BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A successful criminal justice career requires a broad knowledge base for the major elements of police work, criminal law and procedure, risk analysis and response, and investigative processes and procedure. The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice (BSCJ) program at Los Angeles Pacific University equips students with professional knowledge and practical skills in criminal justice while integrating a Christian worldview.

Students who major in criminal justice learn about the field from both an academic and professional perspective, addressing topics from a theoretical as well as a practitioner viewpoint. With the opportunity to specialize in their field, students are able to pursue personal or specific career interests by choosing to include a concentration.

Careers in the field of criminal justice and law enforcement include the areas of criminology, law enforcement, courts, and corrections. For many occupations within the field, a four-year undergraduate degree is considered to be entry level. Occupations in this rapidly growing field include probation officers and correctional treatment specialists; detective or criminal investigators; forensic science technicians; patrol officers; and paralegals.

Graduates will also be equipped to continue their studies in graduate programs in criminal justice, criminology, law, public administration, or related fields.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) for the B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Demonstrate the ability to integrate biblical concepts and principles with discipline-specific topics and domains.
- **PLO 2:** Develop professional competencies in criminal justice, including an understanding of the various components of the field.
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- **PLO 4:** Utilize appropriate research concepts and processes in the analysis of criminal justice issues, practices, and trends.
- **PLO 5:** Demonstrate critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.
- **PLO 6:** Apply principles of Christian ethics in response to ethical dilemmas and issues within the field of criminal justice.
- **PLO 7:** Demonstrate effective oral communication skills.