Claim Your Future

Saint Leo University: Your Cornerstone to a Successful Career in Criminal Justice

Saint Leo University is committed to providing you with a challenging, contemporary curriculum in criminal justice, whether you are pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree or graduate studies. Our alumni can be found in a wide variety of criminal justice related professions. These graduates have achieved successful careers as command level administrators in law enforcement, corrections, security, and at all levels of government. Graduates can also pursue advanced study in criminal justice or attend law school.

The undergraduate Criminal Justice curriculum places a strong emphasis on comprehensive exposure to the arts and sciences to help further acquaint you with the major branches of human knowledge.

Saint Leo University's Master's of Science in Criminal Justice Program is designed as a “practical program of instruction.” This approach enables you to earn your degree or simply take graduate course work in several formats that are all designed to meet the demands of your busy schedule and your professional and personal needs.

The graduate program has been specifically developed to provide criminal justice professionals with the values, knowledge base, and skills necessary to become creative and effective in your choice of careers.

A Flexible Program of Studies

- Convenience...alternating weekend classes and small class sizes
- Adult oriented, experienced and accessible faculty
- Professional staff support, individualized and goal-directed educational counseling
- Acceptance of validated transfer credits
- Many classes offered at workplace locations throughout Greater Tampa Bay
- Online courses available
- Financial aid available

A Dynamic Learning Environment

Focusing on You

Founded in 1889, Saint Leo University is a four-year, private liberal arts Catholic university, rooted in the Benedictine tradition. One-on-one attention is our hallmark and you can never get lost in the crowd.

Saint Leo Facts:

- Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1886 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4500) to award the associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees
- Average class size is 15 students
- Main campus is represented by students from 30 different states and 26 countries
- Located on 186 acres, including a 75-acre lake, Saint Leo’s University Campus is just 30 miles north of Tampa and 90 minutes west of Orlando
- 90% of faculty members hold the highest degree possible in their field
- Master of Science and Criminal Justice classes are also offered in Atlanta, Georgia and Chesapeake, Virginia
- One of the largest providers of education to active duty military personnel in the country

Financing Your Education

We appreciate your interest in Saint Leo University’s criminal justice programs. As you explore your continuing education, costs may not be an obstacle. There are ways to help finance your educational expenses and applying for financial aid is easy! Apply online each year using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov (use Saint Leo University federal school code of 001526). For questions concerning financial aid, please visit us online at www.saintleo.edu and click on "Financial aid" or call: (800) 240-7658.

Alternate ways to finance your education:

- Employer assistance
- Military tuition assistance
- Veteran training call 352-588-8390
- Payment plan to Saint Leo University contact bursar@saintleo.edu or call 1-877-375-2346

Plan Your Visit to Saint Leo Today

We encourage you to visit Saint Leo to learn more about the university. To schedule a visit and meet a counselor, simply call 800-707-8846. The staff at Saint Leo University is happy to make whatever arrangements are necessary.

Directions to Saint Leo University

Traveling from the north or south:

Take I-75 to exit #285. Head east on Highway 52 for about 4 miles. Saint Leo University will be on the left, across the street from the Abbey Golf Course.

Traveling from Orlando:

Take I-4 west and exit to I-75 north and then follow the directions above.

Traveling from Tampa International Airport:

Drive north on I-275 through Tampa. I-275 will merge with I-75 north. Once on I-75 north, follow the directions above to Saint Leo University.

For more information about our Bachelor of Arts or graduate studies in Criminal Justice or about enrolling at Saint Leo University, please contact:

Distinguished Faculty

Saint Leo University’s Faculty are former law enforcement and criminal justice practitioners with extensive experience in the field of criminal justice.

Saint Leo University is committed to policies that ensure that there is no discrimination on the basis of age, gender, race, color, creed, religion, national origin or disability. The University is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity employer.

Founded 1889
Introduction to Law & the Legal System (3) - The Institute ranges 4-6 weeks. Graduate classes meet on Drive.

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Administration Planning and Financial Management in Criminal Justice (CRJ 526 and 527)
Criminal Procedure (3)
Police Organization and Administration (3)
Organized Crime (3)
Leadership (CRJ - 545 and 546)
Criminal Justice Ethics (3)

These courses are offered at the University Campus:

Forensic Psychology (3)
White Collar Crime (3)
Recommended for everyone and
Criminal Justice Policy Research and Evaluation

Courses in the Online format and at times is offered on University Campus. CRJs 560, 561, 562, and 563.

Criminalistics Specialization (all six courses must be completed)18
CRM 231 Introduction to Crime Scene Investigation
CRM 232 Forensic Science and Criminal Justice
CRM 341 History and Science of Criminal Identification
CRM 342 Evidence Collection and Preservation
CRM 343 Bodily Fluids as Evidence
CRM 344 Scientific Writing and Courtroom Testimony

 cold case homicide cases, which are provided by local Law Enforcement Agencies. The online format allows them to further investigate unsolved criminal homicide cases, which are provided by local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Concentration in Critical Incident Management

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice program is offered in the Online format and at times is offered on University Campus. The online format allows students to take classes in 8 week terms and the campus format allows students to take classes over a traditional 16 week semester.

Teaching Option - For those with a Masters degree in another discipline wishing to pursue a career path in teaching and need 18-credit hours in the criminal justice field.

Additional benefit - Credits also good towards the Master of Science degree.

Program Curriculum:
CRJ 530 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice Administration
CRJ 550 Legal Issues in Criminal Justice Administration
CRJ 560 Public Policy Making in Criminal Justice
CRJ 565 Leadership Applications in Criminal Justice
CRJ 570 Applied Project in Criminal Justice Administration

Electives - Students must take six of the following three core hour courses.

General Course of Studies
CRJ 535 Criminal Justice Policy Research and Evaluation
CRJ 537 Research Methods in Criminal Justice I
CRJ 539 Management of Human Resources in Criminal Justice Agencies
CRJ 540 Planning and Financial Management in Criminal Justice Agencies
CRJ 545 Introduction to Forensic Science
CRJ 547 Advanced Forensic Science (Prerequisite CRJ 545)
CRJ 555 Information Resource Management for Criminal Justice Management
CRJ 570 Future Studies in Criminal Justice
CRJ 575 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Administration

CRJ 581 Impact of Terrorism on Homeland Security
CRJ 582 Management of Critical Incident Operations
CRJ 583 Psychological Aspects of Critical Incidents
CRJ 585 Special Topics

The Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Management is offered in the Online format and at times is offered on University Campus. The online format allows students to take classes in 8 week terms and the campus format allows students to take classes over a traditional 16 week semester.

Teaching Option - For those with a Masters degree in another discipline wishing to pursue a career path in teaching and need 18-credit hours in the criminal justice field.

Additional benefit - Credits also good towards the Master of Science degree.

Program Curriculum:
CRJ 530 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice Administration
CRJ 550 Legal Issues in Criminal Justice Administration
CRJ 560 Public Policy Making in Criminal Justice
CRJ 565 Leadership Applications in Criminal Justice
CRJ 570 Future Studies in Criminal Justice
CRJ 575 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Administration

CRJ 535 Criminal Justice Policy Research and Evaluation
CRJ 537 Research Methods in Criminal Justice I
CRJ 539 Management of Human Resources in Criminal Justice Agencies
CRJ 540 Planning and Financial Management in Criminal Justice Agencies
CRJ 545 Introduction to Forensic Science
CRJ 547 Advanced Forensic Science (Prerequisite CRJ 545)
CRJ 555 Information Resource Management for Criminal Justice Management
CRJ 570 Future Studies in Criminal Justice
CRJ 575 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Administration