Faculty

The Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Department consists of nine full time faculty members. One of these faculty members serves as Director of the Institute and Chair of the department. The faculty represents a broad base of academic and professional expertise.

College of Sciences and Health Professions Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science

Full Time Faculty:

Charles Onochie Ochie, Sr., Professor and Chair
Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
Specialties: Criminology, Social Deviance, Corrections, Social Psychology and Specialized Topics

George Thomas, Professor
Ph.D., University of Delaware
Research and Grants Coordinator, Graduate Program Coordinator
Specialties: Methods, Statistics, Evaluation Research, Drugs and Alcohol, and Technology

Patrick Ibe, Associate Professor
Ph. D., Clark Atlanta University
Specialties: Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, the Court System and Corrections, Specialized Topics, and Policy Analysis

Peter Okoro Nwankwo, Associate Professor
Ph.D., LL.M., Florida State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University School of Law
Specialties: Criminology, Law, Theories of Crime/Delinquency, Corrections and Social Research Methods

Zachariah Oommen, Associate Professor
Ph.D., Polymer Chemistry, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India
Specialties: Analytical Chemistry, Forensic Chemistry, Optical and Electron Microscopy

Oluseyi Vanderpuye, Associate Professor
Ph.D., Biochemistry, University of Leeds, UK
Specialties: Toxicology, DNA, Biomarkers, and Immunochemistry

Uzoma A. Okafor
M.S., Biochemistry, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Forensic Science Lab Manager, Instructor, Program Coordinator
Specialties: Protein Chemistry, DNA, and Biotechnology

Glenn Zuern, Associate Professor
Ph.D., Criminology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Specialties: Corrections, Philosophy, and International Security
Walter Bowers, Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Public Safety, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
Undergraduate Program Coordinator
Specialties: Law Enforcement, Corrections and Criminology

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Marlene M. Ramsey, Assistant Professor
A.B.D., Capella University. M.S., Albany State University
Certified Crime and Intelligence Analyst, California State University at Stanislaus
Specialties: Crime

Mrs. Joyce Archie-Williams, Instructor
M.S., Criminal Justice, Albany State University
Coordinator/Liaison, Waycross College Campus
Specialties: Counseling, Advising, Corrections, and Law Enforcement

Part Time Faculty

Ernest Slightom
M.A., Georgia Tech
Former Director of the GBI Crime Laboratory, Criminalistics, and Scientific Crime Investigation

Darrin Lewis Abner
M.S., Criminal Justice Studies, Albany State University
Specialties: Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement

Hosea Miller
M.P.A., Human Resources, Criminal Justice, Albany State University
Specialties: Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement.

Emmett Griswold
M.S., Criminal Justice, Albany State University.
Specialties: Corrections, and Criminal Justice.

James Finkelstein
J.D., Law, Duke University. B.A., History, University of Pennsylvania.
Specialties: Civil and Criminal Litigation in the State and Federal Courts, and Law.

Evaristus Obinyan
Ph.D., Criminology, University of South Florida.
Specialties: Theoretical Criminology, Research Methodology and Statistics.

Robert Lewis
B.S., Political Science, Fort Valley State University.
M.S., Divinity, Interdenominational Theology Center,
Specialties: Communications.

O. Oko Elechi
Ph.D., Criminology, Simon Fraser University.
Specialties: Restorative Justice, and Corrections.

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Introduction

The Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science offers a minor in Criminal Justice, an online Certificate of Biomedical Forensic Science, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. The degree programs, including a full Master of Science degree completely online, prepare students for professional employment in the criminal justice system, Forensic Science, and for graduate studies in criminal justice and law. The curriculum is both broad and flexible enough to permit students to pursue course work in a wide variety of criminal justice topics cutting across law enforcement, courts, corrections, research and policy analysis, and planning operations.

Students are encouraged to take internships in criminal justice, forensic science, social service, and/or human service agencies. The Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science has also established two plus two programs that permit students at selected two-year colleges to transfer to the baccalaureate program at Albany State University without the loss of credit. Credits from other state institutions are transferable also. The program is multi-disciplinary in nature and incorporates courses from psychology, sociology, political science and law.

