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Impact the World Through **Criminal Justice**



Criminal Justice Major

Now more than ever, society needs criminal justice professionals who bring upstanding character and fresh perspective to the field. Azusa Pacific's **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice** program prepares you to step into a variety of criminal justice careers as an ethically driven leader with a deep understanding of equity under the law and Christian social justice perspectives.

As current events shine a spotlight on challenges facing the criminal justice system, this major prepares you to

critically analyze these issues and work collaboratively with representatives across diverse fields to create solutions to help improve communities. Shifting public opinions and technological advancements require agile professionals with a broad knowledge base who can employ moral reasoning and creative problem-solving at every step. Learn how you can help steer the future of this field while advancing practices and policies that make our communities and the world safer.

For me, one aspect that continues to draw me in each semester to criminal justice is the way our professors are able to put their personal experiences into what they teach in the classroom. They really know how to take everything from the textbook and relate it back to us in an unbiased and informative way that we can understand and apply within the criminal justice world.

**– JENNIFER MENDOZA '18,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR**

Equipped to Make a Difference

Graduate with the tools needed to make a lasting difference, bringing Christ-centered compassion and cultural humility into your career. This program equips you for many career pathways within criminal justice, whether helping create laws, aiding at-risk youth, or protecting the safety and rights of individuals. Or you may be interested in developing programs to aid and address victims of crime, rehabilitate juvenile offenders, or help the formerly incarcerated transition back into communities.

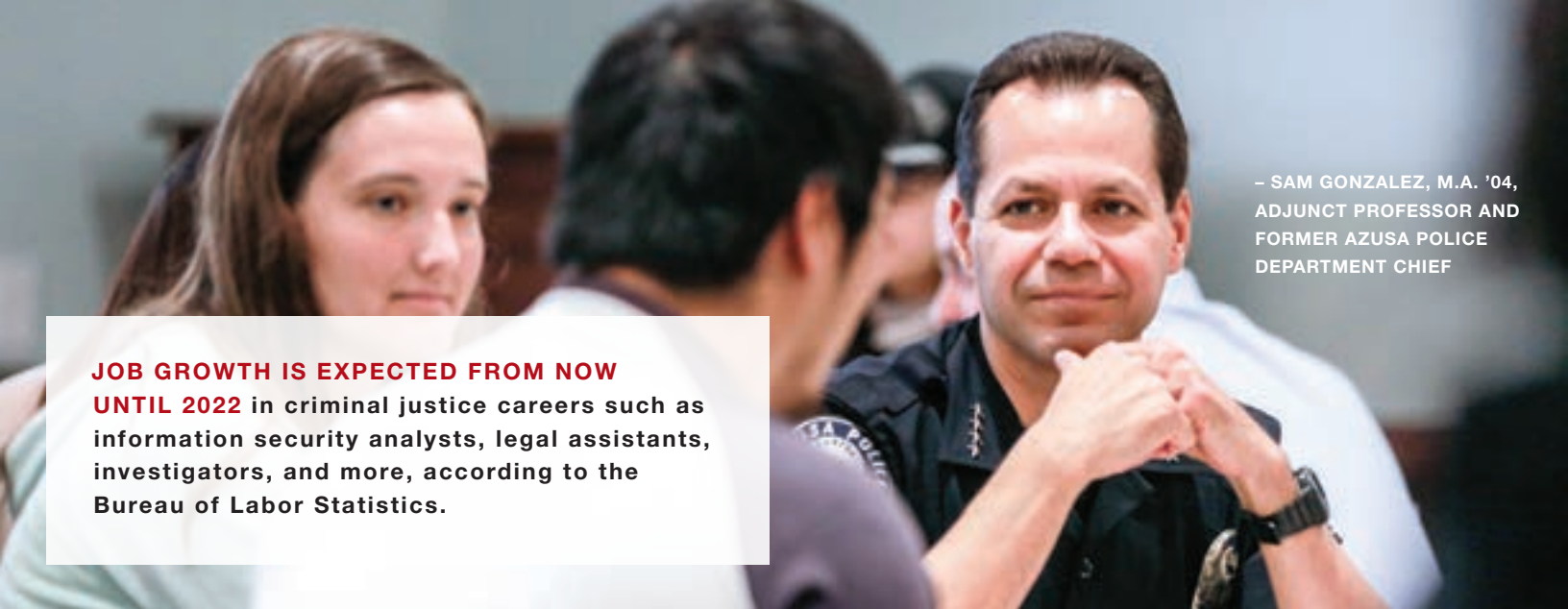
Throughout the program, you'll experience active learning in real-world contexts, including touring local agencies; volunteering in the community with at-risk youth; interning with local police departments, courts, and law offices; and hearing from professionals in the field at different stages of their careers. You can also choose to spend a semester studying at APU's South Africa campus, or other study away location.



