

UTM CRIMINAL JUSTICE ALUMNI SURVEY 2016 RESULTS

The UTM Criminal Justice Alumni Survey was mailed to 163 graduates of the program for the years 2010 to 2015 in the Spring 2016 semester (23.93% response rate). There were a total of 39 respondents, one who didn't include the signed informed consent statement, and six surveys returned as undeliverable. Of these graduates, 35.89% transferred in to UTM from a community college or other four-year institution. The respondents were 61.5% female, 38.5% males, 53.8% of whom were currently working in the criminal justice field. Twenty-five percent (25%) were working in law enforcement. A total of 84.6% of respondents were either *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with their current position. Fourteen (35.9%) of the respondents participated in an internship, and all who participated in an internship agreed that an internship should be a degree requirement for criminal justice students.

Responses to specific questions were as follows:

My education at UTM adequately provided me with the level of oral communication skills necessary for a position in the criminal justice field

19 Agree	48.7%
17 Strongly Agree	<u>43.6%</u>
Total	92.3%

My education at UTM provided me with an adequate level of written communication skills necessary for a position in the criminal justice field.

17 Agree	43.6%
21 Strongly Agree	<u>53.8%</u>
Total	97.4%

My education at UTM provided me with an adequate level of computer skills for a position in the criminal justice field.

17 Agree	43.6%
13 Strongly Agree	<u>33.3%</u>
Total	76.9%

My degree provided me with a thorough understanding of the criminal justice field and how it functions.

18 Agree	46.2%
20 Strongly Agree	<u>51.3%</u>
Total	97.5%

My education in criminal justice adequately provided me with an understanding of cultural diversity.

16 Agree	41.0%
19 Strongly Agree	<u>48.7%</u>
Total	89.7%

The criminal justice program needs to provide more exposure to criminal justice training.

18 Agree	46.2%
13 Strongly Agree	<u>33.3%</u>
Total	79.5%

My degree in criminal justice has adequately prepared me for a career in criminal justice.

20 Agree	51.3%
12 Strongly Agree	<u>30.9%</u>
Total	82.2%

The quality of advising I received in criminal justice was _____.

22 Excellent	56.4%
12 Very Good	<u>30.8%</u>
Total	87.2%

My UTM CJ classes prepared me for my present activity (employment, graduate school, law school, etc.).

13 Significantly Better Prepared	33.3%
18 Somewhat Better Prepared	<u>46.2%</u>
Total	79.5%

All 39 respondents (**100%**) felt that the size of their criminal justice classes was “about right.”

The quality of instruction I received from the criminal justice faculty was _____.

22 Excellent	56.4%
14 Very Good	<u>35.9%</u>
Total	92.3%

The criminal justice faculty treats students with respect and courtesy.

28 Strongly Agree	71.8%
10 Agree	<u>25.6%</u>
Total	97.4%

I found the criminal justice faculty to be accessible for discussion.

27 Strongly Agree	69.2%
10 Agree	<u>25.6%</u>
Total	94.8%

Overall, how would you rate the quality of the criminal justice faculty?

29 Excellent	74.4%
5 Very Good	<u>12.8%</u>
Total	87.2%

The criminal justice program needs to incorporate more writing skills into its curriculum.

10 Agree	25.6%
4 Strongly Agree	<u>10.3%</u>
Total	35.9%

The criminal justice program needs to emphasize the importance of oral communication skills in its courses.

23 Agree	59.0%
12 Strongly Agree	<u>30.8%</u>
Total	89.8%

The criminal justice program needs to emphasize ethical issues in its courses.

21 Agree	52.8%
7 Strongly Agree	<u>17.9%</u>
Total	70.7%

The criminal justice curriculum _____.

21 Needs Minor Revisions	53.8%
18 Needs No Revisions	46.2%

A follow-up question asked respondents to identify areas in which the criminal justice program could make improvements, and the most often cited suggestion was to include hands-on training opportunities and to stress/incorporate more oral communication opportunities for students.

Would you recommend UTM's criminal justice program to prospective students?

38	Yes	97.4%
1	Yes, after revisions	<u>2.6%</u>
	Total	100%

What is your overall opinion of the quality of the criminal justice program at UTM?

25	Excellent	64.1%
12	Very Good	<u>30.8%</u>
	Total	94.9%