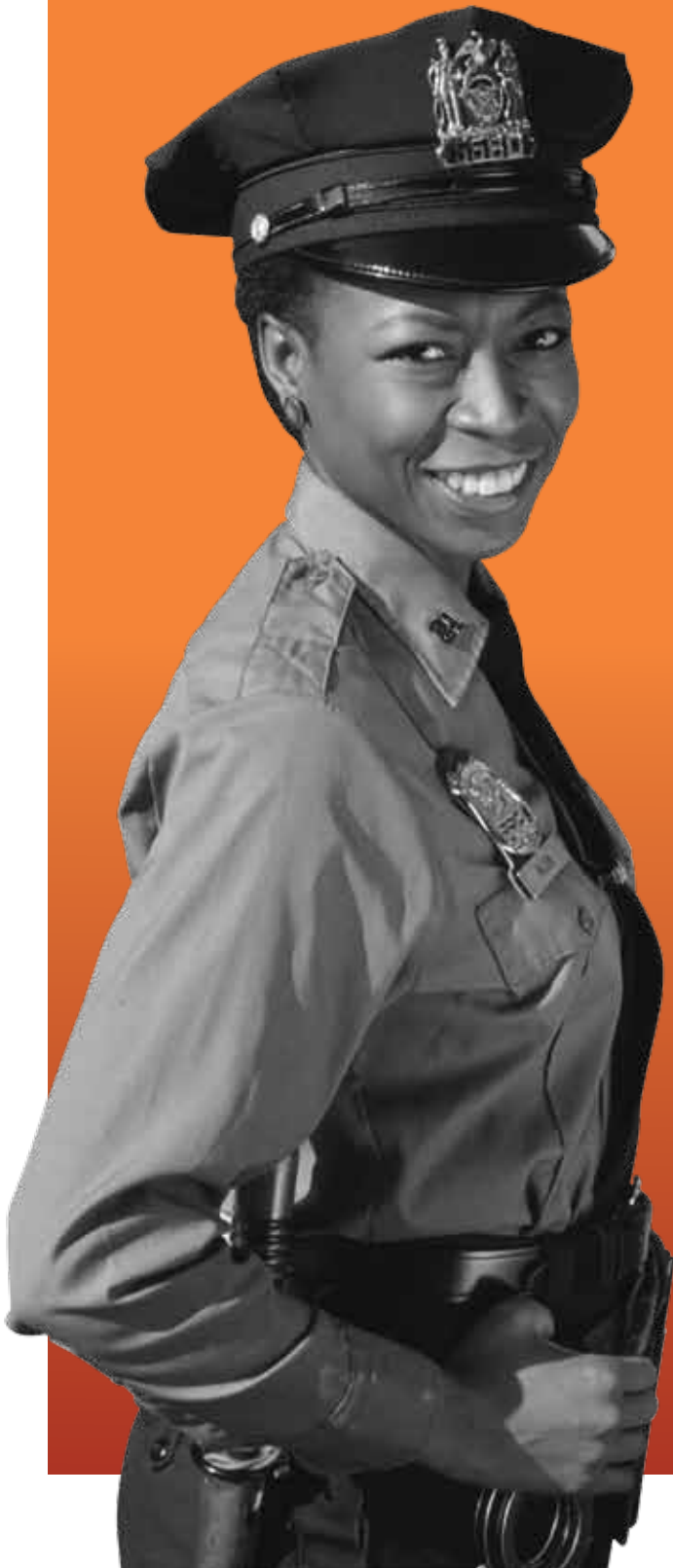


# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



## EARN THE RIGHT DEGREE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program could help you develop your talent and pursue a number of different career choices.<sup>1</sup> This program is designed to prepare graduates for advancement in police departments, correctional facilities, loss prevention, and other organizations in the private and public sectors. Our curriculum offers a strong criminal justice foundation while allowing students to specialize in a preferred area of emphasis. And our online course content is available virtually any time day or night, so you can study according to your schedule.

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## THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD NEEDS TALENTED PROFESSIONALS LIKE YOU

Public safety has become an important priority for society. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, long-term national job growth is expected for many sectors of the criminal justice field from 2008 through 2018.<sup>2</sup>

- New opportunities for private detectives and investigators are expected to result from increased litigation, heightened security concerns, and the increased need to protect confidential information and property.<sup>3</sup>
- Population growth is likely to contribute to the demand for police services.<sup>4</sup>
- Correctional officers may experience favorable job opportunities stemming from population growth and rising incarceration rates.<sup>5</sup>
- National long-term job growth for probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is expected to be 19 percent, faster than the average for all occupations, from 2008 through 2018.<sup>6</sup>

A bachelor's degree is often required for many of the positions noted,<sup>2</sup> and as the field becomes more competitive, employers may increasingly look for educated, qualified individuals.



