

FLAGLER COLLEGE

CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM



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LOOK BEYOND THE HANDCUFFS.

Tour prisons, work cold cases with the sheriff's office, and study the behavior behind crime while building the research experience and professional skills for careers in law, justice, public policy, and graduate study.



MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The students who thrive here are curious, motivated, and eager to understand why crime happens, not just how the justice system responds to it. Whether your goal is graduate school, law school, or working in the field, you'll find opportunities to challenge yourself from day one.

Our undergraduates get published with us. They co-author active research, travel to conferences with us, and do the kind of research most students don't experience until graduate school. I personally take students to prisons a couple of times a semester, and one former student is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Criminology at the University of Florida, and we're published together!

I'm excited to welcome you! If you have any questions, our admissions team is ready to help.



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WHY CRIMINOLOGY AT FLAGLER COLLEGE?

TAUGHT BY PEOPLE WHO'VE LIVED IT

A detective with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and a bestselling author focused on international security are on faculty here, alongside professors doing active research on corrections, violence, and reentry.

STUDY CONFLICT. UNDERSTAND WHAT SHAPES IT.

Add a minor in Peace, Conflict, & Genocide Studies to explore why conflicts happen, how societies respond, and what it takes to build more peaceful and just communities.

CAREERS THAT GO BEYOND POLICING

Criminology is the behavioral science of crime, not just criminal justice. Graduates go on to law school, federal agencies, nonprofit and international work, and civilian roles across the legal field.

100%

**COURSES TAUGHT BY PROFESSORS
WHO KNOW YOUR NAME**

SIGNATURE CRIMINOLOGY EXPERIENCES

SENIOR SEMINAR CAPSTONE

Pick a topic you actually care about, then spend a full semester as its lead investigator in the required senior seminar.

COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS

In the Cold Case course, you'll work unsolved cases with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

SHERIFF RIDE-ALONGS

Field trips to St. Johns County and ride-alongs with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office put you in the field.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Join the national criminal justice honor society and build leadership experience alongside classmates who share your interests.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Publish research, present at conferences, and co-author work with faculty, starting as an undergraduate.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

"My Flagler experience was rewarding, unforgettable, and inspirational. After gaining exposure to the realities of wrongful convictions within the justice system, I felt inspired to become involved in some capacity. I have been able to build strong relationships with my professors and gain valuable experiences through their mentorship."

— Carly Stern '26

"During my time at Flagler College, I made it my mission to learn from my mentors Dr. Bos and Dr. Behl. One of my happiest moments was accepting my undergraduate research award and achieving my distinguished major award."

— Shane Nelson '24

PREPARING FOR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

THESE COURSES BUILD THE FOUNDATION IN LAW, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR FOR WHATEVER YOU PURSUE NEXT:

- » Criminal Law
- » Criminal Investigations
- » Juvenile Justice
- » Violence
- » International Security and Global Threats
- » Law and Society
- » White-Collar Crime

Faculty advisors work closely with students to tailor coursework for professional school admissions.

WHERE GRADUATES END UP

CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATES BUILD CAREERS ACROSS LAW, JUSTICE, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE:

- » Shane Nelson '24 is pursuing his Ph.D. in Criminology at the University of Florida, published alongside Dr. Bos.
- » Graduates work in local and federal law enforcement, earn FBI internships, serve in civilian roles within sheriff's offices, or continue to law school.
- » Others become legal assistants, work in court systems, or continue to law school, one of the program's most common next steps.

87%

OF FLAGLER GRADUATES SAY THEIR CURRENT JOB REQUIRES THE SKILLS THEY LEARNED IN THEIR DEGREE



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