

Highlights from the UTM Criminal Justice Program Evaluation Fall 2006 through Summer 2011

- The number of Criminal Justice majors increased from 150 in Fall 2006 to 211 in Spring 2011, which is an increase of 28.91%
- The program on the UTM campus is staffed by Ph.D. level faculty.
- Employment and Graduate School data for UTM Criminal Justice Majors supplied by the UTM Office on Institutional Research shows that 65% of UTM CJ graduates were either employed in their major or were in graduate school at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year.
- The number of student credit hours per semester has increased on the UTM main campus from 849 in the Fall 2006 semester to 1,218 in the Spring 2011 semester. This data was supplied by the UTM Office of Institutional Research.
- The number of student credit hours at the Extended Campuses (Selmer, Ripley, Parsons) increased from 417 student credit hours to 786 in the same time period.
- The number of UTM CJ advisees increased from 176 students in the Fall 2006 semester to 204 in the Spring 2011 semester, for an increase of 33.82%
- The high school GPA of entering freshmen who declared Criminal Justice as their major increased from 3.06 in the Fall 2006 semester to 3.17 in the Spring 2011 semester. More recent data reports that the average high school GPA of criminal justice majors is a 3.2 GPA.

The peer reviewers of the UTM CJ program noted that students provided a high rating on the opportunity for students to interact with one another, faculty, and professionals in the field.

The peer reviewers noted that the UTM Criminal Justice faculty exceeded the standards for their engagement in scholarly, creative, professional associations, and service activities that enhanced instructional expertise in their areas of specialty.

The peer reviewers also noted a few areas where improvements could be made: Conduct exit interviews with graduating seniors by the Department Chair, involve students in the creation of portfolios, include more diverse guest speakers, and they noted an immediate need for additional Criminal Justice faculty.