## PREPARE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS WITH ONE DEGREE

The criminal justice industry boasts numerous career choices in a variety of public and private sector fields. A bachelor's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue work in any of these environments:<sup>1,2</sup>

- Federal, state, and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Corrections (prisons and jails)
- Private detective agencies
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

### DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL VARY BUT SOME OF THE TASKS THAT GRADUATES COULD PERFORM INCLUDE:<sup>1</sup>

- **Law enforcement (police officers and detectives; additional academy training usually required)**—Pursue and apprehend individuals who break the law, and issue citations and warnings or make arrests; work to keep the peace and protect the public
- **Corrections officer**—Maintain security and inmate accountability to prevent disturbances, assaults, and escapes; enforce rules and regulations
- **State parks officer or highway officer**—Maintain order and respond to emergencies, protect people and property, enforce motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promote positive community relations
- **Private investigator or detective**—Assist individuals, businesses, and attorneys by finding and analyzing information
- **Probation officer**—Gather information about offenders' backgrounds by talking to offenders, their families and friends, and other people who have relevant information



# A STRONG FOUNDATION STARTS WITH A SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

Kaplan University's criminal justice program is designed to offer a strong foundation of professional skills and criminal justice knowledge while allowing students to specialize in an area of interest. Students can choose from seven different areas of emphasis, including law enforcement, crime scene investigation, forensic psychology, corrections, and homeland security. A capstone project at the end of the program gives students the opportunity to apply their new knowledge and skills to real-world criminal justice scenarios. In addition, students could also qualify and arrange their own hands-on internship. This combination of education and experience could help graduates pursue employment or advancement in a wide range of criminal justice occupations.<sup>1</sup>

## The program focuses on the following knowledge and abilities:

- An overview of the U.S. criminal justice system, its agencies, and the issues and challenges facing the system
- In-depth knowledge of criminology theory, including causes of crime and discipline-specific evaluation of human behavior
- A broad understanding of criminal law, the types of criminal offenses, and the principles of criminal culpability
- How to apply principles of criminal law to criminal justice practice
- Analytical skills such as the ability to use scientific methods of inquiry to arrive at reasoned decisions
- Knowledge of criminal justice leadership practices, including the role of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations
- An understanding of how new technology is used in criminal investigation, criminal enterprise, and in the operations of criminal justice agencies
- Knowledge of transnational criminal enterprises and the role of culture in criminal behavior and justice systems
- A strong education in the applied research methods and techniques used in the field

## Program Detail

### Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

- Credit Hours: 180

## Accelerated Master's Degree Option for Bachelor's Degree Students

Eligible students in this bachelor's degree program who want to continue on to pursue a master's degree within the School of Criminal Justice or School of Legal Studies may be interested in the accelerated master's degree option. Students complete graduate-level courses within this undergraduate plan of study. Once accepted to the master's degree program, students transfer in the graduate courses and matriculate into a shortened degree plan. This accelerated option allows students to complete both their bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Academic Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.



### Michelle Parmeter<sup>7</sup>

- 2009 Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

“Kaplan University has been instrumental in helping me not only meet my short-term goals but also the ones that I had never thought I would accomplish. I loved the structure of the program because for a real person in the real world, you can really do it. It wasn't overwhelming. It was possible.”

### Bob Koczynski<sup>7</sup>

- Academic Chair, Kaplan University School of Criminal Justice
- Patrol Commander in charge of K-9, Forensics, and SWAT team

“The limitation of an on-ground institution is that you're typically drawing faculty from that immediate region. Kaplan University's online criminal justice system can draw from the entire world. We've had instructors who have conducted police department training in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan while training and teaching our students online at the same time.”

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## WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>9</sup>

## Other Programs

### In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Bachelor of Science in International and Comparative Criminal Justice
- › Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Management
- › Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- › Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

<sup>1</sup> Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional police academy training may be required for law enforcement jobs. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010–2011 Edition, Corrections Officer, Police and Detectives, Private Detectives and Investigators, Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/](http://www.bls.gov/oco/). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010–2011 Edition, Private Detectives and Investigators, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos157.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos157.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010–2011 Edition, Police and Detectives, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010–2011 Edition, Correctional Officers, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos156.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos156.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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<sup>7</sup> This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University. Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary.

<sup>8</sup> Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

<sup>9</sup> Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

### Note From Dean

Kaplan University's School of Criminal Justice is committed to excellence in education, student success, and career advancement. Our innovative programs are designed to challenge students to think critically, ethically, and proactively so that they can contribute to agencies and develop best practices as public safety professionals."



Frank DiMarino, Dean  
School of Criminal Justice

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