You can choose an emphasis in Corrections or Law Enforcement, and each focuses on topics that will be important in the advancement of your career ambitions.

The Criminal Justice degree program is designed to assist you in understanding how people, history, and social structures relate to the criminal justice system. As a graduate of the GBC Criminal Justice program in the Corrections Emphasis, you will be able to work as a reflective, proficient, and effective participant in that system. You will gain skills recognized by managers in the field, work within the legal framework of the criminal justice system, and critically analyze how practitioners who work in the criminal justice system interact with other professionals and with the public.

Because the justice system is heavily influenced by historical factors, you will learn how to describe and evaluate how and why history has influenced the system. The Corrections Emphasis places considerable value on your understanding of the theories of inmate supervision, retribution, rehabilitation, and how they apply to the people you serve. Finally, you will acquire a thorough understanding of state and federal laws and how they influence corrections situations.

The Law Enforcement Emphasis will give you the skills that will enable you to focus on the causes of crime and how to investigate crime when it occurs. You will become knowledgeable of criminal law and procedure. You will learn skills that will enhance academy training given to law enforcement officers. The program offers an in-depth exploration of the history, legal requirements, and theoretical basis for crime and criminal justice.

For those students who may not be interested in working as a corrections officer or law enforcement officer, the AAS in Criminal Justice can be a gateway to other careers such as court administrator, attorney, criminologist, as well as support positions in a host of criminal justice agencies.

For those students who have already graduated from a state certified police or corrections academy, the program offers up to 15 non-traditional credits for education and training that has already been completed. Students will be permitted to apply for non-traditional credits after earning 15 credits as a student of Great Basin College.

The Criminal Justice programs build upon the powerful foundation of the College’s pioneering Integrative Curriculum. The general education courses in which you will enroll provide a powerful foundation in oral and written communication; critical, quantitative, and creative thinking; personal and cultural awareness; and technological understanding, helping you to become a person who will make powerful contributions to Criminal Justice in the twenty-first century.

**Getting Started**
- Contact Admissions and Records for admission procedures at 775.753.2102.
- Complete an official application for admission.
- Request that your official transcripts be sent to GBC.
- Contact the Criminal Justice faculty for advisement at 775.753.2244.

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