

“My internship offered a great real world experience as well as a chance to network with professionals in my career path. I would definitely recommend all criminal justice students pursue opportunities to land an internship.”

- Liz

“I would have to say that the internship with the Postal Inspectors was very beneficial. It gave me great insight on how criminal justice is used out in ‘real life’ situations. I have seen how things I learned in the classroom were implemented in real situations.”

- Jason, Intern  
Postal Inspectors

“Interning was able to give me the inside view of what goes on in law enforcement offices. You see what it is they do on a day to day basis and know all the training they go through. If you are considering a career in law enforcement I would absolutely consider interning. Not only is it so much fun, but you are able to gain a complete understanding of what occurs in this type of work.

- Makyla  
Omaha Police Department

“I instantly fell in love with police work and the good that is done on a daily basis in this job. Before this semester I had no idea or direction as to exactly what I wanted to do after graduation, now I can hardly wait to graduate so I can apply!”

- Justin, Intern  
Lancaster County Sheriff

“The internship with the United States Federal Probation was an absolute awesome learning experience. After my experience with federal probation and the officers and staff that were involved in teaching and guiding me, I am now certain this is my career goal and plan to look for work as a probation officer upon graduation.”

- Aaron, Intern  
United States Probation

“My semester as an intern with the Nebraska State Patrol Criminal Investigations Division was an experience I will never forget. Not only did I gain a greater understanding of the State Patrol’s function in the criminal justice system, I also have a better idea of what role I would like to pursue after graduation. I am now certain that I want to join a law enforcement agency.”

- Renee, Intern  
Nebraska State Patrol



SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## CJUS 3970: Internship in Criminal Justice

### Are you...

- Thinking about a career in Criminal Justice?
- Preparing for a job search?
- Needing more CJUS credits to graduate?

The School of Criminology & Criminal Justice offers a unique opportunity to participate in an internship at the agency of your choice.

### What is CJUS 3970?

- A three (3) credit hour course that is taken for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory credit.
- The class can be repeated for a total of six (6) credits.
- 156 hours of work required per term.

### Why take CJUS 3970?

- The course counts towards Upper Division CJUS credit hour requirements.
- Valuable work experience!
- Develop valuable professional contacts.
- Looks great on resumes and job applications.
- Past internships have turned into full time positions.

### CJUS 3970 Requirements:

- 156 hours worked per semester.
- Meet with Dr. Meier at least once per term.
- Turn in time sheets of hours worked.
- Journal about internship experiences.
- Final Essay

### Qualifications for an Internship:

- Admission into the Upper Division of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 75 credit hours completed
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA
- Permission from instructor

### Where should I do my internship?

In addition to the list in this brochure, research opportunities on job search websites such as [www.careerlink.com](http://www.careerlink.com), <http://statejobs.nebraska.gov/> (NE state jobs) or [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs).

If you have an idea where you'd like to do your internship, contact the agency directly.

### How do I set up an Internship?

- Think ahead! All Criminal Justice internships require background checks and many of them are extensive. Start the process one full semester before you plan on enrolling. (i.e. If planning on enrolling in the summer semester, start researching in December or January)
- Contact the agencies or companies you would like to work for.
- Compile the necessary paperwork and requirements. Submit everything by the agencies' posted deadlines.
- Contact Dr. Robert Meier to enroll for the course.

### Need more information?

Contact Dr. Robert Meier at 554-4974 or [rmeier@unomaha.edu](mailto:rmeier@unomaha.edu)

### List of Potential Sites:

- Child Advocacy Center
- Dept of Health & Human Services (Child Protective Services, Juvenile Services-JSO)
- Diagnostic and Evaluation Unit
- Douglas County Corrections
- Douglas County Sheriff
- Legislative Judiciary Committee
- Nebraska Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division)
- Nebraska Attorney General (Criminal Division)
- Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility
- Nebraska Crime Commission
- Nebraska Department of Juvenile Services
- Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services
- Nebraska State Parole (Adult)
- Nebraska State Patrol
- Nebraska State Penitentiary
- Nebraska State Probation (Adult)
- Omaha Correctional Center
- Omaha Police Department
- Omaha Police Victim/Witness Unit
- Pottawattamie County Sheriff
- Sarpy County Sheriff
- Target Assets Protection
- U.S. Marshal's Service
- U.S. Postal Inspectors
- U.S. Pretrial Services
- U.S. Probation
- U.S. Probation (Adult)
- U.S. Secret Service

*\*Please Note:* This is an incomplete list. All Criminal Justice related internship sites will be considered. Contact Dr. Meier for more information or if you have an idea for a potential site!