

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

<http://adj.gmu.edu/>

### **Name and description of the field**

The Administration of Justice program provides a strong liberal arts education with focused study of the justice system, as well as the social, human, and moral problems raised in the administration of justice. Much of the course work focuses on criminal justice, but the program also includes topics in the civil area, including family law, free speech, and the right to privacy. The faculty come from a variety of disciplines, including political science, criminal justice, law, and psychology.

Students go beyond narrow technical topics to grasp the larger role of justice administration in society. Students may opt to satisfy degree requirements by selecting from a variety of courses in other disciplines, such as government, computer science, psychology, sociology, and social work. To hone their skills and gain an edge in the competitive market place, students may select a concentration in Criminal Justice, Law and Society, or Homeland Security. The ADJ Internship program affords students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom through work experience in a justice agency or on a justice-oriented research project conducted by faculty or a qualified research organization. ADJ students have had internships with police and correctional facilities, private security corporations, law firms, courts, intelligence agencies, and federal enforcement agencies, such as the highly competitive FBI national internship.

ADJ graduates have a broad perspective on the justice system as well as the competence needed to compete and advance in their chosen field, be it criminal justice, law, human services, international security, or graduate study. The ADJ program also serves as an excellent pre-law curriculum. Recent graduates have been accepted at high quality law schools and graduate programs such as justice, law and crime policy and public administration.

### **What special skills or abilities are needed to succeed in this major?**

- Ability to work with people
- Sensitivity to moral issues
- Computer and information technology literacy
- Writing and speaking skills
- Analytic skills
- Creativity

### **If both B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, what are the differences?**

Only the B.S. is available.

### **Is a master's degree offered?**

A Masters in Justice, Law, and Crime is offered as well as a Ph.D. See the JLCP website at <http://adj.gmu.edu/grad/index.html> for the requirements.

**Is a Minor available?** Yes. 15 credits of designated courses in ADJ must be completed:

One required course (3 credits): ADJ 100

Four courses (12 credits) of upper level ADJ courses except ADJ 479 and ADJ 480

### **What are recent graduates doing?**

Federal law enforcement agent, police officer, law school, graduate school, security officer, intelligence analyst, deputy sheriff, corrections officer, loss prevention.

## EXPLORING MAJORS

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### Employers who have recently hired ADJ graduates:

BB&T	Booz Allen Hamilton	US Dept, of Justice	Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
IBM	Private Law Firm	NY City Police Dept.	Office of Public Defender
Street Sense	US Investigations Service	US Marine Corp	NeuStar
TPC Avenal	Navy Federal Credit Union	Girls Probation	House Prince William Co. Police
US Army	Coca Cola company	Leesburg Police Dept.	Morale Welfare & Recreation

### Resources for further information:

**Career Library Resources** – Go to <http://careers.gmu.edu/careerlibrary/wheretostart/adj.pdf> to see resources located in the Career Services Library in room 348, SUB I

**Major, Career & Job Hunting Information Online (links to the academic department, job descriptions, associations and other useful sites)** – Go to <http://careers.gmu.edu/onlineresources/adj.htm>

### Other printed resources:

- *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- *Law and Order* magazine
- *Federal Jobs in Law Enforcement*

### What kinds of practical experience are recommended to explore Administration of Justice further?

Gaining practical experience in your field of interest prior to graduation is critical to being competitive in today's job market. Career Services offers information on the Co-op program and internship opportunities. The ADJ program also has numerous internship possibilities. Consider volunteer community service.

- ***PatriotJobWeb*** - Career Services' integrated data base of jobs and employers allows registered students to electronically access information on co-op jobs, paid internships, and part-time career-related positions.
- Cooperative Education is a work/learning program that offers professional level, paid experience while you earn your degree.
- An externship is a unique opportunity to "shadow" a professional who is a GMU alum to gain first-hand information about an occupation or organization.
- Visit Career Services' home page at <http://careers.gmu.edu/> for job related information and links to web sites that provide helpful resources for job hunting.

### Whom should students contact for further information?

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