

# INVESTIGATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT RADFORD UNIVERSITY

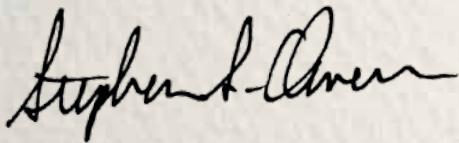
## RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Department of Criminal Justice

Since 1974, Radford University has been preparing students to make an impact with careers in criminal justice.

The Criminal Justice program at Radford University offers many exciting opportunities for students to study issues related to crime, law and justice. As a Program of Distinction at Radford University, the department provides a rich variety of courses, programs and activities to help students find success. The following pages provide additional information about the opportunities that are available.

Best regards,



Stephen Owen, Ph.D.  
Professor and Department Chair



## ABOUT US

The **Radford University Criminal Justice program** was established in 1974. Over the past 40 years, the program has grown significantly and acquired a strong **reputation** for preparing its graduates for **careers in criminal justice**. Our faculty have won awards and are **nationally recognized** teachers and scholars committed to helping students find success.



## DEGREES AND CLASSES

Students may pursue a **Bachelor of Arts** or **Bachelor of Science** degree in Criminal Justice. The department also offers an **Interdisciplinary Minor in Forensic Studies** for students interested in investigative work.

Students will find **highly engaging** courses that employ a variety of **high-impact teaching techniques**, including simulations, application exercises, collaborations with criminal justice agencies, role-playing, team-based learning and more.

**Required coursework** includes the study of law enforcement, courts, corrections (prisons, jails, probation and parole), causes of criminal behavior, diversity issues related to criminal justice, research methodology and other critical issues in criminal justice.

Topics in **elective coursework** include legal issues, criminal investigations, security and crime prevention, criminal justice ethics, firearms policy, crime analysis and crime mapping, juvenile justice, deviant behavior, emergency management, forensic studies and more.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Criminal Justice Department offers **many programs and opportunities** for students to enhance and supplement their coursework, including:

- **Travel study programs**, including study abroad and a week-long summer immersion program in Washington, D.C.
- **Student organizations**, including the Criminal Justice Club, the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society and the Lambda Alpha Epsilon coeducational professional fraternity
- An **internship program**, which may be completed in the fall, spring or summer of a student's junior or senior year
- **Research collaborations** with department faculty
- Professional development **field trips** and **guest speakers**
- Courses during the **Wintermester and Summer terms** (in addition to the fall and spring semesters)

### New Facility!

In fall 2016, we will move into a new, state-of-the-art facility that will include a mock courtroom, forensic investigative laboratory, emergency operations center, crime analysis computer lab and collaborative group learning spaces.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of our Criminal Justice program pursue a wide **variety of careers**, including local, state and federal law enforcement; local, state and federal corrections (in jails and prisons and as parole officers/correctional counselors); the private security industry; victim services; juvenile justice (as probation officers and counselors); court professionals; crime scene technicians; and other fields.

Students may also attend **graduate school** or **law school** after graduation.

In addition to the university's Career Center, the Criminal Justice Department provides **criminal justice career fairs**, **career development workshops** and **career advising**.



**Radford University** is a diverse, comprehensive public university of nearly 10,000 students, serving the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs. The university has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives.



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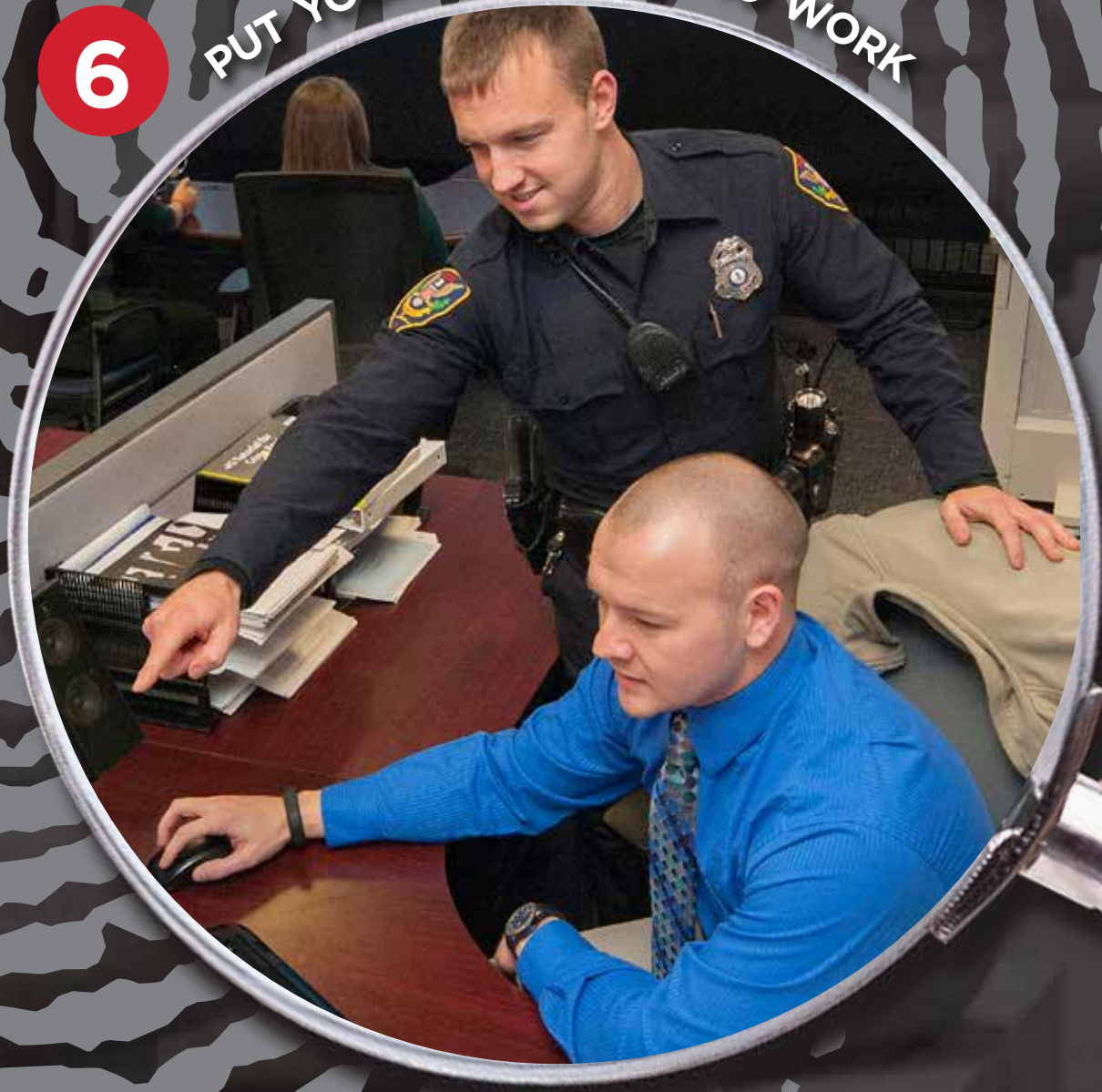
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4 MAKE YOUR CASE



6 PUT YOUR EDUCATION TO WORK



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