



PRAIRIE VIEW  
A&M UNIVERSITY



# COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

2025 - 2026

> Excellence in Juvenile Justice



Excellence  
Lives Here

**PIONEERS**  
**EMERGE HERE**





# COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

We bring together outstanding scholars, students, and staff to address criminal justice and juvenile justice issues at the local, state, national, and international levels. Our college offers a diverse academic curriculum across undergraduate, master, and doctoral programs — preparing students to lead with purpose and policy insight.

**The College of Juvenile Justice (COJJ)** engages students in a rigorous education that includes real-world research and project-based problem solving. The COJJ experience prepares students to compete nationally for admission into the best graduate schools and for exciting careers in criminal / juvenile justice.



**Kareem L. Jordan, PhD**

*Kareem L. Jordan*

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# DEAN'S WELCOME

Students who graduate from our programs are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values to enter their respective fields in the juvenile justice, criminal justice, social justice, and social service systems. Our students graduate to be amazing scholars with tremendous impact.

## **KAREEM L. JORDAN, PhD**

**Dean,**  
College of Juvenile Justice; Executive Director,  
Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center



## **OUR VISION**

The College of Juvenile Justice will be a global leader in advancing the understanding and practice of justice and policy challenges through innovative research, transformative education, and the pursuit of excellence. Through academic and research excellence, the college will prepare future leaders who advocate for fair change and practices throughout society.

## COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Rigorous curriculum taught by accomplished faculty
- Hands-on exposure to real societal challenges
- Strategic thinking and global problem-solving
- Regional, national, and international engagement
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- Leadership and mentorship opportunities
- Focus on research-based transformation and career preparation

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## WHAT WE STAND FOR

- Attentive to concerns about youth delinquency and mental health challenges
- Policy and practice advocacy to address crime, delinquency, and injustice
- Commitment to empowering communities
- Equipping students to effect change and advocate for justice
- Home of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center (TJCPC) — a state and national resource
- Builds partnerships with state entities to advance juvenile justice



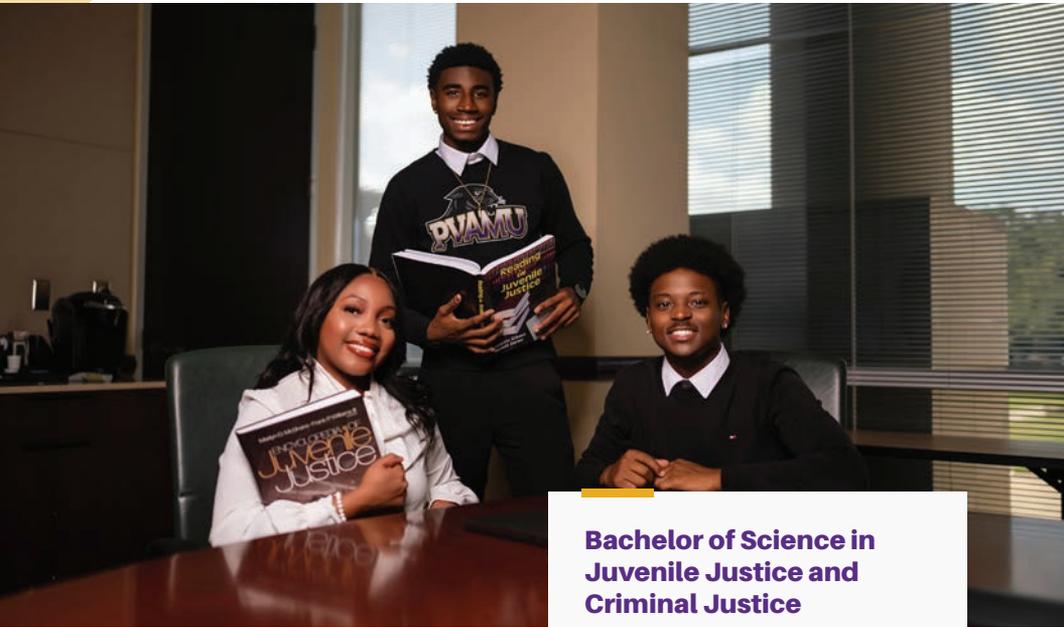
I met brilliant minds in criminal justice and even had the privilege of meeting Nancy La Vigne, the Director of the National Institute of Justice. The conference deepened my commitment to excellence and inspired me to push the boundaries of justice reform.

**AKELA WOODARD-MARDIS '22 '24**

BS in Criminal Justice, 2022  
MS in Juvenile Justice, 2024

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Justice Studies offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice with optional concentrations in Policing, Legal Studies, Corrections, and Criminalistics.



