



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.

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-