



Bachelor of Arts in Justice

The Justice major prepares students for careers in criminal justice, law, government, public service and non-profits. Foundational Justice courses help students identify their career of interest and design an academic plan that supports this goal. Students take an interdisciplinary set of required courses which aim to develop students' skills in communication, writing, and critical thinking, as well as build a foundation in constitutional law and psychological science.

Justice majors complete a capstone course where they apply their skills and subject matter knowledge in the field. Capstone students gain field experience in real-world settings including courtrooms, law firms, police departments, district attorney and public defender offices, corrections, clerk of courts, and non-profit agencies.

The Justice major curriculum aligns well with a double major or double minor. Suggested options include business administration, communication, English, global studies, history, philosophy, psychological science, Spanish, and theology.

Areas of Focus

The Justice major is made up of 29 credits in required courses. Students choose one of three career pathways for their remaining 15 credits: criminal justice, law, or social justice.

- **Criminal Justice:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in law enforcement, forensic science and investigations, corrections, or the courts
- **Law:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in a career as a lawyer, legal advocate, judge, or a position in government agencies, politics, corporate law, public interest law, or international law
- **Social Justice:** Students choose this pathway if they are interested in working on social justice issues, including food insecurity, housing inequity, domestic violence, human trafficking, or mental health advocacy. Students might choose a career with a non-governmental organization or non-profit agency.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Mary's program provides students with the skills and knowledge needed in many rapidly growing fields that benefit from a justice background and integrate women's leadership into all aspects.

Opportunities exist for justice graduates in government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private corporations.

Types of jobs in various fields include:

- Attorney
- Community Organizer
- Compliance Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Criminologist
- Environmental Regulations Specialist
- Family Advocate
- Forensic Scientist
- Intelligence Researcher
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Nonprofit Director
- Paralegal
- Private Investigator
- Probation Agent
- Social Policy Analyst
- Victim Counselor

