

Faculty

The Criminal Justice 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

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

Glenn Zuern, 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

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

Rani George, Ph.D., Professor

University of Delaware, DE

Research and Grants Coordinator

Specialties: Statistics, Methods, Evaluation Research

Patrick Ibe, Associate Professor

Ph. D., Clark Atlanta University

Specialties: Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, the Court System and Corrections, Specialized Topics, and Policy Analysis

Walter Bowers, Associate Professor

Ph.D., Public Safety, Capella University, Minneapolis MN

Undergraduate Coordinator, Program Coordinator

Specialties: Law Enforcement, Corrections and Criminology

Ifeoma Okoye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Criminal Justice/Administration of Justice, Texas Southern University, Houston TX

Specialties: Homeland Security, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Criminological Theories and Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice

Valerie E. Cochran, Instructor

Juris Doctor, University of South Carolina School of Law
Masters of Studies in Environmental Law, Vermont Law School

Specialties: Criminal and Environmental Law

Jason Armstrong, Instructor

Master's Degree Columbus State University

Specialties: Law Enforcement policy, Use of Force, Street Gangs, and Criminal Justice Ethics

Part Time Faculty

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

Ed. D. Adult and Career Education Valdosta State University

Specialties: Corrections, and Criminal Justice

Evaristus Obinyan

Ph.D., Criminology, University of South Florida.

Specialties: Theoretical Criminology, Research Methodology and Statistics

O. Oko Elechi

Ph.D., Criminology, Simon Fraser University

Specialties: Restorative Justice, and Corrections

College of Arts and Humanities



Department of Criminal Justice

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Introduction

The Criminal Justice Department offers a Minor in Criminal Justice, a one year Certificate in Criminal Justice Management, a one year Certificate in Legal Assistant/Paralegal, an Associate of Applied Science with a pathway to Criminal Justice, an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice including an M.S. Criminal Justice degree completely online. 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 and/or human service agencies. The Department of Criminal Justice 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 is to forge strategic links between 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. Service to the community, development of students, and the advancement of criminal justice are 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.

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, Albany State University, 504 College Drive, Albany, Georgia, 31705, or online at www.asurams.edu.**

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

Agencies

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

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 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.

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 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.