– ONTARIO WILLIAMS '12
MURRIETA POLICE DEPARTMENT
2013 MURRIETA POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

In the criminal justice major, you will...

- Participate in professional internships with local criminal justice agencies.
- Organize events focused on community justice, partnering with professors and peers to bring dialogue and panel discussions to campus.
- Produce relevant, original research with the potential to present findings with faculty at local conferences.
- Integrate analyses of current affairs with coursework, bridging the gap between criminal justice theory and practice.



- SAM GONZALEZ, M.A. '04,
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AND
FORMER AZUSA POLICE
DEPARTMENT CHIEF

JOB GROWTH IS EXPECTED FROM NOW UNTIL 2022 in criminal justice careers such as information security analysts, legal assistants, investigators, and more, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Study Alongside Experienced Faculty-Mentors

Azusa Pacific criminal justice faculty come from multidisciplinary backgrounds, opening the door for you to understand the field from multiple vantage points. Professors bring perspectives from their careers in law enforcement, corporate security, prosecution, corrections, private investigation, sociology, the U.S. Department of Justice, the military, and more, as well as from advising leaders at the highest levels of federal government. And they are eager to share their knowledge with you to benefit the next generation of criminal justice professionals. Whether integrating relevant experience in the classroom or meeting one-on-one to advise you in career planning, their goal is to help you succeed in your vocation and in life.

Many Career Pathways

Whether serving in public or private organizations or within local, state, or federal agencies, criminal justice majors are qualified to provide leadership in all areas of the field.

Job opportunities include:

- Community Justice Advocate
- Corrections Officer
- Customs Agent
- Detective
- Federal Agent, U.S. Marshal, or Border Patrol Officer
- Fraud Investigator
- Judge
- Paralegal
- Parole or Probation Officer
- Police Officer
- Prosecutor or Defense Attorney
- Victims Advocate

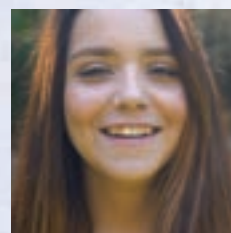
▶ Dr. Collier-Goubil's passion for pursuing justice and being a bridge builder for all of God's people stems from her experiences growing up in South Los Angeles and witnessing the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest. Hear her story and watch her TEDxAzusaPacificUniversity talk on reimagining criminal justice. apu.edu/explore/criminal-justice



The 21st-century criminal justice system needs informed, ethical leaders like APU graduates—those who view the world through a clear and unbiased lens, those who guide according to biblical principles, and those who consider service an inextricable component of leadership.

- DESHONNA COLLIER-GOUBIL, PH.D., CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

▶ An introductory criminal justice class opened Evelyn's eyes to the realities of school-age children who will face time in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Hear how she hopes to use her career to address inequalities. apu.edu/explore/criminal-justice



I want to work with young people. I want to address the problems of society for them, because these young people are our future generations—our future officers, doctors, and lawyers.

- EVELYN GONZALEZ '19, CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR



Next Steps

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