



The Honors Program in Criminal Justice curriculum prepares graduates to practice criminal law, whether as a prosecutor or a defender. Core components of the Program approach include:

1. **Integration** – Students appreciate how all of the courses in the criminal law curriculum relate to one another and to the larger practice of law;
2. **Application** – Students not only understand these lessons in theory, but learn how to apply these lessons to situations they will encounter in their practice;
3. **Reality Based** – Students not only learn the ideals that underscore any criminal law curriculum, but also understand how the criminal justice system works in reality.

Students graduate equipped with strategies to allow them to shape the criminal justice arena rather than simply being shaped by it. The Honors Program in Criminal Justice provides an integrated, applied approach to legal education that equips our students with the necessary strategies to be ethical, professional, and moral lawyers in less than perfect systems. The course offerings are listed below. For a detailed description of each course, [click here](#).

- Professional & Academic Success Seminar (0 credits)
- Contracts – HP (6 credits)
- Civil Procedure – HP (6 credits)
- Criminal Law – HP (3 credits)
- Real Property – HP (6 credits)
- Torts – HP (6 credits)
- Legal Writing, Research, & Analysis I (3 credits)
- Legal Writing, Research, & Analysis II (3 credits)
- Criminal Justice Lawyering: The Role of the Lawyer in Promoting Criminal Justice Reform (3 credits)
- Criminal Procedure – HP (4 credits)
- Constitutional Law I (3 credits)
- Constitutional Law II (3 credits)
- Criminal Law Ethics I (2 credits)
- Criminal Law Ethics II (2 credits)
- Advanced Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
- Integrated Criminal Practice (6 credits)
- Business Organizations (3 credits)
- Evidence (4 credits)
- Advanced Evidence (3 credits)
- Professional Responsibility (2 credits)
- Pre-Trial Practice & Procedure (2 credits)
- Externship (8 credits)
- Electives (12-21 credits)

Electives in Criminal Law

Upper Level Writing

- Advanced Appellate Advocacy (2)
- Criminal Pretrial Practice and Procedure (2)

Substantive Law

- Advanced Evidence (3)
- Death Penalty Seminar (2)
- Comparative Criminal Procedure (1)
- Intersection of Criminal Law and Immigration Law (2)
- White Collar Crime (2)
- Post Conviction (2)
- Juvenile Criminal Law (2)
- Race and Crime (2)

Practice Oriented

- Advanced Trial Advocacy (2)
- Client Interviewing and Counseling (2)
- Negotiations (2)
- The Art of Voir Dire (1)

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 88 credits

* Either Advanced Appellate Advocacy or Criminal Pretrial Practice and Procedure.

At least 2 additional elective credits must be a criminal law skills course. Criminal law skills courses include Advanced Criminal Appellate Advocacy, Criminal Pretrial Practice and Procedure, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Client Counseling for the Criminal Lawyer, Negotiations in the Criminal Context, and The Art of Voir Dire. These two credits must be in addition to the upper level writing requirement.

Students enrolled in the J.D. Honors Program in Criminal Justice are not required to take Sales & Secured Transactions, but may do so as an elective.