Program in Criminal Law

The S.J. Quinney College of Law's nationally ranked Program in Criminal Law offers students a full range of criminal law courses, as well as a J.D. certificate in criminal law. The program also supports innovative research, community outreach, and initiatives relating to criminal justice policy reform and important legal practice skills.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Criminal law course offerings include foundational topics such as criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence and criminal process, in addition to specialized topics like environmental crimes and crimmigration. Advanced seminars include cyberlaw and internet privacy, and victims' rights, among others. Course offerings are subject to change.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students can also participate in experiential learning opportunities, including the popular counterterrorism simulation and a variety of field placements. These include placements at local prosecutors' and public defenders' offices, and the Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic, among others. Field placements allow students to develop lawyering skills while earning academic credit.

FACULTY

Our criminal law faculty are engaged in a range of research and scholarly activities relating to criminal law, including in areas such as policing, prosecution, crime victims' rights, violent crimes, and more. Students have many unique opportunities to get involved with faculty research and policy projects, and to co-author publications with faculty.

Criminal Law Program ranked

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