

College of Arts and Sciences Foundation Profile

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

I. Description:

The public's concern about crime ensures that criminology and criminal justice issues will remain dynamic and one of the fastest growing fields of study. Indiana State University's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is at the forefront in teaching and research in this area. Offering degree programs at the undergraduate and masters' levels, our goal is to solve problems confronting society and prepare students for professional careers in criminal justice and related occupations.

II. Points of Pride:

- We are one of the most popular majors on campus (820 majors in fall 2011).
- In addition to professional and discipline related courses, students receive a strong background in the liberal arts and social sciences.
- Students have opportunities to conduct research with faculty members.
- We enjoy strong success with doctoral program placement with M.S. and M.A. graduates.
- Students have opportunities to participate in experiential learning and community engagement projects.

III. Vision:

Our goal is to discover new knowledge and to assist the community in solving problems while providing students with a sound liberal arts education that focuses on understanding criminal behavior, the criminal justice system, mechanisms of social control, and their relationship to society. We seek to ensure that our students are well trained, successfully competing both regionally and nationally, and for our program to be among the top-tier programs in the U.S.

IV. Opportunities for Philanthropic Support:

- *Student Research Expenses:* Provides funds for student research projects (supervised by faculty) and for travel to conferences to present their findings. \$10,000 per year
- *Outreach Service Costs:* Provides funds to set up training workshops and seminars for researchers and practitioners. \$50,000
- *Endowed Lecture Series:* Allows for well-known scholars in criminology and criminal justice to visit the campus and give a public lecture. \$50,000
- *Opportunities for Naming:* Classrooms/laboratories, faculty positions, endowed chairs. \$25,000 on up.