

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare the student with basic foundations, concepts, theories and skills in criminal justice interfaced with a Christian perspective in order to prepare them for various criminal justice vocations and graduate studies in the field. Students who pursue a career in this area should be willing to meet moral, physical and psychological standards. Many criminal justice agencies require moral and physical fitness, psychological stability and a history of no felony and excessive traffic violations. Thus, students applying to the program should have no history of a felony. Students in the program learn basic structure and function of the American Criminal Justice System including law enforcement, the courts and corrections as well as knowledge, issues, activities and skills associated with these system components.

## **Knowledge – Students should be able to:**

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctives of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
5. Take an exam related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

## **Attitudes – Students should be able to:**

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives.
3. Relate a personal commitment to the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.
6. Report a deepened appreciation for the demands of ministry and leadership in the Church.

## **Pre-professional skills – Students should be able to:**

1. Integrate the knowledge of criminal justice into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between criminal justice and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for a career in criminal justice as well as advanced study in the field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and skills of criminal justice processes in supervised field experiences.