

Top 10 reasons

to earn a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in criminal justice.

1. Flexible Schedule

Evenings, weekends, or online—choose a schedule that works for you.

2. Relevant and Current Courses

Courses reflect the dynamic, evolving nature of criminal justice, such as homeland security and terrorism, the intersection of criminal justice and mental health systems, and cybercrimes.

3. Promising Future

Skilled human service workers are in high demand, translating directly into rewarding opportunities for you.

4. Support for Adults and Other Students

Your academic success coach and the academic resource connection are key components of the support readily available to you.

5. Credit for Prior Learning

Earn undergraduate credit for prior professional development training hours, including professional certificates, police academy, and corrections trainings.

6. An Affordable Degree

The combination of an accelerated format and reasonable tuition make this a surprisingly affordable program.

7. Student Projects

Upgrade your résumé with hands-on community projects that positively impact people before you even graduate.

8. National and Regional Recognition

Get connected with the local, regional, and national organizations with which we have articulation agreements.

9. Faculty Who Know Criminal Justice

Learn from exceptional faculty members who are leaders in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, private security, counseling, and law.

10. Greater Good

Learn with students from all walks and stages of life who are equally focused on transforming their communities.



TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER AND YOUR COMMUNITY

We are here for you.

For more detailed information, visit springfield.edu/adultlearning or contact the regional campus that you are interested in attending. Knowledgeable staff are available to help you navigate the application and financial aid process.

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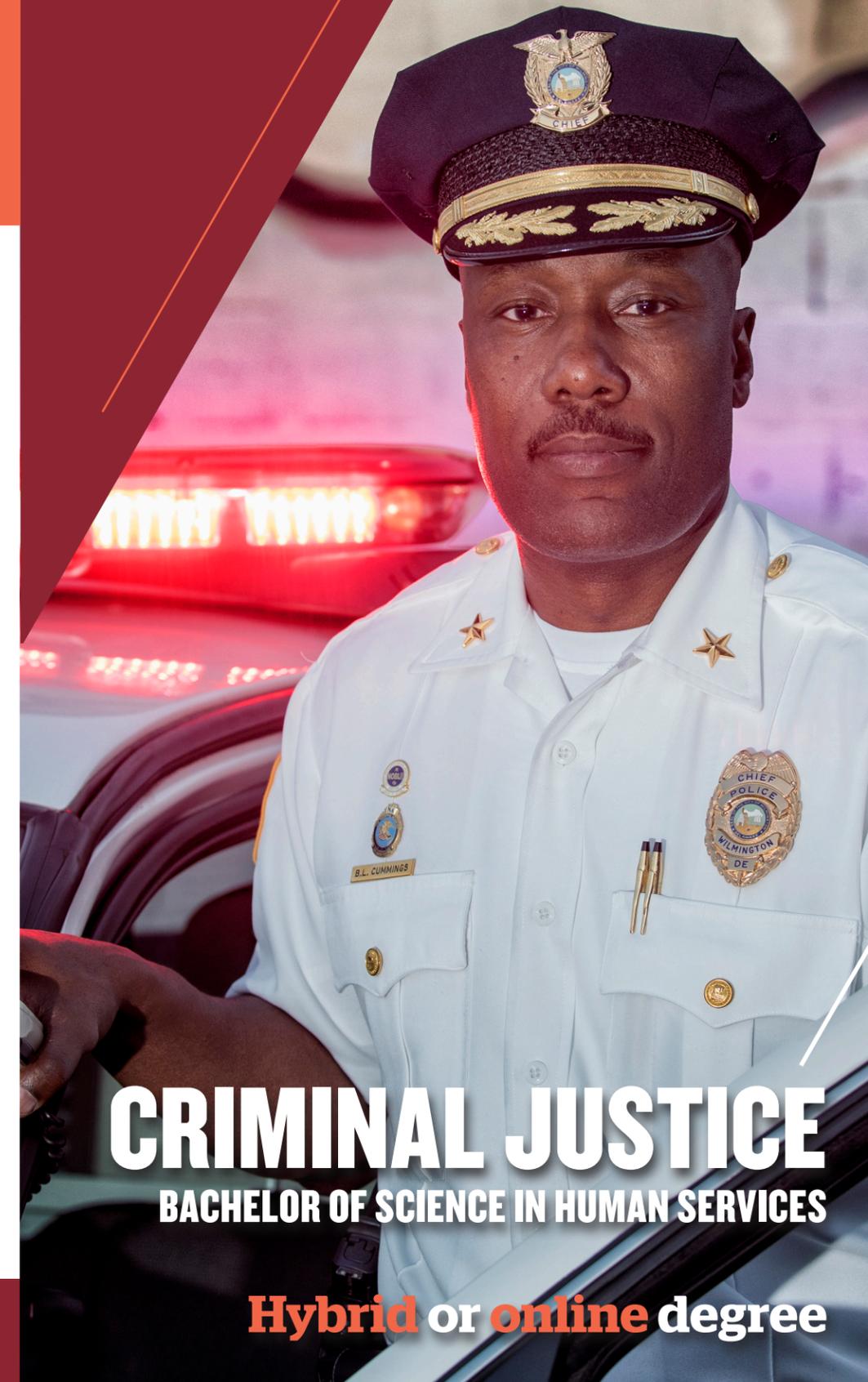
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Springfield College is a well-respected, regionally accredited, nonprofit institution of higher learning.