## Bachelor of Science in Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice

### Optional Concentrations:

- > Policing
- > Legal Studies
- > Corrections
- > Criminalistics

> **Our graduates are improving justice systems across the state and the nation.**



## Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice equips students with the academic foundation and real-world perspective needed to lead in criminal justice careers. Through specialized concentrations, students engage deeply with issues ranging from community policing and legal processes to juvenile rehabilitation and forensic investigation.

### The program prepares graduates for professional success in:

- » Public safety
- » Legal support services
- » Juvenile and adult corrections
- » Graduate and professional school pathways

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Guided by expert faculty, students apply classroom knowledge to real-world challenges and emerge as ethical leaders committed to justice, service, and reform.

# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Justice Studies offers Master of Science in Juvenile Justice and Doctor of Philosophy in Juvenile Justice programs.



- **Master of Science in Juvenile Justice**
- **PhD in Juvenile Justice**

The College of Juvenile Justice's graduate education provides rigorous coursework in specialized areas with an emphasis on research-based inquiry.

The program cultivates leaders who are committed to transforming justice systems through innovation, critical thinking, and advocacy.

COJJ graduate students are equipped to impact policy, lead reform efforts, and drive change through applied scholarship.



## MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

### Minors

- » Emergency Management and Crisis Informatics
- » Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity

### Undergraduate Certificate:

- » Homeland Security / Emergency Management

» **The purpose of graduate education is to provide students with coursework that requires critical analysis and study in a specialized field.**

## GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSION DEADLINES

| PROGRAM             | TERM      | PRIORITY DEADLINE | FINAL DEADLINE |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| Doctoral            | Fall      | February 1        | March 1        |
| Master's            | Fall      | -                 | April 15       |
| Doctoral            | Spring    | September 1       | October 1      |
| Master's            | Spring    | -                 | October 1      |
| Master's / Doctoral | Summer I  | -                 | April 15       |
| Master's / Doctoral | Summer II | -                 | May 15         |

LEARN MORE



Funding Your Graduate Education



Additional Admission Requirements

# SIGNATURE PROGRAMS AND CENTERS

## TEXAS JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION CENTER

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center provides national research, technical assistance, policy guidance, and training to reduce juvenile delinquency. The Center is committed to the reduction of juvenile delinquency in the State of Texas. Through the creation of the Center and the College, Prairie View A&M University supports this mission as it strives to attain national recognition in the areas of teaching, research, and service.



## STUDENT AMBASSADOR AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The College of Juvenile Justice Student Ambassadors & Leadership Program empowers students to gain personal and professional skills as well as achieve success by working with others. It develops personal and professional skills and fosters student leadership and responsibility. The mission of the program is to inspire students to assume responsibilities for achieving their true academic success.



> **First-of-its-kind  
Texas Juvenile Crime  
Prevention Center  
anchors our research.**

Students are supported by the College through organizations and events designed to encourage them to explore and grow as professionals. All programs are required to enroll in courses to develop individual career plans with the assistance of career professionals dedicated to helping them set and meet their goals.

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations in the College of Juvenile Justice provide opportunities for leadership, networking, and hands-on experience. They connect classroom learning with professional development and community engagement.



**> ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BECOME ACTIVE MEMBERS IN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.**



## Rankings and Fast Facts

- ✔ Home to the only Texas-based research center focused solely on juvenile crime prevention

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- ✔ Offers one of the nation's only PhD programs in Juvenile Justice

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- ✔ Students selected for national conferences and research programs

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- ✔ Strong record of faculty mentorship and state-level policy involvement

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- ✔ Home to a dedicated on-campus courtroom where students gain immersive, hands-on experience in the justice system

# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

## FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS | FALL 2026

- Completed ApplyTexas application at [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)
- Non-refundable \$40 application fee or ACT/SAT/NACAC fee waiver
- Official high school transcript; Foundation with Distinguished, Recommended, or Foundation with Endorsements High School Program, or GED certificate

**Automatic admission to Prairie View A&M University is based on the Foundation High School Program with at least one endorsement.**

Standards for full admission are based on the required high school curriculum (Foundation Plan). Entering freshmen must have successfully completed the following courses in high school:

- English Language Arts (4 credits)
- Mathematics (3 credits)
- Science (3 credits)
- Social Studies (3 credits)
- Language other than English (2 credits)

**Automatic admission includes completion of the requirements listed above and any one of the following:**

- Rank in top 35% of graduating class or
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale or
- SAT of 1060 or higher or ACT of 21 or higher

Students who do not meet the automatic admission criteria can be admitted through a holistic review process that involves a review of academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community service, talents, awards, and other factors that support a student's ability to succeed.

## TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

- Completed Apply Texas application located at [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)
- Non-refundable \$40 application fee/ International \$50
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Requires 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale with at least 15 transferable college-level credits from last school attended



LEARN MORE AT  
**APPLYTEXAS.org**

## DEADLINES

| APPLICATIONS             | SPRING | SUMMER | FALL  | FALL   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Undergraduate (FF,FI,TI) | DEC 1  | MAR 1  | DEC 1 | MAR 1  |
| Undergraduate (AT,TR)    | DEC 1  | APR 1  | DEC 1 | JUL 15 |
| Undergraduate (RA)       | DEC 1  | APR 1  | DEC 1 | AUG 15 |

### KEY MAP

FF: First-Time Freshmen | FI: Freshmen International | TI: Transfer International | AT: Transfer | RA: Re-Admit/Former | TR: Transient

### MAIN CAMPUS

📍 700 University Dr.  
Prairie View, Texas 77446  
☎️ 936-261-3311

### NORTHWEST HOUSTON CENTER

📍 9449 Grant Rd.  
Houston, Texas 77070  
☎️ 713-790-7146



### Houston Metroplex

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

📍 6436 Fannin St.  
Houston, Texas 77030  
☎️ 713-797-7000

# DEGREES & MAJORS

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Agriculture              | BSAG   |
| Human Nutrition and Food | BSDIET |

## SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Architecture         | BS |
| Construction Science | BS |
| Digital Media Arts   | BS |

## MARVIN D. AND JUNE SAMUEL

### BRILSFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| African American Studies | BA   |
| Biology                  | BS   |
| Chemistry                | BS   |
| Communications           | BA   |
| English                  | BA   |
| History                  | BA   |
| Mathematics              | BS   |
| Music                    | BA   |
| Physics*                 | BS   |
| Political Science        | BA   |
| Psychology               | BS   |
| Social Work              | BASW |
| Sociology                | BA   |

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Accounting                     | BBA |
| Finance                        | BBA |
| Management                     | BBA |
| Management Information Systems | BBA |
| Marketing                      | BBA |

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Nursing | BSN |
|---------|-----|

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Teacher Education | BS |
|-------------------|----|

## ROY G. PERRY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Chemical Engineering   | BSCHE |
| Civil Engineering      | BSCCE |
| Computer Engineering   | BS    |
| Computer Science       | BS    |
| Electrical Engineering | BSEE  |
| Mechanical Engineering | BSME  |

## COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Criminal Justice | BSCJ |
| Juvenile Justice | BSCJ |

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ALLIED HEALTH

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Health        | BS |
| Kinesiology   | BS |
| Public Health | BS |
| Public Health | BA |

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| General Studies | BA |
| General Studies | BS |

\*Shared program with Midwestern, Prairie View A&M, TAMU-Corpus Christi, TAMU-Kingsville, Tarleton, Texas Southern, and West Texas A&M University

*Degrees, majors, and courses are subject to change. For the current list, please refer to the graduate and undergraduate catalogs at pvamu.edu*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Willie A. Tempton, Sr.  
Memorial Student Center, Third Floor  
P.O. Box 519; MS 1009, Prairie View,  
TX 77446  
**936 - 261 - 1000** Option #3  
admissions@pvamu.edu

### OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Willie A. Tempton, Sr.  
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P.O. Box 519; MS 1009, Prairie View,  
TX 77446  
fadmail@pvamu.edu | scholarship@pvamu.edu  
**936 - 261 - 1000**

### OFFICE OF STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Evans Hall  
First Floor  
P.O. Box 519; MS 1011, Prairie View,  
TX 77446  
**936 - 261 - 1081** | recruitment@pvamu.edu



## On-Campus Housing Contacts

**University College (Freshman Housing)**  
universitycollege-pv.com  
**936 - 261 - 5990**

**University Village**  
prairieviewvillage.com  
**936 - 261 - 5950**

**University View**  
universityviewpv.com  
**936 - 261 - 5990**

**University Square**  
universitysquarepv.com  
**936 - 261 - 3781**

## Estimated Full-Time Tuition and Fees

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>UNDERGRADUATE TEXAS</b>        | <b>\$30,146</b> |
| <b>UNDERGRADUATE NON-RESIDENT</b> | <b>\$45,721</b> |

12 or more semester credit hours, meal plan, and laundry. Includes on-campus housing per semester.

All tuition and fees are approximate and subject to change. Additional tuition and fees may be applicable to specific programs of study.

For more information or to schedule a campus tour, go to

**PVAMU.edu**

or contact us at 936 - 261 - 1000

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