



# Criminal Justice Program Pre-law & Paralegal Studies Concentration



[http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/crim\\_just@nsula.edu](http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/crim_just@nsula.edu)  
Phone: (318) 357-6963/6967 Fax: (318) 357-6966

The Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences at Northwestern State University offers excellent educational opportunities.

- **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**

- **Concentration in Pre-law & Paralegal Studies (21 Hours)**

**Pre-law and Paralegal Studies Concentration:** The NSU Pre-law and Paralegal Studies Concentration is a seven-course, 21-hour focused concentration of pre-law study within the B.A. degree in Criminal Justice. Students completing this concentration and degree requirements will graduate with a B.A. Criminal Justice, with a Concentration in Pre-law and Paralegal Studies. Students desiring to add this concentration may do so by contacting the Registrar's office to make this change in their curriculum. For admission information, contact Admissions at: <http://admissions.nsula.edu/online-application-guide/>, or <http://admissions.nsula.edu/transfer-admission/>.

- **For Questions about the PLPS Studies Concentration,** contact Dr. Shirley Snyder, Coordinator of Criminal Justice/Pre-law & Paralegal Studies Program at: [snyders@nsula.edu](mailto:snyders@nsula.edu); (318-357-6963 or 6967).

**Fee Exemption for Law Enforcement Officers & Public Safety Personnel:** Northwestern State University offers fee exemption for commissioned full-time law enforcement or public safety officers, which include firemen and EMS personnel. Undergraduate students may enroll up to 9 undergraduate semester hours and Graduate students may enroll in up to 6 semester hours at the reduced rate. All additional hours will be at the standard tuition rate.

- **Facts**
  - All degrees available by Internet
  - No campus visit (enroll, pay fees, buy books, register for classes on Internet)
  - NSU accepts transfer credits
  - VA benefits available for eligible Veterans
  - NSU designated as a Military Friendly University
  - **Out-of-state Internet only students enrolled in Internet courses pay in-state tuition rate.**
  - To see what textbooks are being used, please visit the Textbooks in Use link: <http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/textbooks/>
  - To apply for admissions, please visit our website: <http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/frequently-asked-questions/>

- **Pre-law & Paralegal Concentration Requirements (250B):**

(21 semester hours) Students seeking a Pre-law & Paralegal (PLPS) Concentration must be a Criminal Justice major, must complete 21 hours of PLPS courses as part of Criminal Justice B.A. degree requirements. PLPS courses include 15 semester hours from PLPS 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, & 3070, and six (6) semester hours from PLPS electives selected from PLPS 3010, 3060, and 3080. Students in this concentration should use all CJ elective hours to complete PLPS courses. (Note: PLPS 3050 is taken in lieu of CJ 3350 and PLPS 3070 is taken in lieu of CJ 4250).