Springfield College offers the combination of regional accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, consistent ranking in the top tier of "Best Regional Universities—North Region" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and a mission to educate the whole person in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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The criminal justice field is expanding and so should your education.

Criminal justice is a vast field that continues to expand into uncharted territory. Heightened concern for terrorism, cybercrime, homeland security, victim rights, and more complex criminal activities have opened new and challenging paths for criminal justice professionals. Alongside more traditional policing, professionals are now positioned in victim advocacy, corrections, probation and parole, national security, safety, and other related careers. More than ever, the field needs skilled professionals with relevant and current training.

Careers in Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in criminal justice prepares you for careers in:

- City police and sheriff departments and correctional facilities
- County, state, and federal correctional facilities and crime labs
- Federal agencies, including customs and border protection, FBI, CIA, IRS, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and National Park Service

Graduates also work in the areas of victim services and case management, and in businesses and private industries.

The coming decade holds a promising outlook for human services employment for those with bachelor's degrees. The U.S. Department of Labor is predicting that employment for social and human service workers will increase by 16 percent by 2026.

Create Your Own Flexible Schedule

We offer you Bachelor of Science in Human Services course delivery options so that you can build a schedule that works around your busy life. Choose a fully online program or a hybrid program, which includes a mix of online courses and hybrid courses with both face-to-face and online hours. Whichever you choose, we are prepared to support you. Please note that all concentration courses are delivered online.

Hybrid Evening Courses

These classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Hybrid Weekend Courses

These classes take place Saturdays and Sundays (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Fully Online Courses

All coursework is completed online in a social and interactive learning environment.

Criminal Justice Concentration Curriculum

Required Courses (21 credits)	Sample Elective Courses (3 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Criminal Justice • Criminal Procedure • Criminology • Police and the Modern Society • Corrections • The Criminal Court System • The Intersection of the Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women and Crime • Homeland Security and Terrorism • Cybercrime • Ethics and Law • Juvenile Justice • Police Administration and Leadership • Violence and Social Control in U.S. History and Society

To graduate, you will need 120 credits, 45 of which must be completed at Springfield College. In order to receive a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in criminal justice, you must have taken 21 credits in criminal justice, and a minimum of 3 elective credits. Students may take the required and elective courses at Springfield College, or may transfer in courses from other regionally accredited higher education institutions. Credits also may be awarded through the experiential learning process.

Recent projects by students in our criminal justice concentration:

- "Breaking the Cycle," a look at domestic violence from the woman's perspective
- "All Lives Matter," working to improve community relations between Springfield (Mass.) police and the city's citizens
- "The Ex-offender's Story"
- "Reintegration: Preventing Recidivism in Women"
- "GEAR: Gang Education and Resistance," encouraging youth to find alternatives to joining illegal gangs

"Though I had been a police officer for 18 years and am now a sergeant, I felt that something was missing in my life. At Springfield College, I learned to approach leadership through service, and by embracing diversity and change. This program is second to none"

Samuel Santiago '16
Chief of Police, Shirley, Mass.