

- Provide students with skills in research methodology and statistics;
- Enhance students' knowledge of the cognitive and personality development of youth especially as it pertains to aggression in various stages;
- Enhance students' knowledge of the psychological dynamics of family violence such as child abuse, spouse abuse, incest, and other forms of interfamilial violence;
- Provide students with knowledge and skills pertaining to the assessment, classification, and treatment of juvenile offenders; and
- Provide students with skills in psychological assessment and evaluation.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Juvenile Justice (Ph.D.)

The goal of the Ph.D. program is to provide doctoral training in juvenile justice research. General objectives include the development of new knowledge, juvenile crime prevention, improvement in the juvenile justice system, and dissemination of knowledge gained. The specific intention of the program is to produce scholars with three characteristics: First, graduates will have superior empirical skills. Second, they will be specialists in the subject matter of the juvenile justice discipline. Third, they will be generalists in the subject matter of criminal justice. The program produces scholars to teach in criminal justice and criminology departments in colleges and universities and researchers to work in federal, state, and large local agencies.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Clinical Adolescent Psychology (Ph.D.)

The goal of the Ph.D. program is to offer education and training that will emphasize the scientist/practitioner model. The course work, clinical practica and other educational experiences will give students broad exposure to theoretical models, clinical skills, and professional roles that prepare them for current and future practice of psychology.

The curriculum is organized around competency areas fundamental to the practice of psychology: theories, relationships, assessment, intervention, basic science, research, and evaluation. Attention to issues of cultural and individual diversity is an integral part of this curriculum. Students will demonstrate competencies as they proceed through course work and clinical practica training.

The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center

In 1997, the Texas Legislature authorized the creation of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center (Texas JCPC) at Prairie View A&M University. This resulted in the creation of the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology. The Texas JCPC is unique in the State of Texas and the nation and is committed to assisting with the reduction of juvenile crime and delinquency among youth.