



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

School of Law Enforcement & Justice Administration

School of Law Enforcement & Justice Administration, College of Education & Human Services

Major Program

Western Illinois University's program in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) is designed to provide professional abilities, knowledge, and understanding, as well as an educational base for advancement into supervisory and administrative positions. Students will also gain an understanding of the philosophical and historical development of the profession. Combined with an internship, our interdisciplinary curriculum offers an education that is flexible and practical.

Students become LEJA majors after completing 60 semester hours (SH) of credit with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and may register for upper-division major courses. All students seeking the Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration must complete 43 SH of University General Education curriculum, 39 SH of core courses, 3 SH of directed electives, Computer Science 101, 16 to 20 SH in an approved minor, and 12 to 16 SH of electives. The minimum requirement for the baccalaureate degree is 120 SH. LEJA majors must complete at least 30 SH in LEJA courses at Western, including an internship, with at least 9 SH at the 300/400 level.

The LEJA major is centered on a core of courses and requires an approved minor. The core of courses includes classes in juvenile justice, investigation, management, ethics, law, and other related fields. If you do not want to major in LEJA but plan on a related career, the School of LEJA offers a minor consisting of six courses that will provide you with an overview of criminal justice in today's society.

Minors are offered in Fire Administration, Security Administration, and Homeland Security. Majors and minors are also offered in Forensic Chemistry and Forensic Science through the Department of Chemistry.

Internship Programs

During your senior year as an LEJA major, you will spend a semester as an intern with a local, state, or federal criminal justice agency or with one of the numerous private security corporations. More than 1,200 agencies across the nation cooperate with the University by accepting interns.

During the internship, you will spend 40 hours per week for 15 weeks as an observer and participant in agency activities. The internship gives you firsthand practical experience and valuable contact with criminal justice practitioners. In many cases, the internship has led to employment after graduation.

Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities are available in county, municipal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Employers in industrial/retail security and private investigation are seeking Western's LEJA majors. Because career opportunities for women have recently been expanding, our female majors are being actively recruited by all of the above agencies as well.

HIGHER VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Professional Organizations

Participation in professional associations is available to all school majors. You may join the American Society of Industrial Security, the American Criminal Justice Association/Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the Investigators Club, the Corrections Club, or the Alpha Phi Sigma/National Criminal Justice Honor Society. WIU's campus offers a wide variety of other activities, including athletics, plays, concerts, clubs, and societies representing a broad spectrum of interests.

LEJA Faculty

The School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration courses are taught by faculty holding doctoral and law degrees from distinguished universities across the United States and elsewhere such as the Universities of California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Surry, England. All are dedicated educators and active scholars. LEJA also has four dedicated academic advisers.

Scholarships

The School of LEJA offers numerous scholarships for sophomore through senior LEJA majors. Detailed information on scholarships is available from the school advising office, (309) 298-1438; at Western's Scholarship office, (309) 298-2001; or on the Web at wiu.edu/Scholarship.

Honors in LEJA

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Transfer students with at least 12 SH and up to 59 SH of undergraduate courses are admitted with a grade point average of at least 3.3 OR 3.4 for 60 SH or more. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

General honors seminars in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences provide students with the opportunity to explore key academic issues with distinguished faculty members. In the School of LEJA, honors students take courses for honors credit under the direction of a school faculty member. LEJA has had the most honor students of any department at Western for eight years in a row.

For More Information

For more details about the LEJA program at Western, call (309) 298-1038 or visit wiu.edu/leja.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room, and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisers/faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at admissions.wiu.edu by selecting "Visit Campus." You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU [742-5948] or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.

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