Mission

The Mission of the Albany State University Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science is to forge strategic links between professional criminal justice and Forensic Science agencies, academic research, education of the students, and promotion of justice. This provides for enhancement of criminal justice agencies, criminal justice research, and students' education. Flowing from this enhancement is the strengthening of the community and the overall quality of life within the University service area. Service to the community, development of students, and the advancement of criminal justice are also the goals of the Institute. The Institution's Mission and goal completion will be advanced by its continuing commitment to quality education, service to criminal justice professionals and the community, and the continued development of the Institute through research and modernization.

Facility

The Department is located in the Catherine Marie Hartnett Building. The building is a state of the art facility with an auditorium that seats 150 people, a computer lab, satellite hook up for distance learning, mock courtroom, forensic science laboratories, student lounge, and modern classrooms and offices. Ample student parking is available and the building is accessible to students with disabilities. The campus library, bookstore, student activity center, and track are all within short walking distance from the Criminal Justice Building. The Forensic Science program offered in the department is accredited by AAFS and the only one of its kind in the state of Georgia.

Admissions Requirements

Admission applications should be turned in no later than July 1 for students wishing to attend fall semester. In terms of financial aid and admittance to the university the earlier the process is initiated the better. Students should send a completed application to the Admissions office along with a $20 non-refundable application fee. Applications can be obtained from: **Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Albany State University, 504 College Drive, Albany, Georgia, 31705, or online at www.asurams.edu.**

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

- Students must consult with their assigned Academic Advisor before the end of the academic school year
- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above
- Students must pass both parts of the Regent's examination
- Students must take the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT)
- Students must complete 125 hours

It is the responsibility of the students to become familiar with all degree requirements.

Possible Careers In Criminal Justice

Law Enforcement

Federal
Air Safety Officer
Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agent
Customs Inspector/Import Specialist/Special Agent
Deputy U.S. Marshal
Diplomatic Security Special Agent
DEA Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Fish and Wildlife Services Special Agent
Border Patrol Agent/Crime Investigator
Internal Revenue Criminal Investigator
Department of Labor Compliance Investigator
Navy Investigative Service
Park Police
Secret Service Agent
Securities Compliance Investigator

State
Deputy Sheriff
State Police

Courts-Corrections
Attorney/Judge
Bailiff/Court Clerk/Court Reporter
Domestic Violence Counselor
Legal Assistant
Research Analysis/Statistician
Case Worker/Child/Youth/Adult Counselors
Corrections/Parole/Probation Officers
Warden/Deputy Warden/Educational Officer
Private Security
Retail/Commercial/Institutional/Industrial Security
Secret Agent/Protective Specialist/Investigator

Forensic Science
Forensic Pathologist
Homeland Security
Ballistic/Tool mark/Serology/Polygraph Specialist

Agencies
United States Military
State Crime Laboratory
Drug Enforcement Administration
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
U.S. Customs Service

Financial Assistance

Please contact the Financial Aid office at **229-430-4650** for more information.

Selected Criminal Justice Courses

CRJU 2210	Introduction to Criminal Law and Procedure
CRJU 3530	CJ Ethics and Professionalism
CRJU 2900	Criminology
CRJU 2700	Police Community Relations
CRJU 2600	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
CRJU 2800	American Correctional
CRJU 4210	Philosophy of Law and Punishment
CRJU 4520	Drugs and Crime
CRJU 4610	Internship
CRJU 4620	Special Topics
CRJU 4630	Race, Gender and the CRJ System
CRJU 4530	Comparative Criminology
CRJU 4650	Court Systems in the USA

Departmental Objectives

Albany State University is committed to academic excellence in conjunction with career opportunities. The Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science emphasizes career preparation along with academic achievement. Our overall goal is to produce graduates who would become researchers, educators, legal scholars and top law enforcement professionals. Recruiters and speakers from a wide range of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science agencies are routinely asked and invited to lecture and make presentations. Courses are designed to provide students insight and awareness of career opportunities in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.